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See you March 21st at the EBACC

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2004. Rod Flinchbaugh will be talking about a topic of interest to all carvers — sharpening!

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

Zech at the next meeting or send dues to him at 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 club needs volunteers!

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

At the April meeting, Cliff Rosborough will discuss his knife making and sharpening techniques.

Members Recovering: Vern Blank and Bill Zech were at the meeting and are recovering nicely.

Library information- Linda Murphy made a suggestion to acquire a "Fan Bird" book for the club library. Given the recent interest and activity in carving fan birds within the club, it seems like this is an excellent suggestion. Thanks for offering this idea to help improve our club's library, Linda!

Sharpener and Band Saw

Maintenance- It was reported that both Bill Martin and Jim Hiser worked on the Sharpener. There was also a proposal to purchase basic wrenches in order to perform repairs on club equipment. This proposal appears to be supported by the majority of the club.

Pfeil Swiss Made Tools final

sales- Jim Hiser passed on information about a person who sells new Pfeil tools at very reasonable prices. This person is interested selling his inventory. If you want to inquire about a tool and pricing, please email Lburgin@comcast.net.

Chris Lubkeman Branch

Carving seminars - Chris has contacted the club to let members know that he is conducting a series of branch carving semi-

nars. The next scheduled seminar is for March 19 and 20 in Lancaster at a cost of \$60 for a one day class. If you are interested in participating or want to know the dates of future seminars, contact Chris at 717-299-5955.

Trophies- Jason Heidel, Sports Director for the Hanover YMCA, is coordinating an Adventure Race on Labor Day weekend at Codorus State Park. Jason is looking for someone to create unique trophies to hand out as prizes. If you have ideas or are interested in creating something, contact Jason at 717-632-8211.



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. **There are still openings in this class.**

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

Sept. 11-13- Vic Hood, Human figure, cost \$175. (\$75 deposit required)

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

Nov. 19-21- Harley Schmitgen, Figures in relief. \$175. Note the change in date.

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.*

February Program Notes



Our February meeting featured a presentation by club member Bill Martin on using the band saw and the Burke Tool

Sharpener.

Bill gave insights on safety, operation, do's and don't's based on his vast experience using this

equipment. We thank Bill for sharing his experience concerning these two key pieces of carving equipment!

Board & Show Meeting

Jim Hiser announced that he would like to hold a Board and Show Meeting for February 24. Please see the enclosed information on the outcome of the meeting.

At this writing, we are in need of a Show Chair and a Compe-

tion Chair. We have already confirmed that Jack Kochan will be our guest carver. Show Announcement flyers have been printed up and will be handed out at the Lancaster Show.

Thank you to Bill Zech for taking care of the flyers and Jim

Hiser for identifying our guest carver!

Mark your calendars for March 30, 7:00 pm at the EBCC. This will be our next Show Meeting.

Hope to see you March 21 at the EBACC!

Show and Tell



There were a whole lot of carvings to share possibly due to everyone carving during the winter months! Please continue to bring in all works, finished or otherwise.

Ed Otto- A Santa carving based on a Paul Bolinger pattern was done in basswood with Ed's dog "Gizmo" incorporated into the design. Ed says he is keeping this one.

Linda Murphy- Linda is a carving machine! She brought a bird standing on a planting pot from the last class she taught. She also had an "in progress" eagle plaque and a Fan bird. She also brought two ducks that earned third place ribbons from the Sportsman Show.

Bob Kelly- Two chip carved crosses made from Sugar Pine.

Nick Sciortino- Two fan birds, one full size and one half size.

Joe DeAngelis- Caricature of a whittler from a pattern in Woodcarvers Illustrated. Whittle Joe Cartwright was carved using basswood and painted in acrylics.

Frank Lombardi- Years ago, Frank made a sketch of a business traveler, then carved a mahogany relief. He also did the same thing for a left handed school teacher and did a three dimensional sculpture of the teacher. Both were finished in oil. Frank also shared an acanthus leaf carving.

Donna Krone- A shorebird done with the Tuesday night carving crew.

