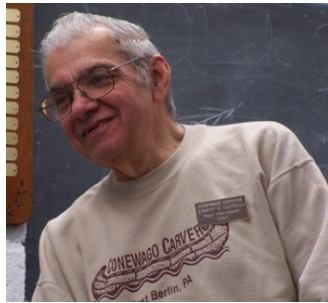


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MARCH WOOD SPLINTERS

The Prez Sez.....



Hi Folks!

A really BIG WELCOME to our new members we invite you to come to the club meeting on Sunday April 20th at 2PM. Rod Flinchbaugh will be doing a program on Anatomy of the Face. You just might need something to take notes on. If any of the new members wish to order a badge contact me ASAP. Remember the badge is so we know your name and is a invitation to the club members to speak with you. Of course you then will not have to get up at the meetings and introduce yourself.

This is going to be a busy weekend. Nick will be doing a Beginning carving program thru "EBACC" on Sat. I will be heading to the Carroll County Carver's show along with my volunteers to man our show table..

So far I have received "0" "Zippo" carvings to place on the table for display only. If you wish to sell any contact Tressa @ 420-346-6799.

She has a Maryland sales tax number. I need the display carving this week see me Tuesday night or call me at 717-308-0769. Samples of our seminar carving would really be great. As I mentioned before we have been invited to enter the show.

Tressa has informed me that the Carroll County Carvers have thrown down the gauntlet and challenged us with a project. Be sure

to come Sunday for additional details.

It's with a heavy heart that I accepted the resignation of our MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Bill Zech. Bill has been chairperson since 1995 now it's your turn..

Thanks Bill for your many years of service.

See you Sunday if not before,

Tressa & Ernie



Special Dates of interest

- April 20 the next meeting presentation: Rod Flinchbaugh teaching the anatomy of a face
- April 19 Seminar: Carving an eagle in a Boar head tusk with Gary Akers (openings!)
- May 13 we will be having another Show meeting. We need volunteers to help us to have another successful show!
- May 3,4 and 5 Seminar: Carving Found Wood with Vic Hood
- May 17 Seminar: Chip Carving an Egg with Nick Sciortino.
- May 18 Meeting Presentation: Gilding with Jim Hiser



Membership Notes

We need to give a big thank you to Bill Zech. He has been in charge of membership since 1995. Bill would now like to hand over this responsi-

bility to another Conewago member. This is a vital administrative function within our club. If you are willing to take on this responsibility please contact President Ernie at 717-308-0769.



We now have 103 paid members!

Website

conewagocarvers.tripod.com



News Bulletins

- Ernie called the meeting to order on March 16, 2008 at 2:00 PM. We welcomed guest Cody Graham and members Randall Koller and Frank Kovarovic.
 - Ernie is cleaning off the bulletin board to make room for new postings.
 - The June meeting is cancelled!
 - The July Meeting has been moved to July 13
 - The Conewago Carvers Annual Picnic will be in September. Look for the registration form in upcoming newsletters
 - Fliers are out for our Annual Show.
- You can pick them up in the club room to distribute!
- The Show Advertising committee has met and is getting started on the advertising for our show.
 - The York Paper did an article on Conewago Member Walt Spangler!



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

Show and Tell

Jack Moxley– Dragon Key holder
Ed Otto– A large wood spirit carved in Sycamore.
Karl Barnhart– A Wood spirit in Bark
Tressa Barnhart– A Tramp Art box carved in Honesdale
Janet Maurer– A bark house carved with lots of help and suggestions from several members.
Nick Sciortino– a plate done in a new style of carving called Kol-rosing
Ernie Castelli– A flat Plain Couple

Jo Stueven– a Chip-Carved Plate
Dale Buffington– an Atlantic Puffin, a Blue Jay feather and a duck made out of Balsa wood
Charlie Bixler– A “Mystery Santa”
Bill Zech - A cowboy with a cigar, A “geek guy” a mountain man and a chain with a ball (He tried carving one out of a toothpick, he hasn’t mastered it yet Good luck Bill!)
Dave Graybill– An Eagle Head





“For the Birds” by Vern Blank

Tips for carving a duck.

- Always start with a good piece of wood. Make sure it is white and lightweight.
- Float your piece of wood in 1 1/2 – 2 inches of water to make sure it will float
- Get a lot of photos of the duck you wish to carve.
- Hollow out the body of the duck using first a drill press with a Foster bit. Then clean it out with a foredoom tool and a cutsall bit.



- When sanding to a glass-like finish, use a twisting motion with the sandpaper, never sand laterally.
- When cutting your head pattern use an awl to cut the holes for the eyes. The eyes are the most important feature and must always be looking down the bill.
- If you are using a casting as a pattern keep in mind that a duck’s bill shrinks after death, make sure the casting was done soon after

the death or the bill will not be the correct size. (Vern learned this the hard way after taking precise measurements and having his duck thrown out of competition because the bill was too small!)

- Once your bird is hollowed out and your basic shape is in place, put it in a plastic bag and again float it. You will then mark the float line and add weights to the inside of the duck until it floats straight. You may then epoxy the bottom on, texture and paint the duck.
- Vern will texture the entire bird,

burning the flight feathers is fine, but he prefers to stone the other feathers.

- To finish, Vern puts on a pair of clean gloves (those you find at the dollar store are fine). He will first put 2 watery coats of Gesso on the carving. After painting the duck with oil paints, he will cover the carving with 2 coats of Lacquer.



At The Next Meeting

Bring the family and join us April 20 at 2:00pm for our next meeting! Rod Flinchbaugh will present “The Anatomy of a Face” Jim Hiser will talk to us about Gilding at our meeting on May 18.

Treasury Report

Charlie Lockwood reported last months figures were all wrong! We voted to forgive him since he said we have \$763 more than we originally thought! The beginning balance this month was

\$7,896.62 with income totaling \$1,986 and expenses of \$279.30 Leaving a balance of \$9,603.32. John Huth and Sonya Flinchbaugh will be auditing the books after Tax Sea-



Conewago Carvers

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

Date	Instructor	Project	Price
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