



January Meeting Zones

**January 16, 2005**

President John Lovett called the meeting to order promptly at 2:00 pm. Approximately 30 people were in attendance at the meeting. We had three visitors.

**Membership**

Membership dues are still due! Please see Bill Zech if you have not paid your dues. If your mailing address or email address has changed, please let one of the officers know.

**Tuesday Carvers**

Every Tuesday night, there is an open carving session from 6:30-8:30 pm. Several projects will be going on including Bill Zech doing a Santa Claus, Mike Galloway doing a bottle stopper class (\$10 cost for materials), etc. Please take advantage of these activities to improve your carving skills.

**Club Patches and Name Tags**

Donna needs to place an order for name tags. Please see Donna if you need a name tag and wish to place a order.

**Program highlights**

Gary Farber provided a talk on the carving the stock on muzzle loaded rifles. Gary started building guns in 1972. Back in colonial days, many of the early colonist used the Yeager rifle which was a short rifle. Later, long guns were developed in order to decrease loading time and increase range. The Kentucky rifle evolved from this and most Kentucky rifles were made in Pennsylvania. Each gunsmith had their own style based on county (Bucks, Lancaster, York, etc). Guns became more ornamental with the addition of brass patch boxes and in layed carving. Making a gun today is different than the colonial days. Better materials and tools are available. Most of the locks are built from a kit. All parts have to be fitted, drilled and tapped. He uses rifflers and Swiss carving tools to do the carving. The wood used is mostly curly maple, sometimes cherry or walnut is used. Gary uses a variety of stains for the color and the finish is a linseed oil based material. All of the guns Gary makes do shoot.

**Treasury Report**

We had \$5859.87 in the Treasury at the end of the year, \$5729.14 is the current balance according to Charlie. An audit of the books has been completed and there are no issues. Thanks again Sonya!

**Show Report**

Rick reported that we need to pick a theme for the 2005 show. Ideas for a theme include Wild, Wild West, Native Americans, Halloween, Circus, Down on the Farm, and North American wildlife. We will decide on which theme at the January planning council meeting.

**Hanover Colonial Days**

July 29 between 4-7 pm, **Dutch Colonial Days** will be held. Looking for a carver to give demonstrations and the carver can sell items. See Jim Hiser if interested.

**Library Corner**

The Library is up to date including the new books bought at the recent show. Also, the Fan Bird book was checked out, but the library card was not filled out. If you have the book, please let Linda know. Other folks also want to use the book so please help us find it.

**Join Us**

**Next Meeting is February 20, at 2:00 pm** at the EBCC. Gene Shue will provide a talk on antique duck decoys.

**Health News**

Don Stueven and Bill Zech were both in attendance and are back up and healthy!

On a sad note we were notified that Fred Faber Jr. passed away on August 21, 2004. Our sympathies go out to his family.

**Lancaster Carving Show**

Terry Keemer, President of the Lancaster Woodcarvers, is offering the club a table at the Lancaster Show to promote our club. The show will be held on March 5 and 6. Our club decided to take advantage of the opportunity.

**Show& Tell**

**Don Stueven-** Showed his progress on constructing the hull of a boat to stay occupied as he recovers. Made from a kit. Don will continue to bring the ship to the club meetings as he makes progress.

**Joe DeAngelis-** A nuthatch bird with habitat carved from glued up Lowe's paint stirring sticks—no wood like free wood!

**Gary Steger-** A competition working decoy that is weighted. Plans to enter the piece in the Ward competition.

**Bill Martin-** Two monks measuring about 14 inches high. Made from Basswood.

**Seminars**

- Ed Otto - Indian Head** - openings
- Gary Akers - Antler carving** -openings.
- Jack Kochan—Eagle Head** - openings.
- Kirt Curtis-Cougar with Cub** - openings.
- Harley Schmitgen- Relief** -openings.
- Pete Ortel—Caricatures** - openings
- Vic Hood—Human figure** - openings

For a full seminar list see:  
<http://conewagocarvers.tripod.com/seminar.htm>



# Board

**By-Laws**

Jim Hiser will update the club bylaws and have copies available at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like a copy of the bylaws, please contact one of the board members to have one sent to you.

**Welcome Letter**

Ed and Nikki Otto will update the Conewago "Welcome Letter" to be handed to new members as they join Conewago Carvers.

**Insurance Costs**

John Lovett questioned if we could get insurance at a lower cost if we joined together with other clubs and purchased a joint policy. Ed Otto recalled the club had already investigated this option a few years ago and found that our existing policy was a better option. John will talk to some other members to see if it is worth looking into this again

**EBACC Lease**

Our lease with EBACC expires January of 2006. We will look into renewing soon. No problems are expected.

**Publicity**

Ed bolt has done a great job with club publicity and would like to keep it up, however if anyone would like to take pictures, especially on Sundays, or help out in any other way he would willingly accept the help

**Master CD**

It was suggested that all official documentation along with any unofficial notes dealing with the running of Conewago Carvers be saved onto a master CD and several copies be made so it will all be together in the future.

**Lancaster Show**

There will be a Conewago Carvers Club table at the Lancaster show in Millersville on Mar. 5 & 6. we will try to promote our seminars at this show please submit any seminar pieces you are willing to display on our table.

**Yearly Audit**

The books were audited by Jim Hiser and Ed & Nikki Otto before being handed over to the new treasurer. The books balanced and no issues were identified.

**Regional Show**

John Lovett is going to speak with other area club presidents with the idea of setting up a large Regional show to include local midstate clubs.

**Theme Carving**

It was decided that the Theme Carving at our annual show this year will be "Halloween" with a \$50 prize for 1st place. Entries must have been carved in the preceding 24 months.



# Meeting Information

# Other Notes

# of Interest

**Free Seminars**

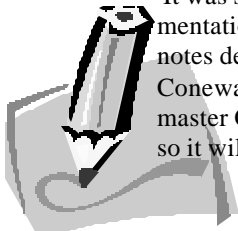
Frank Lombardi is willing to teach relief carving at his New Oxford home free of charge! You can't beat the price! Anyone interested can call 717-764-5471

**Large piece of Holly**

Virginia Wilson has a piece of holly the size of a tree trunk. Anyone interested in having it to carve may contact her at 717-637-4417

**Juried Show**

The Art Center School and Galleries in Mechanicsburg, PA invites any of the Conewago Carvers' members to participate in an exhibition to be held from April 30 to June 3, 2005. The theme is Pennsylvania Themes. Please contact Nikki Otto for more information. 717-243-9114



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## Caption Contest of the Month



**"I keep telling you that the mallet should always be carried in the left hand."**

Thank you John and Rose Huth for your winning entry. We are hoping for much more participation with future captions. Many members expressed they liked the idea.

Submit your caption for the February Photo on the right to [ottoe@pa.net](mailto:ottoe@pa.net)



**February 2005**



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