Bill Martin- A caricature of "Whittling Willie" and a smaller caricature of Wood Carving Illustrated patterns. Bill also had a 32 piece chess set of Cowboys and Indians that he carved in 16 days!

Jim Hiser- A caricature of a Silcilian Shoe Salesman complete with a bag of cement. This was completed from a Pete Ortel blank.

Carl Smith- A wood spirit in cottonwood tree bark from the Ed Otto seminar.

Vern Blank- A carving of a bluebird about to be painted. A bald eagle mounted on a piece of drift wood.

Joe LeGore - Joe had a wood spirit done during the Ed Otto class.

Cliff Rosborough- A can mounted with a golf ball carving at the top done in butterfly bush wood.

John Lovett- Did a caricature of Hagar the Horrible's best friend, Lucky Eddy. Also, a small but unique carving of a "hum-mule," a combination of a humming bird and a donkey.

Bill Zech- Carving of a mountain man figure in which he used a mannequin to lay out the pattern.

Mary Hoffman- A wood burning of an Indian.

Wayne Hoffman- An eagle made from bass wood done in half size.

Dave Murphy- A fan bird.

Gary Peiffer- A caricature of a mouse from the Redwall children's book series.

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Planning Council/Show Meeting Notes

This summarizes the Conewago Carvers Planning Council and Show Meeting held on February 24, 2004 at the EBACC.

Attendees included Bill Zech, Jim Hiser, Linda Murphy, Sonja Flinchbaugh, Gary M. Peiffer, Carl Smith, Doug Gabel, and Dave Murphy

Club Business

We are still open to ideas for club programs. Please forward any thoughts or ideas that you have to Jim Hiser or any of the other Planning Council members. Possible ideas include relief carving, photography, color theory, and fan bird carving.

Show Committee

Need a Show Chairperson. Much of the work has been started or is underway for the 2004 Show. However, there is still a need for a person with good organizational skills to oversee the progress. Please consider volunteering for this role.

So far the following is done/underway to make the 2004 show happen:

-Jack Kochan is confirmed as artist for the show and flyers have been printed up.

-Jim Gillis will again handle the silent auction.

-Doug Gabel confirmed that the Boy Scouts will handle security. Doug will handle sponsors. He requested that we get a volunteer

to make the badges for the show. Doug has the equipment and stated it takes a few hours to complete the job.

-Ed Bolt will handle the advertising notices (Chip Chats).

-Carl Smith is leading the set-up committee.

-Sonja will handle sending out applications; however, Carl's name and address will be on the flyer since he is in charge of set up.

-Gary will handle the People's choice award.

-Bill Zech will take care of ribbons and medallions. He will also take care of putting up signs.

Changes in the Show Rules-

We discussed the following potential rule changes to go into effect in the 2004 show.

-Reword entry qualifications to state that the piece must be entered and brought in to the show by the person who carved/created the piece being entered. (Must be a club member and have carved/created the piece within the last year). Entry must be owned by the carver.

-Will hold prize checks until the end of the show to avoid people taking pieces home early.

Professional carving discussion- Ideas to limit best of show winning to two per carver. Also

discussed having best of show winner act as a judge in the following year's show. Then, this person would be allowed to enter competition. Other ideas include adding a "Master" level class. An additional class may also encourage people to move up from Intermediate to Open.

Other changes/clarifications to rules that were discussed:

-Best of Show will be selected from woodcarvings only. Flat art will be treated separately.

-We will add a new category for the 2004 show. Will separate chip carving from the relief category and create a new chip carving category.

-When moving up from novice to intermediate, and intermediate to open, one must advance one class if they win three blue ribbons or a best of class. The ribbons that will be counted will be ribbons won at the Conewago Carvers show only.

Miscellaneous work that needs to be done for the show.

-Need badge design by July (hold competition at picnic).

-Need to have competition rules completed by June.

Next Meeting: March 30 at 7:00 pm at the EBACC.



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
GEORGE REINFRIED 1237 ST. JOSEPH ST., LANC., PA. STATE NUMBER OF TICKETS & DAYS NEEDED..***



Bark Carving Seminar Photos

