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October 15, 2006

John Lovett once again called the meeting to order at precisely 2:00pm! There were 28 people in attendance. We welcomed Members Henry Lysy from Carroll Carvers, and Braden Ausherman who is starting to carve again! We also welcomed Butch Dahl to his last meeting before his migration south.

Membership

2007 Dues are due!

Send your \$15 for single member or \$20 for a family membership to **Bill Zech 1739 Oakley Drive Dover, PA 17315-3847.**

Bill Reported 2 New Members signed up in September and we got 7 new members at the show!

Smokey Mountain woodcarvers

will give the club 15% off any purchase of \$150-\$249 and 20% off any purchase of \$250 or more with free shipping (Power tools and wood are excluded). Jim Hiser is trying to get an order together to take advantage of this offer. If you are interested in ordering please contact Jim at (717) 243-0644 for more information.

Pre-show Notes

- In light of the fact that Dick Watkins will not be able to offer his truck to move tables, Charlie Lockwood and Braden Ausherman stepped up and offered theirs.
- Doug Gable has arranged Security for the show and reported that we will be able to park in the lot next to the EBACC
- There still has been no response from our sponsors
- We have been Unable to get a chainsaw carver for the show
- Gary Peiffer, John Lovett, Linda Murphy and Ernie Castelli all reported they are ready for the show!
- The signs are up, however the wind is blowing them over!
- We should have a great Show!

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West Shore Woodcarvers

Will hold their annual show on Saturday November 18th 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday November 19th 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm at the Hampden Township building.

Show and Tell

Ed Otto– Wood Spirit and a very detailed caricature of Bill Martin.

Join Us for our Next Meeting

2:00pm Sunday November 18, 2006 at the EBACC. We will vote on our 2007 officers at this meeting. The program for this month will be a surprise! The Newsletter Editor forgot to ask John what he set up for November!

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Passing of a Member

We are sad to report that long time Conewago Carvers and Lancaster Carvers member Jay Herr passed away on November 9. He will be missed.



2006 Officers:

- Conewago Carver Officers for 2006**
 President John Lovett (717) 624-4068
 Vice President Ernie Castelli (717) 308-0769
 Treasurer Charlie Lockwood (717) 642-8125
 Secretary Ed Otto (717) 243-9114
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Tips on Bird Carving

By Vern Blank

1. Eyes

- A. Always keep a center line. Redraw it frequently. This is the most important step.
- B. Make the eye holes 2mm larger than the eye. This will make it easier to set the eye the way you want it. The hole can be filled with wood putty when the eyes are in place.
- C. Vern uses pottery clay to set the eyes
- D. The pupils should be looking at you when you look down the center of the bird's bill.
- E. The bill should be centered between the eyes.

2. Paint

- A. Vern uses only oils mixed with a special medium that speeds up the drying time. He finds oils are much easier to blend than acrylics.
- B. Never use plain white. Always mix it with a little Paynes Gray. This will give you the ability to highlight later.
- C. Use a glass palette and make 3 piles of each color, mix with umber or black to make 1 shade darker and white to make 1 shade lighter. Stippling each shade adds depth.
- D. Use only good brushes. Vern recommended Kolinsky brushes.

3. Bases and Habitat

- A. Wood Putty and water mixed and shaken in a butter tub will make stones of any size.
- B. Grass can be made from plastic milk cartons and wood shavings
- C. A habitat is not always an asset to the carving, at times it may distract from the bird itself.

4. Other Hints

- A. If you heat and bend a file you can use it to burnish the feathers
- B. Be honest when critiquing a piece
- C. Vern uses 80 to 100 burns per inch on feathers



Special Show Insert

And the Winner is...

