

CONEWAGO CARVERS

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Highlights of the March meeting

WOW! It seems so long since we've been together. Our April meeting was cancelled due to the Easter holiday, but here is a recap of our meeting from March:



Bus Trip to Artistry in Wood Show- The club is planning a bus trip to the Artistry of Wood show in Dayton, Ohio on November 14, 15, and 16, leaving from Dick's Sporting Goods at 6:00 a.m. on November 14. On the way to Dayton, we plan to stop at the Warther's Museum. We will be staying at the Travel Lodge while in Dayton, and attend the show on Saturday, returning back to York on Sunday. Cost is \$200 per person or \$280 for two people which includes travel, lodging, and tickets to the museum and show. Meals will be your responsibility. Bill Zech reports that the bus is currently

full, but he is accepting names of those who would like to go if he receives a cancellation.

Chip Chats Cover- Dave Sabol has one of his carvings featured on both the front and back covers of the most current Chip Chats. The carving is of two clowns tumbling over each other. Congratulations, Dave!

Upgrades to the Carving Room- President Rod reported that a new vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the room. In addition, a new felt wheel has been purchased and installed on the club's sharpening machine. Rod also discussed a proposal to upgrade the club room lighting at a cost of \$1,200.00 Upon discussion by the club, the attending members voted to approve the proposal.

Friendship Cane project- Blanks are available for the club Friendship cane project. Carving subject is entirely up to the carver! Pieces must be finished by the July club meeting which is our annual picnic.

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).



Treasurer's Report- Balance is currently \$4,325.15.

Way to go!



Congratulations to **Jack Miller** who won a best in category ribbon for a northern pike fish decoy at the Ward World Championships.

Also, congratulations to several Conewago Carvers who won ribbons at the Lancaster County Woodcarvers Woodcarving and Wildlife Art Festival. Please bring your carvings and ribbons to show at May's meeting!

Club-sponsored Seminars

Go to the Conewago Carvers Website for the most up to date information-- <http://conewagocarvers.tripod.com/index.htm>.

Kirt Curtis's next class with the Conewago Carvers will be held on August 22-25 at the EBACC. We will be carving a pair of elk busts. The cost of this 4-day class is \$225.00. We have scheduled the last day of class for Monday so that those of you who can not or do not want to take off 2 days from work can still receive 3 full days of instruction.



Kirt Curtis's class

The other seminars offered this year are as follows:

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

Pete Ortel- Caricature, Oct 27-28. Class is **full**, sign up for waiting list.

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

Show and Tell

The table was overflowing due to the cancelled meeting in February!

Braden Ausherman- Braden had a completed miniature carousel with basswood horses finished in acrylics, 150 lights, and music! Braden also had a wood spirit from the Ed Otto seminar.

Bill Zech- A caricature of a woodcarver holding a "#7 gouge." Used a Pete Ortel blank.

Jesse Hinson- A carving of a wood spirit from the Ed Otto seminar. Also, faces carved in red cedar.

Dick Watkins - A wooden plate with a Lighthouse scene and a small vulture.

Dale McCoy- A number of wood turnings including a cherry burl, and a spalted box elder burl, a rattle, small plates for the Lancaster club's Noah's ark, and small wooden jugs.

Ed Otto- A wood spirit demo piece from the class he taught.

Alex Otto- Yes, Ed's son is also in the woodcarving act doing a fine wood spirit face in cottonwood bark!

Jim Hiser- A male caricature done from a Pete LeClair pattern. Also, a donkey sitting in a lounge chair.

Bill Martin- Three large monks and various carvings in pine from Dave Sabol patterns.

Nick Sciortino- Contributed basswood carvings for the club Friendship cane.

Bob Kelly- Two pieces for the Friendship cane, a figure carved from a pattern in the newsletter, a small fish (Arizona Guppy), and a chipcarved frame.

James Scott- A homemade versatile wood holder that could go in just about any direction! Also, more carvings of Indian masks.

Gary Steger- A carving of a small pig.

Rod Flinchbaugh- A couple of pieces for the Friendship Cane including an apple core!

Carl Smith- A small rabbit made from basswood.

