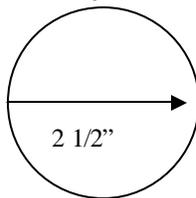


M a y M e e t i n g N o t e s

The **May Meeting** was called to order at 2:00 pm on Sunday May 21, 2006 with 33 members in attendance. We welcomed new member Dale Buffington and visitor Reyes who is a woodcarver here from Mexico. The next meeting will be June 18 at the EBACC promptly at 2:00 pm! The program will be on caricature carving.

Show Badge Competition
Design a badge for the 2006 show and you could win a \$25 prize! All entries are due and will be judged at our **July Meeting**

The badge is to be circular, 2 1/2 inches in diameter, black and white and must be reproducible. It usually includes Conewago Carvers and the show dates however the design is totally up to you! The theme for this year is "Winter Wonderland" The dates will be October 28-29, 2006.



Treasury Report
Charlie Lockwood reported we had a balance of \$7,317.52 on 3/19/2006 and with income totaling \$1,944.50 and expenses in the amount of \$1,297.83, the club now has a balance of \$7,964.19.

2006 Officers:

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Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup

Cherry Ridge Campground near Scranton, PA will again host this great event. Come join the fun July 24-27 and take free seminars from 25 great carvers including some from our very own club! (Nick Sciortino might even teach chainsaw chipcarving!!) There are still rooms available in Honesdale 7-8 miles away from the campground so get your reservations in now! Contact Jack Miller at 717-637-6963 for more information.

Library Report

Since our librarian Linda Murphy was in Germany the club members officially declared that our Library is still there!

Jo Stueven

Is looking for someone to finish carving a wooden ship that Don was unable to complete. If you are interested please let Jo know.

Conewago Picnic

Due to a scheduling conflict, our picnic will be postponed and we will have a regular meeting on July 16. Look for upcoming information, Bill Zech is trying to reschedule the picnic for our August meeting.



Door Prizes

Thanks to Gloria Heard, patterns for door prizes are available at the EBACC to anyone who wishes to carve one for our show!



Raffle Tickets

The raffle tickets for our Ark are now for sale. Pick some up to buy or grab some extras with a picture and sell to friends family and neighbors! They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



May program Carving by Mitch Galloway

Mitch Galloway lost his sight at the age of 13 due to a brain tumor. He picked up a pocket knife when he was still a teenager and proceeded to carve an elephant. The elephant's trunk broke off and the carving took the form of a pig, and then an egg he finally Mitch had a completed work of a pile of wood chips! This did not deter Mitch, he even got his brother Mike into carving!



Mitch has come a long way since that pile of wood chips! He has been carving now for 41 years and enjoys carving stylized animals.

He often will work his project first using clay and pipe cleaners. Using his clay model or a borrowed pattern, he will ask for help to cut out a blank for his carving. Mitch says he has an advantage over the rest of us because he can "see" all sides of his carving at the same time!

Mitch primarily taught himself to carve or got instruction from friends. He only had one formal class which was through the YMCA. He met one man who would let him look at all of his carvings by picking them up and feeling them with his hands. The man one time let Mitch hold a carving of a nude woman, a prized carving of the man. As Mitch was looking at this piece, the man asked Mitch if he worked.

Mitch said "yes I have a job" The man asked what Mitch did for a living being blind. Mitch told him that he is a pastor at the United Methodist Church! The man only showed Mitch carvings of animals from that time on!



Mitch brought in a spoon he carved from a pattern made from one of Cliff Rosborough's carvings. His prized possession Horse carving he nicknamed "Lucky" (the horse had every leg broken at one time or another!) He also had a pelican that had been shown on a TV news segment on a base made of teak and walnut.

Mitch carves at least 1/2 hour a day. His goal is to find a pattern and carve an Eagle in flight.

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. Please note: A date has been set for the Vic Hood Class!

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| August 12-14 | Vic Hood | TBA | \$175 + blank | openings |
| August 25(eve)26-27 | Pete Ortel | Caricatures | \$145 + roughout | Full, waiting list |
| September 15(eve) 16-17 | Harley Schmitt-gen | Caricatures | \$175 + roughout | openings |
| November 11-12 | Jack Miller | Fish decoy | \$40 + blank \$5-\$10 | openings |

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Make checks payable to "Conewago Carvers" and mail to:

Conewago Carvers, C/O Jim Hiser, 314 Enola Rd, Carlisle Pa. 17013, 717-243-0644

Show and Tell



Jack Miller– A Hillbilly from a pattern in woodcarving illustrated and a man with a flowing beard he has been working on for commission.

Jack Moxley– A unique 3-legged camel with boots. Can't wait to see what he will carve next month!

Bill Martin– Ivory scrimshaw pieces from his class.

Bob Zeigler– Camels he carved for our Ark.

Dick Watkins– A huge full size eagle which received honorable mention in Ocean City as well as a grebe duck which he also entered in the show and won a blue ribbon. Congratulations Dick!

Ed, Nikki, and Alex Otto– each brought a soapstone bird carved in Nick Sciortino's class, Thanks again to Nick & Linda Murphy for being a Dick Blick "Preferred customer"!

Nick Sciortino– brought bark houses carved from Ed Otto's Class

