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See you February 16th at the EBACC

Our next meeting will be held February 16 at 2:00 pm at the East Berlin Area Community Center.

Jack Miller will be giving a presentation and demonstration on "slick body shore birds."

Looking ahead to the next month, the March meeting will be a presentation on chainsaw carv-

ing by Jeff Harring.

January's program focused on sharpening, with Cliff Rosborough demonstrating knife sharpening and Rod Flinchbaugh demonstrating how to sharpen gouges and chisels.

We thank Cliff and Rod for presenting these important sharpening techniques.

The "Staff" of Carvers



To replace the Wood Wizard, President Rod Flinchbaugh encourages all club members to participate in the Friendship Cane project.

The instructions are simple:

- Carve one or more blocks 2" x 2" x 3" (blocks are furnished by the club.)
- Completed block(s) may be turned in anytime, starting

now and ending with the May 18 meeting. Be sure to sign each piece on the outside surface.

- Anything goes — carve whatever you like, using the tools and technique you prefer. Painting is optional; however, some kind of finish should be applied for protection from handling.

The blocks received will be as-

sembled into a walking staff which will be raffled off at our show in October.

Remember, the club will provide the wood. Rod will bring blanks to the February meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, see Rod Flinchbaugh.

Happy carving!

Dues are Due



Dues can now be paid for the 2003 year. Individual member dues are \$15 and family membership dues are \$20.

Please make checks out to Conewago Carvers. You can mail dues to Bill Zech, 1739 Oakley Drive, Dover, PA 17315-3847.

Any one who hasn't paid dues by March 31 will be taken off the membership list and will no longer receive the club newsletter.

Club-sponsored Seminars

Ed Otto will be coordinating seminars while Butch Dahl is vacationing in Florida. Please contact Ed if you have questions on seminars until Butch's return. Ed can be reached at 717-243-9114 or ottoe@pa.net.

Below is the current plan for 2003.

Curt Kirtis- Carving an Elk. August 22-25, (4 days) cost TBD.

Vic Hood- Carving a Human Figure. September 20, 21, 22. Cost TBD.

Pete Ortel- Caricature, Oct. 27 and 28. Class is full!

Dave Sabol- Pirate or Santa caricature, **TWO** weekend seminar (October 11, 12 and 18, 19), cost is \$175.00

(Note, go to the Conewago Carvers Website for the most up

to date information-- <http://conewagocarvers.tripod.com/index.htm>).

There are still openings for the Curt Kirtis, Vic Hood, and Dave Sabol seminars.

Highlights of January's meeting

Lancaster Show- The show will be held at Millersville University on March 22 and 23. Bill Zech has advance tickets for sale for \$2 (tickets are \$3 at the door).



Library- The Assistant Librarian is asking that library books be returned to the file in alphabetical order or category (example, birds in the bird category). Library books should also be checked out using the card system. Also, a **Wolf Resin Casting done by Curt Kirtis is missing** from the library. PLEASE return this to the club library. If you have questions, contact Linda Murphy.

Attire- T-shirts with the club logo are still for sale at \$6.50. The club is now taking orders

for sweatshirts with the club logo with large being \$13.00 and extra large costing \$15.00. Contact Rod if you are interested, currently a sign up list is circulating.

Club patches are for sale at the rock bottom price of **\$1 each**. Contact Rod or Donna if you would like to purchase one, or two, or hundreds.

Bill Zech talked about the **Carving Magazine** and had several free issues to pass out. Members who already had the magazine said that the content was excellent.



Rod presented **Bill Zech** with a name badge in honor of Bill serving as our past president. Thanks, Bill, for all of your

dedication!

Carving Roundup being organized by Jack Miller: Jack is organizing a North East Woodcarvers Roundup for July 20-24, 2003 at Cherry Ridge Campsites & Lodging at Honesdale, PA. Anyone who carves or, would like to learn to carve can do so in this no stress learning environment. The cost for instruction is free. If you are interested in participating or interested in instructing, contact Jack (email Jackcarves@juno.com, phone 717-637-6963).