Novice				
Category	1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
Animals	Tressa Barnhart	Paul Ruth	Paul Ruth	Jack Moxley
Caricatures	Jack Moxley	William Carl	Dave Bowers	William Carl
Relief	Charles Bixler			
Song Birds	Rose Welsh	David Garland		
Upland Game and Shore Birds	Rose Welsh			
Miniatures	Jack Moxley	Tressa Barnhart		
General	David Garland			
Instructional	Arthur Middleton	William Carl		
Woodburning	Nick W. Sciortino			
Chip Carving	Jo Stueven	Jo Stueven	David Garland	
Best of Novice	Nick W. Sciortino	Jo Stueven	Rose Welsh	

Intermediate				
Category	1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
Aquatic	Rose Huth			
Caricatures	Ernie Castelli	Ernie Castelli		
Relief	Gary McKinney	Ernie Castelli	Gary McKinney	
Song Birds	Charlie Lockwood	Rick Baker		
Upland Game and Shore Birds	Ken Anderson	Rick baker		
Birds of Prey	John Dominic			
Water Fowl	Joe Legore	Joe Legore	Ken Anderson	
Instructional	Pam Poist	Rose Huth	Charlie Lockwood	John Lovett
Miniature	Ken Anderson	Ken Anderson	Rick Baker	Pam Poist
General	Ernie Castelli			
Best of Intermediate	Gary McKinney	Ernie Castelli	Charlie Lockwood	

Open				
Category	1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
Animals	David Sabol	John Huth		
Aquatic	Ron Felker			
Caricatures	David Sabol	Bill Zech	Gary Peiffer	John Huth
Relief	Ed Otto	Jesse Hinson	Jesse Hinson	Gary Peiffer
Song Birds	Gary Stenger	John Shaffer	Dale Buffington	Vern Blank
Bird of Prey	Vern Blank	Vern Blank		
Waterfowl	Lee Murkey	Lee Murkey	Dale Buffington	Ron Felker
Upland Game and Shore Birds	Gary Stenger	Vern Blank	Dale Buffington	
Miniatures	Gary Stenger	Vern Blank	Vern Blank	John Shaffer
Carousel	John Ridinger			
General	Harry Leitheiser	Gary Stenger	Harry Leitheiser	Art Nenzda
Instructional	Carol Meyer	John Huth		
Chip Carving	Nick J. Sciortino	Nick J. Sciortino		
Best of Open	David Sabol	David Sabol	Ron Felker	

Special Categories				
Category	1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
Flat Art				
Oil/Acrylic	Barbara Banco			
Photograph	Denny Bingaman	Ed Otto	Denny Bingaman	
Best of Flat Art	Barbara Banco	Denny Bingaman	Ed Otto	
Theme Carving	Gary Peiffer	Ed Otto	Rose Huth	Jack Moxley
Peoples Choice	Ed Otto	Vern Blank	Charlie Lockwood	
Whittling Contest	Ed Otto	Jim Hiser	Jesse Hinson	
Best of Show	David Sabol	David Sabol	Gary McKinney	

The Noah's Ark was won by James Gettys of York, PA.

Show Highlights



**We received the following
thank you from the EBACC**
Dear Carvers,

We at the East Berlin Community Center want to thank you for the \$458 donation collected on the raffle of the Noah's Ark.

It was a beautiful, beautiful set of carving art work that I know took hours and hours of work by each one of you who worked on it.

It is one of a kind that I am sure will be treasured by the lucky winner!

We are grateful to the carving club for having done this for the center. We have had a long standing, great relationship which will continue to grow.

Joanne



Show Wrap-up Meeting

- Show Chair Nikki Otto began the meeting by thanking the club members for all of their hard work. I did not know what I was getting myself into when I took on the role as Show Chair. Since that time I also took on a full time job (as if I don't have enough to do!) The hard work of members of the Conewago Carvers made it easy to be the Show Chair. Several people, way too many to mention, stepped up to help and everything was done when the show opened on Saturday Morning. We could not have had a successful show without the active participation of our members, again Thank you all.
- Ed and Leah Bolt did an excellent Job with advertising the show. We had ads on several radio stations and had articles in at least 5 Central PA Newspapers!
- We had 489 people in attendance and 95 entries in competition. We have averaged 100 entries over the past 5 years, so we were very close to normal.
- We earned \$458 through the raffle of the Noah's Ark. The proceeds were presented to the East Berlin Community Center, who greatly appreciated the contribution.
- Ernie Castelli brought in quite a profit from our silent auction. Thanks for the hard work seeking the donations.
- Charlie Lockwood reported the show income was \$4,786.50. Expenses were \$2,823.03. Giving us a profit of \$1,963.47!
- Overall we had a very successful and enjoyable show.

