



Tuesday Night Carvers

# FEBRUARY WOOD SPLINTERS

## The Prez Sez.....

Just returned from the show at Millersville it was great. Just goes to show what can be done if you get out and do it. Congrats to York Carvers on their 35th year. Thanks to Jan Maurer for calling our members that forgot to pay their dues. It's a lousy job glad she did it.

We have been busy adjusting the club calendar for the rest of the year. Rose & John have decided to have our picnic on September 7th this year if all the arrangements can be made. We are canceling the June meeting as it's Father's Day that Sunday. In July, the meeting will be on the 13th instead of the 20th to accommodate The Northeast Carvers weekend. Tressa has been busy lining up programs for late summer and fall. Her friends at Carroll County Carvers have been more than will-

ing. We are providing some judges for their upcoming show. Our program this month is "For the Birds" presented by Vern Blank. Vern will share his many tips on painting and pricing your work. Next month Rod F will present "The anatomy of the face" followed in May by Jim H. presentation. As soon as we nail down Tressa I'll pass along those programs.

I received a call from Fern Hitchcock's widow Julia recently. She would like to sell Fern's power carver and hand pieces. She is offering a Handcraft HCT-30 #21207 controller and 2 hand pieces a Gesswein Model C-151-50 and a #6349 Power Hand II. Her asking price is \$700.00 if you are interested contact her directly at 717-624-5966.

See you all Sunday the 16th at 2.

Tressa & Ernie



### 2008 Officers

President Ernie Castelli  
Vice President Tressa Barnhart  
Treasurer Charlie Lockwood  
Secretary Ed Otto  
Newsletter Editor Nikki Otto

### Website

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### Special Dates of interest

- March 16– Our monthly meeting presentation: "For the Birds" with Vern Blank!
- March 29-30– Seminar: Carve an Indian face in Bark at the Ed Otto Seminar!
- April 5-7 Seminar: Carol Jean Boyd Will teach Cyprus knee carving (sign up today– this class is in danger of being cancelled! Beginners are welcome!)
- April 20 the next meeting presentation: Rod Flinchbaugh teaching the anatomy of a face

## Membership Notes

### 2008 Dues are Due!

You will not get the next newsletter if you have not paid!

Send your \$15 for single member or \$20 for a family membership to:

**Bill Zech 1739 Oakley Drive Dover, PA 17315-3847.**

Ernie Castelli will be ordering badges. Please let him know if you need one. They are free to new members.

Congratulations to Linda Murphy on her 3rd place win for duck painting at the Sportsman show!





## News Bulletins

- 26 members joined us for the meeting this month. It was nice seeing so many familiar faces.
- We named our newsletter, "Wood Splinters"! Other names in contention were, "Blood Splatters", "Old Hacks", "Mail-o-Gram", and "Pine Bark"
- There was very little interest in a bus trip to the Dayton Show. Only 3 couples responded, therefore
- the initiative has been dissolved.
- There was discussion about having a 1 day bus trip to the Easton MD show.
- The Community Center is doing renovations outside our carving room. If there is anything in the Hallway that belongs to the club or one of our members they need to be brought into the club room.
- We are once again

having trouble filling seminars! Please let Jim Hiser know what types of seminars interest you. Without feedback from the club members Jim can not successfully set up and fill classes that fit the needs of our members. Contact Jim Hiser 717-243-0644 or hiser@pa.net. Please Let him know what you want.

- The Carol Jean Boyd Seminar is in danger of being cancelled! Sign up today!



## Other Items of Interest

**T-shirts and Sweat-shirts** are still available! \$10 for t-shirts and \$18 for Sweat-shirts! We can Ship them for \$5 more!

Contact Nikki Otto if you are interested (717) 243-9114 or ottoe@pa.net

The Books donated by Doris Wecker are now in our Library! Thanks again Doris!



## Show and Tell

**Jack Moxley**– A mouse, a face, a chip carving, cow-boys and a cactus

**Jiim Hiser**– Flat Plane Carvings of a farmer and his wife Carved in Rod

Flinchbaugh's seminar; a biker guy and 2 wizards.