Treasurers Report- Balance is currently \$3,839.87.



Show and Tell

Bill Zech- A bark carving done during the Ed Otto seminar. Made from cottonwood bark. Also, a small Santa holding a lantern.

Paul Ruth- Three woodburnings.

Bill Martin- Several very large carvings including an Indian bust done in butternut, an Indian bust from a Jeff Phares seminar started eight years ago, and a carving of an old man's face from a pattern found in a Harold Enlow book.

Jim Hiser- Caricatures from Enlow roughouts (a total of two) and a caricature from the Ortel seminar.

Gary Peiffer- Snowman holding a carved heart made out of Northern White pine.

Rod Flinchbaugh- A caricature of a golfer from a Tom Wolfe pattern finished in wax and tung oil.

Janice (Jan) Barkby- A turned burl with a carved leaf on top.

Cliff Rosborough- A small spoon made from butternut and finished in tung oil.

Jim Scott- Miniature carvings of Indian faces made from catalpa wood (kind of like Jeff Phares mask design in miniature).

Gary Steger- Two small butterflys made from tupelo. Extremely good finish.

Fred Malmberg- A giant flexible shaft carving tool appropriate for ice carving. Fred obtained this through ebay.

Mark These Dates

Mark your carving calendar for the following important dates:

- On March 8 and March 15, from 8:30-11:30 a.m at the EBACC, help the Boy Scouts learn to carve a neckerchief slide and earn a merit badge.
- Picnic is scheduled for July 20 during the regularly scheduled club meeting.
- The annual club banquet is scheduled for November 1 with the Lite Side as entertainment.
- Our Show is scheduled for October 25 and 26 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm on both days (note, this is a time change from previous years!).
- The April club meeting is **CANCELLED** due to the holiday (Easter Sunday). Do not come to the April club meeting!

Planning Council Meeting Hi-lites

A planning council meeting was held on January 28, 2003. The following items were discussed:

- Better lighting needed in the carving room. Rod will meet with a lighting expert to go over

what is needed to improve the lighting and report back to the club with the results and an estimate.

- Air conditioning in the meeting room. Rod will look in to ways to improve the airflow.

- Bill Zech indicated that the current shop vac is dying. The committee authorized Bill to purchase a new and quieter shop vac.

- Bill reported to the committee that parts have been ordered for the sharpener.

Won't you join us Tuesday nights?



On Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m. carvers get together for a "come and carve anything you like" at the EBACC. On any given Tuesday there are between ten and twenty carvers attending. All are welcome and if you don't feel like making wood chips, well then pull up a stump and just chat.

Linda Murphy started the Tuesday night sessions many years ago. She is a master carver of every type. She will help with painting or carving or just a good story. Dick Watkins and Fern Hitchcock are master bird carvers and will assist anyone who needs help. If you want to carve a spoon or golf ball, Cliff Rosborough can help with that. Rod Flinchbaugh comes when his schedule permits and

will help with most any type carving. Bill Zech is a master carver of a variety of different subjects. Ed Bolt has given classes on carving a ball in a box with a chain attached. Charley Lake gave some classes on carving monkeys from peach seeds. Nick Sciortino, a master chip carver, has given instructions on chip carving.

Some of the bird carvers come on Tuesdays to enhance their whittling skills. Since most bird carvers are power carvers, they enjoy the chance to just sit and make woodchips as it is difficult to power carve on Tuesday nights because of the dust.

Darvin Heim comes every Tuesday that his schedule allows. Darvin's expertise varies over a wide range of carving from wood burning to chip carving

and anything in-between. He also brings in patterns and sometimes wood for a special project.

Many of the carvers on Tuesday night have helped to carve the door prizes for the show. The door prize project for this year's show is a cross pin or pendant; Cliff will supply the blank and instructions.

Cliff Rosborough has found the Tuesday night carving sessions the best part of belonging to the club. It has allowed him to meet many of the club members and to enhance his carving ability while sharing his expertise with others.



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