We've Already Started On Our 2007 Show!

- Dennis Thornton, a member of Caricature Carvers of America will be our featured Artist at the 2007 show. He will also have a 2 day seminar beginning the Monday after the show.
- We are debating if we should continue our Theme Carving next year. We have had the same few carvers enter all 3 years of the competition. We made our theme very broad this year in order to attract all carvers, however we only had 4 entries.
- Our whittling contest has not sparked a lot of interest lately either, but those that participate have a blast. We will most likely keep the competition as is, but work on a way to get more carvers involved.
- Next Year we will announce what is being auctioned in our silent auction to spark interest and get more bids. Many items were sold below their market value and folks received some great deals.
- We will continue to have Name tents, thank you to Charlie and Denise Lockwood, on our tables next year they were a great addition. We will not put numbers on them in the future however, some of the clients confused the table numbers when they were voting for People's Choice! OOPS!
- Jim Hiser is already working on a fix for our new signs for next year. They did not stay up very well in the heavy wind. We are also having trouble peeling off the numbers. Jim will work out a solution for that too.
- Our fliers had different show times on them. We will fix them for next year.
- We need to remember to set up the sound system at our Friday set-up next year. We did not have it for the first hour of the show.
- Charlie did a great job accommodating everyone in the table layout this year. Reserving show tables earlier was discussed and ultimately rejected by the show committee. We get the applications out in plenty of time to reserve your table, if you wait until the last minute you will be given whatever space is left over.
- We need to get a chainsaw carver ASAP for next year, We had contacted several but were unable to get one this year.
- We need to keep the side door locked so that customers can only get in the main entrance. People were getting in without paying.
- Linda Murphy is looking for someone willing to co-chair the competition and take over her position the following year. Contact a Show Committee member if you are interested.
- We would like to attract more novice and youth carvers to the show next year. Send ideas to ottoe@pa.net.
- We are discussing possible minor changes to our competition rules, more information will be given on this as the rules are finalized

Any questions, comments or suggestions for future shows are greatly appreciated.

Direct you inquiries to Nikki Otto at ottoe@pa.net or (717) 243-9114

2006 Banquet

Congratulations to Jim Hiser who was the recipient of the Larry Kampbell extra mile award this year.

Thank you to John Lovett for stepping up and organizing our banquet this year. John did a great job! We once again had good food, great entertainment, and excellent companionship. John convinced The Puppetman Laverne Seibert to fill in for our entertainment when he got a phone call that the singer he had set up to do it had laryngitis!

Found: Bob Ziegler picked up the wrong hat at the Banquet. Contact him at 717-764-4571 if it belongs to you.



2007 Seminar schedule

If you are interested in a seminar please contact Jim Hiser by email hiser@pa.net or phone at (717) 243-0644.

Date	Instructor	Project	Price	Openings
January 13	Rod Flinchbaugh	Sharpening by hand	\$45	Yes
January 27	Rod Flinchbaugh	Eyes, Nose, Mouth & ears	\$45 + Roughout	Yes
February 10	Gay Foltz	Santa or Wizard	\$65	Yes
February 24	Gary Akers	Antler Carving	\$65	Yes
March 3	Nick J. Sciortino	Beginning Chip Carving	\$35	Yes
March 24	Ed Otto	Bark Houses	\$45 + Bark	Yes
April 14	Nick J. Sciortino	Letter Carving	\$35	Yes
April 21,22,23	Vic Hood	Human Bust	\$175 + Blank	Yes
May 5, 6 (class1) June 2, 3 (class2)	Charlie Lockwood	Carving a bluebird start to finish (This is a 2 weekend class)	\$185	Yes
June 22(evening) 23, 24	Frank Rauscher	Fox in stride (power carving)	\$125	Yes
August 17 (evening) 18,19	Peter Ortel	Caricature Carving	\$145 + roughout	Yes
September 14, 15, 16	Harley Schmitgen	Caricature Carving	\$185 + roughout	Yes
October 29,30	Dennis Thornton	Caricature Carving	\$145 + roughout	Yes



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