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See you May 16th at the EBACC



Our next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2004. Please bring in your very first carving to share with the club. We will also have a trade and swap session, so if you have books/tools, etc, bring them in!

Dues are past due. People who have not paid their dues have been dropped from the Newsletter mailing list. There is still time to pay dues and get reinstated!

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 meeting or send dues to Bill Zech, 1739 Oakley Drive, Dover, PA 17315.

Here's what happened last month

Last month's meeting was called to order by President Jim Hiser. We had 25 people in attendance.

It was great to see Rick Baker again.

Looking forward to next year, the club will be looking for a new Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Although there is a lot of time until the next election, now is the time for interested individuals to start learning how to do these key club positions.

Seminar Change - The Dave Sabol seminar is being rescheduled from May 28-30 to May 21-23. Dave's painting seminar will also be rescheduled (currently slated for June 19-20).

Membership Rosters are now available and hard copies will be handed out at the next club meeting or mailed upon request.

Treasurer's Report shows a balance of about \$6,000, however this balance will decrease as we start to pay the instructors

for the seminars.

The Annual Pig Roast is now scheduled! The event will be held on July 18 with the feast starting at 1:00 pm. Cost will be \$4.00 for members and \$8.00 for guests. Bill would appreciate the reservation forms back as soon as possible.

Please see Bill at a meeting or send the reservation form and money to Bill Zech, 1739 Oakley Drive, Dover, PA 17315.

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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 having returned to Pennsylvania, he will be taking over seminar registration duties again. If you are interested in attending a club sponsored seminar, contact Butch at 717-258-3804 or email him at dahlmb@comcast.net.

May 21-23- Dave Sabol, Santa and others (?) \$130. There are still openings in this class. *Note change in date.*

Dave Sabol- Paint and finish session. \$50. This is likely to be rescheduled from to June 19-20. *Note change.*

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

Oct. 9-10- Pete Ortel, Caric a-

ture 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: Butch Dahl, 1207 Dickinson Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Thanks, Cliff, for the info



April's program featured Cliff Rosborough who spoke about sharpening tools which is a necessity for any and all woodcarvers.

Cliff gave his perspective on sharpening. Cliff uses primarily

stones and also uses sandpaper that is glued onto Corian. Stropping is very important and should be tried before grinding. If you have a nick in your knife you will need to grind. In a pinch, Cliff uses a glossy magazine to strop.

He uses mineral oil on the diamond stone, and soap solution on the water stones. The way to tell a knife is sharp is to draw a knife through a piece of paper. If the knife is dull, it will catch on the paper.

Show News

- Rick Baker has agreed to act as Show Chair for our 2004 event. A lot of work is already done/underway, and Rick will help to keep things on track. Thanks for stepping up to the plate, Rick!

- Need a volunteer to do the whittling contest which involves coming up with a project, cutting out blanks, and coordinating the event at the show.

- New idea for the show – a theme carving! This will be a competition based on the theme of Spirit of America/Americana. We will have ribbons for this theme category and possibly a cash reward.

- Looking for an idea to change the dates of signs used to post around town prior to the show.

- It is time to come up with

designs for the show badge, which will be judged in July. Dave Murphy will create the show badges from the winning design. At this time, the show badge competition will be held. So please start working on designs. Remember, the design has to fit in a two and one quarter inch (2 1/4) diameter circle.

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Show and Tell



Bill Martin- Caricature from a Pete Ortel design. Bill changed the face around slightly. Inspired from a quote from a TV commercial.

Cliff Rosborough- Two wooden spoons. One is from a design that the Tuesday night carvers are working on. Another with a design of a swan.

Bill Zech- A butternut spoon from the Tuesday night carving class conducted by Cliff.

Carl Smith- Four small flower bases that were turned. The flowers were carved based on what Carl learned in Dayton using twigs. Carl made these for door prizes at the show.

John Lovett- A wooden spoon made from buckeye that John

bought in Dayton.

Frank Lombardi- A liberty eagle plaque made from an original design. Done in a very ornate style and made from mahogany and finished with oil. Made from one piece of wood. Also, a man sitting down reading a book and wearing an army coat. Made from basswood and with no finish on it.



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Planning Council Update

The Planning Council/Show Committee Meeting was held at the EBACC on May 4, 2004.

Attendees: Linda Murphy, Jim Hiser, Gary M. Peiffer, Sonja Flinchbaugh, Doug Gabel, John Lovett Rick Baker, Ernie Castelli, Carl Smith, Butch Dahl, and Bill Zech.

Many of the show tasks are in progress and have "owners" working on them.

New developments:
Ed Bolt will be doing the photography of the show on Saturday, looking for someone to handle Sunday photography.

Sponsors for awards are in progress. Doug Gabel is handling. Exploring Dick Blick as a sponsor. Also looking at Ben Franklin as a possibility. Fox Chapel will also be sponsoring an award.

Badge design will be voted on at picnic.

Show application will go to the printer in June (Bill Zech is handling).

Sonja Flinchbaugh will do the welcome packettes.

Advertising will be handled by Ed Bolt.

Need for a Competition Chairperson and a person to run the Whittling Contest.

Linda and Jim will work together to generate the Rolodex of past winners.

Vern Blank will judge intermediate.

Clarification to the rules that have been discussed at the last several Planning Council Meetings. The wording agreed upon at the April Planning council meeting will be used for the show flyer. We are considering having entrants sign a paper stating they will abide by the rules.

Competition pieces must remain until the end of the show.

Theme Carving competition-

Winner will be determined by votes from attendees. Carvings will be at the same table. Spirit of America /Americana theme was agreed to by the Council and will be used at the 2004 show. We are considering putting a box out to the public requesting suggestions for themes in future shows. Voting will end on Sunday at 2:00-2:30 pm when winners will be announced. Entry fee will be \$3.00.

Bill Zech will contact the chain saw carver (Jeff Haring) to once again participate in the show.

Next Meeting: June 2 at 7:00 pm at the EBACC.

Odds and Ends

Wood Available: I had a call the other day from Joe Becker in the New Oxford area. He is going to be cutting down a Box Elder tree about 15'' in diameter on May 15th. He is looking to give it away if anyone is interested. His phone number is 717-624-2082 (work) and 717-624-2518 (home).

Carroll Carvers 2004 Show: Will be held on September 11 and 12 at Bear Branch Nature Center, Hashawa Park, in Westminster, MD. There will be a competition and with ribbons and prize money awarded. For further information, call Phil Adams at 301-926-8945 or email him at tarheelcarver@msn.com.

Conewago carvers Annual picnic

DATE AND TIME: July 18, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. (in place of regular meeting).

- LOCATION:** East Berlin Area Community Center Pavilion
- FOOD:** PIG ROAST with beverage, macaroni salad, chips, applesauce and relish tray. Paper products will be provided.
- COSTS:** 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, 2004

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Member's name _____

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