Planning Council & Show Committee Meeting

Those in attendance at the combined Planning Council and Show Committee Meeting were Rod and Sonja Flinchbaugh, Bill Zech, Kyle and Doug Gabel. We would like to have more people have a hand in planning the future of our club as well as our annual show. The council meets only four times per year. Please consider joining us at the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 PM in the club meeting room at the EBACC.



A new light on the subject - Rod Flinchbaugh reported that the new lights have been installed in the meeting room. You won't believe the difference; you'll see the room in a whole new light!! The old light fixtures are for sale for \$5.00 each on a first come first served basis. See or call Rod if you are interested in purchasing.

SHOW NEWS:

Purchase Award - The council decided that the club will have a purchase award contest for the raffle. The club will purchase **two** carvings rather than one for this year's raffle. The purchase price will be \$125.00 each. As in past years, the people in attendance at the picnic will vote and choose the carvings to be pur-

chased. Carvings should be completed and brought to the picnic on July 20.



Show Button Design - There will be a show button design contest again for the 2003 show. Remember, the design must fit in a 2 1/4" circle and contain the following information: year, Conewago Carvers, and Exhibitor. The rest is up to you. It must be in a print ready format so it can easily be copied. The judging will be at the picnic on July 20 and the winner will receive \$25.00.

Friendship Cane - The friendship cane will be auctioned off at our show in October, along with the whittling contest items and a carving from our chainsaw carver. Rod has asked that you continue to work on the blocks for the friendship cane and if you need a blank or need more blanks see or call Rod.

Help Wanted (and offered) - Jim Gillis has volunteered to take charge of the silent auction at the show again this year.

Charlie Galloway has again volunteered to take the photos at the show.

Rod Flinchbaugh has agreed to

plan and conduct the whittling contest.

Doug Gabel will contact the show sponsors for the 2003 awards.

There are lots of people volunteering to do many things for the club but we will need more help for our show. Please, when the sign up lists are circulated, add your name even if it is only for an hour or two.

The show fliers are printed and ready for distribution. Help us advertise our show by picking up a stack and handing them out to businesses, friends and family.



Extra Mile Award - It is again time to think about the person or persons who will receive the Extra Mile Award at our annual banquet. Members should provide names to President Rod Flinchbaugh no later than September 21, 2003. The nominations are to be based on the following criteria: The award will be given to an active member or members who have gone out of their way to make the club a better organization.





March's Program

March's program was given by Jeff Haring, a chainsaw carver.

Jeff went to art school and has always loved art. He started carving in the summer of 1989 when he hacked out a duck using a hatchet and an unidentified piece of wood. He took courses with Woody Miller to refine his

skills and started chainsaw carving in the summer of 1999. He started with a McCullough saw and later went to a 12" Echo CS3000.

To carve, Jeff starts with an idea, then blocks the wood out to get the general shape and adds the details. After carving, he uses a linseed oil mixture (half

linseed oil, half paint thinner) to preserve the wood. He then paints the wood if needed.

Jeff carves just about any wood he can find, but loves sassafras, oak and cherry. If you would like to learn more about chainsaw carving, contact Jeff as he is willing to share what he has learned!

See you May 18 at the EBACC!

The program for May's meeting will feature the return of one of the founders of Conewago Carvers, Larry Kampel, who will demonstrate the art of chip carving.

Larry's carvings are exquisite and he plans to bring some of his past projects to share with us.

Plan to join us for a most enjoyable afternoon.

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Conewago carvers Annual picnic

DATE & TIME: July 20, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. (in place of the regular meeting)

LOCATION: East Berlin Area Community Center Pavilion

FOOD: PIG ROAST: with beverage; macaroni salad; chips; apple sauce and relish tray. Paper products will be provided.

COST: A fee of \$4.00 will be charged for each club member and his or her spouse. This is to get a head count for attendance. We must pay per count given to vendor. A fee of \$8.00 for each GUEST will be charged. Due to a restricted budget this year, there will be no refunds to members as was done in the past. Instead, the fee has been reduced to a non-refundable \$4.00.

NOTE: BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS TO RELAX. PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT TO PAVILION.

FOR YOU BINGO FANS, CARDS AND CALLER WILL BE AVAILABLE !!!

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Please reply by July 1, 2003

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