

# Wood Splinters

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## A Note From the President

It was great to see so many members at the March meeting. Thanks to Judi and Adam Ciemnieski for providing the snacks for the March meeting. We didn't have anyone volunteer to bring snacks for the April meeting, so please let me know if you can do this. At the March meeting, Floyd Radigan gave us an entertaining program and showed us his carving techniques for doing a practice face in a basswood stick. Thanks, Jim, for arranging this.

In April, we will be back in our regular room for the meeting. Think about bringing a guest that might be interested in carving to the next meeting. For the April program on the 17th, club member and seminar chairperson, Jim Hiser, will present a program on building a clay model from an original pattern and transforming it into a woodcarving. The May program on the 15th, will be a presentation by West Shore Carving Club member, Bruce Barbour, who will discuss carving busts of civil war soldiers in old barn beams. He is very talented and I am sure you will find his presentation very interesting. In June, we plan to have Fred Henderson present a program on how he cuts and puts together pieces of wood to make blanks for carving carousel horses. I think it sounds like a puzzle, so it should be very interesting. Make sure you put these dates on your calendars.

The Tuesday night programs are moving right along thanks to all the teachers and members participating. Come to the Tuesday night classes from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and carve. Thanks to Rose and John Huth, the club picnic is in the planning stages again after being cancelled last year. This year's picnic date is Sunday, July 31st from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Reservations and money must be turned in no later than the May meeting so we know if it is a go. Contact Rose and John at 717.757.4595 or [hootico@verizon.net](mailto:hootico@verizon.net) if you have questions or want to make reservations. Rick Baker is heading up our participation at the Summer Blast at Lake Marburg, near Hanover. He will be looking for volunteers to help man our table on Friday afternoon and evening, as well as Saturday and Sunday, all day. The dates are June 24th, 25th and 26th. Give him a hand by volunteering for an hour or more. This is a great publicity opportunity for our club and show. They expect over forty-thousand people to attend! The Carroll Carvers have offered our club a table at their show on April 16th. Rick is also in charge of this, but needs some help setting up and manning the table in the morning. The hours for this show are from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Contact Rick at 717.334.1292 or [rickybaker71@embarqmail.com](mailto:rickybaker71@embarqmail.com) for either of these opportunities to help the club.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered and helped the club during my first three months as president. I would especially like to thank Jen Felker for putting together an amazing newsletter each month and Dave Murphy for mailing those newsletters that need mailing.

Don't forget the Yorkcarvers show on May 7th, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Fourth United Methodist Church at 1067 East Market Street in York. Mitch Galloway, who presented the February program at our Club, would be glad to see us there. Happy spring!

*Doug Gable*



## 2011 Officers

President.....	Doug Gabel
Vice President.....	Rick Baker
Secretary.....	Jim Rineaman
Treasurers.....	Cliff and Ethel Rosborough
Librarian.....	Tressa Barnhart
Assistant Librarian.....	Jack Moxley
Newsletter Editor.....	Jen Felker

## About Us

Officially organized on March 14, 1992, the Conewago Carving Club was founded in East Berlin, Pennsylvania and is comprised of over one-hundred members. Each year, the club's annual Woodcarving and Wildlife Art Show attracts visitors nationwide, and the club proudly hosts several carving seminars conducted by local and nationally known woodworkers.



## March Planning Council Minutes

- Doug opened the meeting and asked if anyone had reviewed the club by-laws and had any suggested changes. There were none offered. Doug asked that everyone take time to read over the by-laws and bring any suggested changes to his attention.
- Audit of Books – It was suggested that Nikki Otto be asked to take on this audit with the help of one or two other members. Cliff will provide all of the records necessary to do an adequate audit.
- Doug informed the group that the next Show Committee would take place one hour before the May monthly meeting.
- Linda Murphy asked why there was a rule that 80% of flat art had to be wildlife related (see show committee minutes in March newsletter). Doug said that he would check into the reasoning behind this rule.
- Silent Auction – We still need somebody to take this over. Ernie has been doing it for several years, but will not be doing it for our 2011 Show. Doug asked that anybody interested contact him as soon as possible.
- There was a short discussion on Show signage.
- Doug asked if there was anything new regarding the picnic. He said that it would be discussed at the March monthly meeting.
- Banquet – Helen Diodato reported that the entertainment has been arranged and asked the group what was an appropriate fee. The group agreed that \$150.00 was appropriate. A short discussion ensued about the menu. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday Night Carving Sessions – Linda Murphy gave a brief report on the projects being worked on at the Tuesday night get-togethers.
- Monthly Meeting Programs – Doug gave a report on the upcoming monthly meeting programs.
- Club publicity – Doug said that we need somebody to take on this responsibility. Joe Diodato gave a report on the Codorus Summer Blast and suggested that the club would do well to participate. He informed the group that it was a very well attended event the last weekend in June and wanted to know if he should pursue getting us a spot at the event. This was discussed and Joe said he would take the next step in getting us a place to set up.
- New Business – Linda Murphy informed the group that she is working on the library cabinets. She wants to go through them and get them organized. She will be working on this task on Monday the 21st and welcomes anybody who wishes to help.
- There was a brief discussion on putting additional lighting in our club room.
- The next Planning Council meeting will take place on May 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned.

