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December 2003

See you December 21 at the EBACC

Our next meeting will be held on December 21, at the EBACC at 2:00 pm. We will be having our Christmas party, so bring lots of good food to share.

Election of club officers: The annual election of club officers for 2004 will be conducted at the December meeting. These members have been nominated for the following offices:

President: **Jim Hiser**
Vice- President- **John Lovett**
and **Carl Smith**
Secretary- **Gary Peiffer**
Treasurer- **Sonja Flinchbaugh**



Christmas Ornament Contest- A reminder that the December 21 meeting will also feature a Christmas Ornament contest. The ornament must be something that will fit on a tree. A cash prize of

\$10 will be given for first place only.

Dues are now due for 2004.

Dues can now be paid for the 2004 year. Individual member dues are \$15 and family membership dues are \$20. Please make checks out to Conewago Carvers and mail to Bill Zech, 1739 Oakley Drive, Dover, PA 17315-3847.

Here's what happened in November

Vice President Ed Otto called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. We had 9 members in attendance.

Bus Trip to Artistry in Wood Show- We have heard nothing but great reviews from the people who went on this trip. Kudos to **Bill Zech** for planning and organizing another successful and enriching activity for our club members!

Tuesday Night Carving Sessions – This activity of the club is going great guns. **Linda**

Murphy is currently teaching a class on shorebirds that has been very well received by the members. Stop in between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm on any Tuesday night to see what the buzz is all about. A lot of carving is being done at these sessions.

Treasurer's Report- Sonja was on the bus trip, but we did get a report at the planning council meeting showing a balance of \$3,159.00 after all show expenses were paid.

Show and Tell- Ed brought in items from the Pete Ortel seminar. They did lots of face sticks with different expressions, and Ed brought in several of those to look at. Great job, Ed! Ed also brought in a bust that he carved in the Vic Hood seminar.

Looking ahead-The meeting on January 18 will feature our own **Jack Miller** demonstrating carving a shorebird smoothie. Jack is always resourceful and entertaining so be sure to come and see what Jack has to offer.

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Club-sponsored Seminars



(Note, go to the Cone-wago Carvers Website for the most up to date information-- <http://conewagocarvers.tripod.com/index.htm>)

Butch and Mary are heading back to Florida for the winter so if you have questions on the seminars, please contact Ed Otto in Butch's absence. Ed's email is ottee@pa.net.

Jan. 17- Gary Akers, Carving on a deer antler. \$65 (\$17.50 for

teens)

Jan. 31- Ed Otto, Wood spirit bark carving. \$35

May 28-30- Dave Sabol, Santa and others (?) \$130.

June 5-6- Dave Sabol, Paint and finish session. \$50

Sept. 11- Vic Hood, Human figure, cost TBD. (\$75 deposit required)

Oct. 9-10- Pete Ortel, Carica-

ture carving. \$130

Nov. 12-14- Harley Schmitgen, Figures in relief. \$175 (see <http://www.cca-carvers.org/schmitgen.html> and <http://216.106.57.170/~mmwc/harley.htm> for his work)

Butch/Ed will hold your reserved spot for one week without a 50% deposit. If you haven't paid the deposit by then, the slot will be offered to someone else.

November's Program



Our thanks to Ed Otto who was in charge of November's program.

Ed brought in his computer and showed us the different parts of the club's website. He is always looking for ideas to expand and improve our website.

One suggestion was to add in-

formation about the Tuesday night carving sessions. We are sure that many of you have other ideas for the website. Be sure to let Ed know your ideas!

Part of the website is a member's page. Ed will be glad to add any member to this page if you contact him. Take a look at

some of the other members' pages to see what can be done with your web page. This listing can also be used to contact or be contacted by other carvers.

Great job, Ed, on both the program and the website!

Minutes from the Planning Council



The meeting was held on November 18, 2003 at the East Berlin Area Community Center. Those in attendance were Rod Flinchbaugh, Bill Zech, Ed and Leah Bolt, Doug Gabel, and Jim Hiser. Don Stueven was present for a portion of the meeting.

Rod called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Rod said that all goals have been met that were set up when Rod took over as President. He thanked everyone that made this happen. The new president will have our full support.

Sonja was not able to be present at the meeting so in her absence,

Rod gave the Treasurer's Report. All bills have been paid for the show. We had a profit of \$1,293.73. Income was \$4,508.50 less expenses of \$3,214.77. The balance in the account is \$3,159.00.

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Planning Council (cont.)

Items for the newsletter:

1. Jack Miller has agreed to do a "Shorebird Smoothie" for the January meeting.
2. The Christmas Party will be held at the December meeting. Please bring goodies. Remember the Christmas Tree Ornament contest. There will be just one prize-\$10.00. The ornament must be able to hang from a tree or hook. Only one piece per person, please.
3. Election of officers will be at the December meeting. The slate of officers is: Jim Hiser, President; John Lovett and Carl Smith, Vice President. The other officers will not change Rod will bring ballots for voting. Sonja has announced she will not be Treasurer after 2004.

The meeting was then opened for discussion of show-related matters.

1. Bill Zech said the show was

a good show this year. The show for next year will be October 30 and 31.

2. Guest carver—Should we use one of our own people as the guest carver?
3. The People's Choice Award was a success. We had 320 votes. After discussion, it was decided to have the pieces to be voted on left on the carvers' tables.
4. We need flyers printed in time for the Lancaster Show, so the person who is to be the guest carver will need to be decided on. Jim Hiser suggested we look at "Best of Show" winners of the past years and choose one of them. No decision was made on this.
5. Bill Zech will get things in order for the show but he will not be show chairman or competition chairman. He will continue to be membership chairman and also will still organize the picnic and the annual banquet.

6. Rod announced that he will not be doing the table layout and assignments in 2004.

As you can see we will need to get some other people involved. We need to make a list of jobs that will be vacant and see if we can find people to fill these positions.

7. Don Stueven came to the meeting to discuss rules for entering pieces in competition at the show.
8. There was discussion about having a "Master's" or "Advanced" class in the competition. This is something the Show Committee will have to decide. The criteria for this class would be decided by the Show Committee.

There was a general discussion of possibilities for the programs for upcoming meetings. Some ideas were presented but no decision made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.



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