

M a r c h

March 19, 2006

President John Lovett kicked off the meeting at 2:00 with 26 members present.

The April meeting has been Cancelled due to Easter. We will see you on May 20! We will have a program on wood-carving by Mitch Galloway.

M e e t i n g



N o t e s

Show & Tell as told by VP Ernie Castelli

Nick J Sciortino– a beautiful chipcarved box in honor of Larry Kampbell that won “Best Of Show” in Millersville. Congratulations to Nick J. and to Nick W. who helped build the basswood and butternut box.

Fern Hitchcock– a Chickadee with a walnut base.

Dave Graybill– a cane carved for his granddaughter

Bob Zeigler– A ram

Jack Moxley-a poplar dog. And a redneck buzzard.

Donna Krone– a bunch of practice boards from Linda Murphy’s painting class

We also received several carvings for the Noah’s Ark!

Tuesday night carving

Our own Nick J Sciortino conducted an outstanding Soap Stone class on a Tuesday March 28.

Because Linda Murphy is a “preferred customer” at Dick Blick, the cost was only \$3. Please bring your soapstone carving to the next meeting for judging!!!!

Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported we have \$7317.52 in the Treasury.

Full Moon Saloon

The Full moon Saloon carving will be on display the month of April at the Harrisburg Woodcraft Store!

Hospital/ Recovery notes

Don Stueven is now home and enjoys your humorous cards and greetings sent to 138 Aspen Dr. East Berlin, PA 17316.

Joe DeAngelis is recovering well at home, he has even been seen about town and at carving functions on occasion!

Paul Ruth had work on his eye and is also recovering!

Our deepest sympathies to Bob Zeigler who recently lost his brother Ken.

Lutheran Brethren home

Charlie Lockwood missed the deadline to reserve a display case at the Lutheran Brethren Home. He will definitely try again next year.

Wood for sale

Don and Jo Stueven have nice pieces of Bacote, Butternut, Curly Maple, Ebony, and Walnut for sale. Please contact Don at 717-259-4812 for more information or to make an offer!

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Everything you want to know about Chickadees

By
Charlie Lockwood

Chickadees are a friendly bird and not shy! They are likely to let you know when they get hungry. Chickadees remind us of Quakers in a costume of a neat black cap and bib, white breast and gray smooth back. In reality, however, they are less like sober churchgoers and more like acrobats with an attitude. So says, author Cynthia Berger in her writings. Always show action when carving a chickadee.

One of the most popular birds in North America – and the most widespread. Resident chickadee species include: Carolina chickadee, Mountain chickadee, Chestnut-backed chickadee, Mexican chickadee, Boreal chickadee (Canada), the grey-headed chickadee (Alaska), and the Black-capped chickadee.

Black-capped chickadees are like Carolina chickadees – Carolina chickadees lack the white edges on their wings and wing coverts and are slightly smaller in size.

Songs for most birds have a regional dialect like humans. Chickadees have a constant sound throughout North America – with one exception – Cape Cod residents. Chickadees do not like to fly across water – so young birds in that area do not disperse like they do elsewhere.

Only 20% of food comes from feeders. They eat caterpillars and tiny insects. They can catch insects in mid-air like hummingbirds.

Chickadees hide food in caches – they can remember where their caches are for about 48 days. Brain cells die off – they lose old memories – grow new cells. Science is taking notice to determine if there is something that can be adapted to humans – Rockefeller University.

Breeding:

Starting in the fall – select mates-breed in spring-floaters move from flock to flock

Surviving the winter and always looking for a single female!

Chickadees weigh less than an average first class letter – how do they survive?

They have denser plumage than most birds of similar size and they are good at fluffing those feathers for extra insulation.

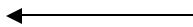
Chickadees allow their bodies to experience a kind of controlled hypothermia. They gradually increase the time between bouts of shivering until their body temperatures drop from a daytime average of about 108 degrees to a low of 86 degrees. This slows their metabolism about 25% which allows them to make it through the night on fewer calories.

Finally, they cache food and eat while roosting at night.

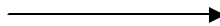




Linda Murphy was feeling the effects of the soapstone powder!



John Lovett was a recent ER patron during the Ed Otto Bark Carving seminar!



Don't forget to always wear your mask and glove!

Ernie Castelli

Is compiling a list of supply catalogs used by our members. Let Ernie know your favorite supplier so he can contact them for donations for our silent auction! 717-308-0769 or email vestonehaus@earthlink.net

Show Committee Meeting

A show committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00pm at the EBACC. Everyone is welcome to come with suggestions!

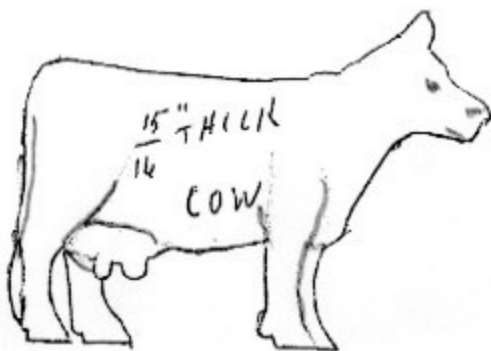
Noah's Ark

Please get your ark carvings to John Lovett by the Tuesday, April 25, so that the EBACC can display it at there annual bazaar event. You may bring them to the EBACC any Tuesday evening or send them to:

John Lovett
70 Matthew Drive
New Oxford, PA 17350



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We are also in need of small carvings for door prizes for our show this year!



These are the remaining patterns (correct to scale). The patterns taken and being carved are Noah, a bear, a lion, a giraffe an elephant, a rhino, a horse, a camel, a horned sheep, a goat, a donkey, and a Zebra. If you wish to carve an animal that is not listed above, please let Ed Otto know by calling 243-9114 or emailing ottoo@pa.net so we can eliminate duplication of animals. You may use a pattern on this page or if you do not see the animal you would like to carve please keep it to a similar scale. Be creative!



Seminars

Jim Hiser updated us on the 2006 seminars: If you are interested in a seminar please contact Jim by email hiser@pa.net or phone at (717)243-0644. If the class you are interested in is full you will be put on a waiting list.

May 6	Bill Martin	Intro to Scrimshaw	\$75 Please register by March 19
June 3	Nick J Sciortino	Beginning chip carving	\$20 + materials
August 25(eve)26-27	Pete Ortel	Caricatures	\$145 + roughout
September 15(eve) 16-17	Harley Schmitt- gen	Caricatures	\$175 + roughout
November 11-12	Jack Miller	Fish decoy	\$40 + blank \$5-\$10
TBA	Vic Hood	TBA	\$175 + blank

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