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See you February 15 at the EBACC

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2004. Bill Martin will demonstrate proper use of the club's Burke Sharpener to sharpen carving tools.

If you have a tool that you just cannot sharpen, bring it and see if Bill can help you learn how to sharpen it! Also, Bill will explain proper setup and operation

procedures of the club's band saw. See you at the East Berlin Area Community Center at 2:00 pm!



Hear ye, hear ye! Dues are now being collected for the year 2004.

The annual membership fees will remain the same as last

year, \$15 for an individual membership and \$20 for a family membership. Please see Bill at a future meeting or send dues to Bill Zech, 1739 Oakley Drive, Dover, PA 17315.

Any member who has not paid dues by March 31 will be dropped from the mailing list.

Here's what happened last month

The new President Jim Hiser called the meeting to order at 2 PM on a snowy Sunday. Despite the terrible road conditions, 16 members were in attendance.

The club needs volunteers! We're looking for a Show Chairman and Competition Coordinator. If you'd like to volunteer, contact a club officer.

The following presentations are scheduled for future club meetings:

March: Rod Flinchbaugh will demonstrate his sharpening techniques.

April: Cliff Rosborough will discuss his knife making and sharpening techniques.

Get well wishes went out to several members: Vern Blank, Bill Zech and Walt Spangler.

Nick is teaching beginning Chip Carving classes Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30. Anyone inter-

ested in learning to throw chips with Nick is welcomed to join in and get started. Thanks, Nick!

Show and Tell. From Ed Otto, a work in progress, a large basswood Santa based on a Paul Bolinger design. Ed sold the first two of these he has made, but on this one, he carved his Boston terrier in Santa's bag so it won't be sold.

Treasury was reported to be \$5,140.67.

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Club-sponsored Seminars

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

With Butch traveling to Florida, Ed Otto will be temporarily taking over seminar registration duties. If you are interested in attending a club sponsored seminar, contact Ed Otto at 717-243-9114 or email him at ottoe@pa.net.

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 \$175. (\$75 deposit required)

Oct. 9-10- Pete Ortel, Caricature carving. \$130

Nov. 12-14- Harley Schmitgen, Figures in relief. \$175

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. Make checks payable to Conewago Carvers and send to: Ed Otto, 4 Greenwich Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Mark your calendars now: *The Baltimore Area Wood Carving Show will be held March 13-14. Registration will be March 12 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and March 13 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Show hours are March 13 from 10:00-4:00 p.m. and March 14 from noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, talk to Bill Zech.*

Info from Jack Miller



Our January featured a presentation by Jack Miller on carving smoothie shore birds.

Jack has been carving for 8 years. He started carving fish decoys and then began carving smoothie shorebirds. He enters a Smoothie Shorebird competition in Middle Creek each year. In that competition, they submit 6 birds that are the same species and place them outside in the Marsh to judge them. He has received first place twice in this competition.

Using reference books and pictures is crucial. He'll use any

wood for the blanks. He prefers laminated pine because it has less fuzz. The head does not have to be the same wood used for the body; often he uses basswood for the head. The beak is made of a hardwood like hickory or English oak. He will use yellow glue to attach the head; no doll is necessary.

The birds can be carved with power or a knife. He usually will teach using the knife. He glues glass eyes into the eye channels that are cut to focus on the end of the beak. When looking up the beak you should just see the pupil of the eye. He puts Elmer's Wood Filler around the

eyes to seal them and give the illusion of eyelids.

Jack uses Formby's clear gloss lacquer to seal the carving before painting. He paints many thin coats, wet-on-wet. Popular colors are burnt umber, raw sienna and white paint. He draws his feathers using a white chalk pencil and then paints them with a specially cut paintbrush. He then seals them with lacquer.

Jack has offered to teach a seminar at the club and he will also be holding a seminar at the NorthEast WoodCarvers Roundup July 25-29, 2004.

Hope to see you February 15 at the EBACC!



**Pictures from the
Gary Akers' Antler
carving seminar in
January**

Ken Haines and Gary
Akers



Dave Warren and Joe
Dubosky who traveled
from Philadelphia



Alex Otto's first semi-
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2004
July 25th – July 29th

Northeast Woodcarvers **ROUNDUP**

**Stress free carving held indoors in the beautiful
Upper Pocono Mountains, Honesdale, Pa. At
CherryRidge Campsites and Lodging (570) 488-6654
INFORMATION: GAReinfried@aol.com (717)299-9921
jackcarve@juno.com
Evening Activities: Music in the Park, Honesdale
Weiner Roast, Covered Dish Supper, Mini Workshops
Featured Artists holding Workshops**

FREE WORKSHOPS:

Jack Miller * Smoothie Shorebirds
Ed Otto * Bark Carving
Debbie Dunn * Santa Ornament
Chris Howard * Human Face
Mike Galloway * Bottle Stoppers
Nick Sciortino * Chip Carving
Tony Erickson * South Western
Jim Herb * Cane Making
Elmer Jumper * Clowns
Richie McGrath * Relief Carving
George Hallenbeck * Knife making
Jim O'Dea * Human face study stick
Sally & David Nye * Cedar fan bird
Carl Borst * Human face & Hands
Fred Chambers * Sign making
Mike Bloomquist * Cottonwood bark spirit face
Harold Kaltenbeck * Santa
Floyd Rhadigan * Caricature

Featured Artists

**Jan Oegema * Jan will
teach Gnomes (his favorite
6 minute man) and a
progressive face stick.**

**Don Burgdorf * Ol'Don will
be carving Female caricature
(as he say's That don't look
like guys in drag)**

*** BEGINNER CLASSES ***
Jay Herr & John Griscti
**Linda Murphy * Woodburning
for beginners and
trout plaque for kids.**

****FREE TICKETS FOR WALK-IN CARVERS, PLEASE SEND STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO
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