



## September Newsletter

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**September 16, 2007** President Ernie Castelli called the meeting to order at 2:00pm with 27 of our 105 members present.

### Pumpkin Bowling

The October meeting will feature "Pumpkin bowling" by Linda Murphy. Here is your task for the next meeting—Carve a wooden pumpkin 10 inches or less in diameter.

Each contestant will get 3 throws. 1st prize will be \$25, 2nd prize is \$15, and 3rd place takes home \$10!

### Health News

**Doug Gable and Jim Hiser** are both recovering very well from their surgeries.

**Bill Zech** is "Still Kick'n but not as high!"

**Dave Graybill** is up and walking after open heart surgery

### Library report

Janet Maurer and Linda Murphy organized the library in a short 5 hours! The cabinet on the left is all of the bird books and the right hand cabinet is all of the other carving books.. (Nick, the chip carving "book" is in the coffee supply cabinet behind the filters! ) 😊

When checking a book out from the Library, take the card out of the pocket on the back cover of the book, write your name and the date on it and file the card according to the Author's last name. When the book is returned, cross your name off the card and return the book to the proper cabinet and place it in alphabetical order according to the **Author**. All books not returned within 1 month are subject to a \$1 fine per month they are late!

A chip carved clock was found in the Library closet. If you are missing this item please claim it!

### Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported a beginning balance of \$5,490.72 with an income of \$1,046.50 and expenses totaling \$229.76. Leaving a balance of \$6,307.46.

### Officer Elections

Joan Hiser and John Lovett will be on our officer nomination committee. Please let them know if you are interested in being a club officer. George Maurer is no longer available to serve as Vice President so that position will need to be filled.

### Show and Tell

**Jim Hiser**- Caricature with a candle and a scarecrow

**Jo Stueven**- Chip-carved cheese and cracker tray

**John Lovett**- "Roller" Buffalo

**Carl Barnhart**- Cowboy bottle toppers

**Bill Zech**- Man wearing a barrel bill named it "After Taxes"

**Nick Sciortino**- "Hobo & Tramp" art

**Jack Moxley**- Tree horses and unicorn done in "rooster fashion"

**Bob Lusk**- A turtle

### Prez Sez.....

Welcome back to our many friends that came out in September. For those that didn't "Too bad Too sad" you missed a great program. Thanks Gary. Don't miss the "silent Auctions" at the show be sure to bring your purse! Variety and value are the key words. If you wish to make a donation now is the time. Help me make it better for you by getting it to me at our Oct. meeting or a Tuesday before the show.

It has come to my attention that one of our members has a carving in Foxchapel's Santa contest finals. There are 28 finalists so go to [www.foxchapelpublishing.com](http://www.foxchapelpublishing.com) and vote for your favorite piece. Good luck to all the finalists.

October will bring the "Murphy pumpkin bowling contest" so get into it. Nov. will have Ed Otto's method of using oil paints on your carving and having them dry BEFORE lunch. In DEC. the party of the year is on tap plan now to attend. January will bring Jim Hiser's treatment of Gilding. Feb. will have a stand up comic routine by our own Nick S. intermixed with all new chip carvings. Vern Blank agreed to do a Bird program in March. Stay tuned for more.

The Nominating committee has a new slate of officers for you to vote on as well as nominations from the floor. So be sure to come out Oct. 21st.

Ernie

### Dates to Remember

- **October 21**, at 2:00pm at the EBACC will be our next meeting and join in "Pumpkin Bowling!"
- The show is approaching fast! We still have tables available! Get your table reservations in to Charlie Lockwood.
- **October 26**, we will begin set up for the show at 1:00
- **October 27-28**, 9am-4pm is our annual show.
- **October 29-30**, Dennis Thornton Seminar
- **November 3, 5:30 pm** Annual Banquet at Zwingli Church. Get your reservations in to John Lovett (The application is attached)



## Oaxacan ('Wa- Hah- Kan') Carving

By Gary Pieffer

Oaxacan carving is a style of carving and painting popular in the Mexican state Oaxaca that became popular in the 1980's. Gary is a collector of this style of carving but has also tried a piece or 2 of his own.