**Ed Otto**– A large wood spirit carved in Sycamore.

**George and Janet Maurer**– A bird in flight started by Fern Hitchcock, finished by George and painted by Janet,.

**Karl Barnhart**A small wren in a nest with eggs

**Linda Murphy**– A California Bunny from life



## Tramp Art by Nick Sciortino



This type of carving first caught Nick's eye this summer at the Roundup in Honesdale, PA. Nick described this as a boring process that results in not boring art!

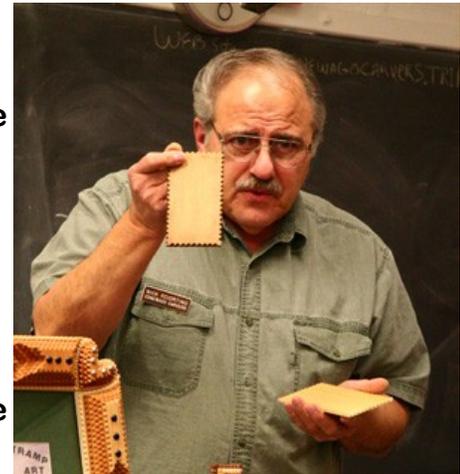
Tramp Art was made popular by Tramps who were folks that would travel around trading goods for food and shelter. (Not to be confused with Hobos who travel around and work on farms or at odd jobs for food and shelter. Bums just beg for food and

shelter.) Tramps would collect different colors of cigar boxes from trash bins and a pocket knife to create fabulous works of art. (Nick uses carving knives, basswood and stain) First, several pieces of wood will be cut into forms so they can be layered one on top of the other to create a desired shape.

Using a knife, (Thinner blades are better) notches will be made all the way around the edges of all pieces. The size of the notches should be equal to the thickness of the wood. For example if the wood is  $\frac{3}{16}$ th of an inch, the notch should be  $\frac{3}{16}$  wide and  $\frac{3}{16}$  deep. Nick

has found it to be much easier to make a template of the size cut he needs and draw it on before attempting to make the cuts. After all of the notches have been cut, the wood can be stained and pieced together using tacking glue and wire brads or upholstery tacks.

This is a very simple but tedious form of carving. The art is beautiful and each Tramp artist will create a unique signature. Some old beat-up Tramp-art frames will now sell for \$700-\$800!



### At The Next Meeting

Bring the family and join us March 16 at 2:00pm for our next meeting! Vern Blank will give a program "For the Birds" On April 20, Rod Flinchbaugh will present "The Anatomy of a Face"

### Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported the Beginning Balance to be \$6,379.30 with an Income of \$1,428.68 and Expenses equaling \$674.36 leaving a Balance of \$7,133.62 as of 2/17/2008.

### Health News

Bill Zech is reportedly going out a little at a time but still taking it easy.



**Conewago Carvers**

**Conwago Carvers 2008 Seminars**  
**Contact Jim Hiser 717-243-0644 or hiser@pa.net**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Price</b>
March 29th & 30th	Ed Otto	Indian Face in Bark	\$50 plus \$10 for bark
April 5th & 6th & 7th	Carol Jean Boyd	Cypress Knee Carving	&175 plus \$25-\$60 for the knee
April 12	Mike Galloway	Santa Carving	\$40 includes blank
April 19	Gary Akers	Eagle Head in Wart Hog Tusk	\$ 75 - \$18.75 for teen includes 8" Tusk
May 3rd, 4th & 5th	Vic Hood & Terry Truesdell	Found Wood	\$175 plus Wood
May 17th	Nick Sciortino	Chip Carving an Egg ( Class 2 )	\$TBA
May 30th, 31st & June 1st	Pete LeClarie	Caricatures	\$150
June 21st & 22nd	Frank Rauscher	Fox in stride-power carving	\$125
September 20th,21st & 22nd	Dave Stetson	Caricatures	\$175 plus roughout
October 27th & 28th	Peter Ortel	Caricatures	\$145 plus roughout