## Seminar Schedule 2011

### Relief Carving—Bob Stadtlander

April 8th, 9th and 10th  
\$135.00

### Scarecrow and Snowman—Jim Hiser

April 16th  
\$35.00

### Caricatures—Peter Ortel\*\*

April 30th and May 1st  
\$145.00

### Chip Carving—Nick Sciortino

March 26th  
\$35.00

### Realistic Head—Vic Hood

May 20th, 21st and 22nd  
\$200.00

### Caricatures—Pete LeClair

June 24th, 25th and 26th  
\$150.00

### Figure Carving—Don Mertz

July 8th, 9th and 10th  
\$110.00

### Gourd Carving—Bill Peoples

September (Date To Be Determined)  
Cost To Be Determined

### Caricature—D. and M. Stetson

October 31st and November 1st and 2nd  
\$175.00

### Chickadee—Linda Murphy\*

November 5th and 6th  
\$50.00

### Additional Information

\*Held in Lake Meade, Pennsylvania

\*\*Held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania

*Please review the Seminar Guidelines listed in the newsletter prior to seminar sign-up for additional seminar information.*

## Seminar Guidelines

Please note that a fifty-percent deposit is required at sign-up for all seminars. The remaining fifty-percent is due thirty days prior to the class. Because we must make a firm commitment to our instructors, the deposit is non-refundable unless there is a waiting list or you are able to have someone fill your space in the class. Seminars are filled on a first come basis. If a class is full, your name will be placed on a waiting list. To sign-up for a particular seminar, please contact Jim Hiser by phone (717.243.0644) or email (hiser@pa.net). Your space in the class will be held for one week. If you have not made your deposit after one week, you will be removed from the class list and your space in the class will be made available to other interested members. Please make all deposit checks payable to "Conewago Carvers."



## March Meeting Minutes

- Doug opened the meeting with twenty-eight members present; there were no visitors.
- Cliff gave the Treasurer's Report: Expenses, \$2,311.00; Income, \$1,675.50; Balance, \$6,676.76.
- Tressa said there was nothing to report regarding the library.
- Joan Hiser reported that our membership stands at 102 presently. Non-paying members have been removed from the club.
- Jim Hiser gave a brief report on seminars. There were no changes to report. Please refer to your newsletter for an up-to-date seminar schedule.
- Joe Diodato gave a report on the club's intentions to participate this summer at the Codorus Summer Blast event. This will be an excellent venue for our club to promote carving and club membership. Rick Baker volunteered to be in charge of this project. Anyone wanting to help should contact Rick. The event will take place over the last weekend in June, on the 24th, 25th and 26th. Rick's phone number is 717.334.1292.
- It was mentioned that the Carroll Carvers show is in April.
- Doug said again that we need someone to head up the Silent Auction for our Show in October.
- Linda Murphy gave a report on the Tuesday night projects.
- Doug said that if there were enough interest, the annual club picnic would be held on July 31st, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. He said that we would need to know who intends to attend by the May monthly meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated.
- New Business – Judi Ciemnieski said that sometime in April, we are going to paint the clubroom. This work will be done during the week, not on a weekend. She said that she, Joan Hiser and Adam are taking the initiative on this task and asked that anyone who would like to help let her know. Also, Judi said that she thought it would be a very good idea if we had 8" squares of basswood with carvings (relief or regular carvings attached to the square) done by club members and attached to the wall in some manner. The group liked this idea and a sign-up sheet was passed around to commit a carving to this task. The club will supply the 8" square basswood. If the carver does not return a finished carving, it is expected that he or she will reimburse the club for the cost of the square. There will be more information on this exciting project coming in the near future.
- The audit of the club finances was again discussed and Doug asked for a volunteer to help Nikki Otto in this endeavor. Joan Hiser volunteered.
- There were many show and tell items this month. There was an excellent array of bottle stoppers, a fish, a wood spirit, various pins, several Santa's by Gary Peiffer (painted with oil paint with beautiful results), a giraffe and a lovely chip carved bowl with a lid.
- Finally, CCA carver, Floyd Rhadigan, gave an incredible carving demonstration – carving a face. Floyd explained the facial proportions necessary when carving a face, even a caricature face. Floyd donated the example he carved to the club for everyone's reference.
- The meeting adjourned.



### We're On The Web

[www.conewagocarvers.tripod.com](http://www.conewagocarvers.tripod.com)

### Get Noticed

Interested in making club members aware of your woodcarving talents or special carving classes in the monthly newsletter? Contact a club officer for information on how to place an advertisement.

### Voice Your Opinion

Have a new idea that would put a creative spin on the newsletter? Want to be a featured carver? Excited to showcase your latest carving? Contact Jen Felker at [jenfelk@yahoo.com](mailto:jenfelk@yahoo.com) to share any ideas that you feel would positively impact the monthly newsletter!



## Tuesday Night Project List

April 5th: **Hanging Santa**, *Gerald Smith*

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April 19th: **Toad House**, *Linda Murphy*

May 10th: **Golf Ball Head**, *Cliff Rosborough*

May 17th: **Gnome**, *Bill Zech*

May 24th: **Gnome**, *Bill Zech*

## Plan On Participating

Don't miss our upcoming monthly program!

April: **Jim Hiser**, *Clay to Wood Demonstration*