The Oaxacan carvings are usually done in capalillo wood when it is still green.

Most of the carvings are not a single piece of wood, they are often pieces fitted to-

gether and not even glued. This type of wood turns very hard when it is dry and is easily sanded to a smooth finish. The painting style sets these carvings apart from any others. They are very bright colors with lots of flowers or other bold designs. In fact, there are stories that "Magic Mushrooms" helped to inspire the painting on these carvings!



## 2007 Show

- Our Theme is Holidays! There will be no fee to enter the Theme carving this year! So enter your "Holidays" carving to win a \$50 gift certificate to Fox Chapel! Start carving a project now so we will have a good number of entries!
- The Peoples Choice carving will also receive a \$50 gift certificate from Fox Chapel.
- The applications for tables are still being accepted! Please contact Nikki Otto (717) 243- 9114 or Charlie Lockwood (717) 642 - 8125 if you have any questions or did not receive your application.
- Raffle tickets are available! This year we have a child size chip-carved rocking chair and a pin-tail duck carved by James Wilson. The tickets can be picked up during our meeting or on Tuesday nights at the club room. Sell them to anyone, there is no need to be present at the show to win!
- Sign up sheets to help with the show are in our club room. Or you can call a club officer to volunteer your time!
- Conewago Carvers T-shirts and Sweatshirts will be available for purchase at the October meeting and at our show! T-shirts \$10 and Sweatshirts \$18.
- Thank you to Jesse Hinson for stepping up to be our announcer at the show this year!
- Thank you to Dick Watkins for volunteering to put the show signs up.
- Any way we advertise the show is great! If you have a local paper and have a carving you can talk about. Contact the local paper and have a story done and include a plug for the show. This is great advertisement! Tressa has done a wonderful job getting the word out, but we need all the help we can get.
- Thank you to the EBACC for announcing our show in their newsletter. There was a slight error announcing "admission Free" we will post a sign at the entrance to the show to let our guests know this was a mistake. The EBACC is unable to print a retraction before the show.
- Tony Grimes has agreed to be our Chainsaw Carver this year. He will be raffling one of his carvings out in the parking lot!
- Don't forget Judging will be a little earlier this year. Pieces will be accepted 7pm-9pm on the 26th and 7am-8am on the 27th.
- We hope to see everyone at the Show!

# CONEWAGO CARVERS BANQUET

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**DATE AND TIME:** November 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.  
(Doors Open At 5:30 p.m.)

**LOCATION:** Zwingli United Church of Christ  
403 West King Street  
East Berlin, PA  
(Across From Our Meeting Room)

**COSTS:** \$8.50 Per Person

**MENU:** Roast Chicken *and* Roast Beef,  
Filling and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, One Vegetable,  
Cold Lettuce, Coffee, Tea and Dessert  
Served Family Style

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Singing Group

***HELP MAKE THE BANQUET A SUCCESS !!!***

(Detach Here And Return Bottom Portion With Payment)

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Make check payable to "Conewago Carvers".

Please reply by October 30,2007

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ persons.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Send Check to:

**John Lovett**

**70 Matthew Drive,**

**New Oxford, PA 17350.**

## 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
October 29,30	<b>Dennis Thornton</b>	Caricature Carving	\$145 + roughout	No, call Jim to be put on a waiting list
November 10,11	<b>Jack Miller</b>	Carving and painting a shore bird	\$45 + Blank	yes
March 3,4 & 5, 2008	<b>Vic Hood</b>	Carving found Wood	\$175 + Blank	Yes
June 6,7,&8 2008	<b>Pete LeClaire</b>	Caricature Carving	\$150 + Blank	No, call Jim to be put on a waiting list

Jim is busy setting up classes for 2008 and he will try to have it completed in a month or two! Sign up now to reserve a spot!

**"I never met a carver that I didn't like... a knife that I didn't want... a chisel or gouge that I didn't need... or a piece of wood that I didn't have to have!"**

**From the Internet Author Unknown**



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