

Wood Splinters

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Commit to assisting with this year's Show by attending the first Show Committee Meeting of the year!

Mark your calendar for February 20th at 1:00 p.m. (right before the February meeting) to help support the Show Committee and share your ideas for this year's main event. Ideas are needed for the Show's theme, and your help is needed for publicity, the Silent Auction and door prizes. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. All questions should be directed to Chairperson, Kyle Gabel, at either kylemgabel@gmail.com or 717.676.7612. Thank you in advance for your assistance and support!

A Note From the President

Thank you to all the members of the Conewago Carvers for putting your trust in me to be President of our wonderful club in 2011. The club is made up of all the members and the great success of the club is due to each of you participating in the regular meetings, Tuesday night carving sessions, seminars, the annual show and all the other activities. You are the heart of the club. I hope in 2011 you will continue to participate in as many activities as your schedule allows. These activities are where you make all the great friends and develop relationships that we all enjoy as members of the Conewago Carvers.

We have a great lineup of monthly programs for each of our monthly meetings starting in February, where Mitch Galloway (brother of member Mike Galloway) will talk about how he carves. The unique aspect of this program is that Mitch is blind and creates beautiful carvings. If you want to be inspired and encouraged about carving, come to hear Mitch's presentation. You will be amazed! In March, this will be followed by Floyd Radigan talking about his carving techniques when he takes a break from teaching his seminar and spends some time with us. Last year, I missed this one, but heard how good his presentation was. I don't plan to miss it this year and neither should you! In April, 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. Please mark your calendars now for these exciting and educational programs. A big thanks to member Bill Martin for doing an excellent job presenting the January program (on really short notice). He talked about how he sharpens chisels and gouges and presented new ways to do this.

The Tuesday night programs are going great under the leadership of Linda Murphy. If you have wanted to carve and need some inspiration and help to get started, just show up on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. (or a little before) and bring one or two dollars for the project supplies. There are projects each week (see the upcoming projects in a separate item in the newsletter) and instruction is provided by a club member along with blanks for the project. These are usually one or two week projects and are great for beginners and experienced carvers alike.

After serving as the chairperson of the show the past two years, Fred Sauer has decided to step down from this position in 2011; therefore, Kyle Gabel has volunteered to be the chairperson of the show this year. Thanks to both of you. Also, after taking the silent auction at the carving show to new heights over the last few years, Ernie Castelli has decided to step down from this responsibility. Thank you, Ernie, for all your contributions to the club. And a final thank you to Linda Murphy for leading our club in 2010 and organizing the Tuesday night carvings, which have become a vital part of our club. When you see these or any other members of the club who are in leadership roles, please remember to say thank you to them. They put in a lot of extra time to help make Conewago Carvers one of the most active carving clubs in the area.

To take a quote from Linda Murphy, "Let's all keep carving, keep helping one another, and most of all, have fun."

Doug Gabel

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.



CLASSES

By Linda

\$10.00 Per Session
717.259.8051

Flat Art — Watercolors, Acrylics, Oils
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Woodcarving — All Styles (No Chip Carving)
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Thursday: 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Decorative Waterfowl and Bird Carving

Award Winning Carver | Vern Blank | 717.632.6243

Bill Martin Discussion



Seminar Schedule 2011

Paint Your Carvings—Linda Murphy*
February 12th
\$40.00

Chicken—Don Swartz
February 26th and 27th
\$100.00

Spirit Face—Ed Otto
March 12th and 13th
\$60.00

Caricatures—Floyd Rhadigan
March 18th, 19th and 20th
\$175.00

Chip Carving—Nick Sciortino
March 26th
\$35.00

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."



January Meeting Minutes

- Doug Gable brought the meeting to order.
- There were nineteen members in attendance with one visitor (Fred Henderson).
- Jim Hiser gave the group an update on Nick Sciortino's recovery from surgery. He said that Nick is recovering well.
- Treasurer's Report: Expenses, \$500.00; Income, \$0; Balance, \$7,318.81.
- There was no Library Report other than it was asked that all books that are due be returned.
- Membership Report: We currently have 110 members, but only about 3/4 of them have paid their dues. Doug urges all members who have not yet paid their 2011 dues to do so. He also reminded everyone that if you have not paid your dues by the end of February, you will be dropped from the membership rolls.
- Jim Hiser gave an update on 2011 seminars and reminded everyone that members get a one-time \$25.00 discount on seminars given by "traveling instructors."
- Doug discussed the need to name a 2011 show chairperson. We want to settle this by the end of February. Anyone interested in taking on this important task should contact Doug.
- Linda Murphy reported on the Tuesday night projects. She also indicated that some of our recent Tuesday night projects had to be delayed because of the inclement weather.
- Doug led a discussion on how to advertise our club; he asked for ideas from anyone on how we might improve on this. We are anxious to add new members to our organization.
- Doug asked if there was any new business; there was none.
- Show and Tell included an angelfish, angel, deer, Santa candle, fan bird and bear, among others.
- Bill Martin gave a wonderful talk and demonstration on power sharpening gouges using the club's power sharpener.

January Planning Council Minutes

- The next two dates for Planning Council meetings were set for March 15th and May 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- There was a discussion on the club's by-laws. Doug asked that all members read our current by-laws and suggest any changes they think are proper.
- The Planning Council discussed what would be required to have the two library cabinets re-keyed (alike). Jim Rineaman volunteered to have them re-keyed if someone would pull the locks.
- Auditing of the club's financial records was discussed. It was agreed that two people would be asked to do this audit. It is expected that Nikki Otto and one other would conduct this audit. More information on this will be forthcoming.
- We still have not chosen an additional person who would be authorized to sign club checks. The council asked Linda Murphy to be this person and she has agreed. Her signature will be registered with the club's bank.
- There was a short discussion on the 2011 show. The first show planning committee meeting will be held February 20th (prior to the February monthly meeting).
- Doug advised the planning council that a person is needed to coordinate tasks for publicizing the show. Gary Peiffer will not be able to do it in 2011.
- Doug advised that a wood vendor has expressed a desire to buy a table at the 2011 show. The council agreed that it would be okay.
- A discussion of the summer picnic was discussed. Tentatively, July 24th was suggested and would be part of our July monthly meeting.
- Next, the annual banquet was discussed and it was determined that we would have it after the annual show, as we did in 2010. It was suggested that we try to have it at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Firm information on this will be advertised in a future newsletter.
- Doug led a discussion on methods we might use in getting youths interested in joining our organization. The council discussed insurance liability concerns if we allowed youths to carve at our Tuesday night get-togethers. The council agreed that parents would have to be present to supervise the youth.
- Linda Murphy and Doug led a discussion on firming up monthly meeting programs. The council agreed that it is very important that we provide the membership with the very best meeting programs possible. This will encourage meeting attendance and provide a valuable service to our membership. It was requested that the next three monthly meeting programs be highlighted in the next newsletter.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Thank you to all members who contribute information and pictures to the monthly newsletter! Your input is very much appreciated and enjoyed by the membership. In order to make the newsletter process easier, please follow these guidelines for submittal: **1.** All materials are due to Jen Felker at jenfelk@yahoo.com no later than the Tuesday following the previous month's meeting, i.e. materials that should appear in the March newsletter are needed no later than the end of the day, Tuesday, February 22nd. This will ensure that there is time to compile the newsletter and have it sent out as early as possible. **2.** All articles should be sent unformatted, i.e. no paragraph spacing, bullets, numbering, etc. **3.** All pictures should be sent at a reasonable resolution for easy download. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Keep those articles and pictures coming!

We're On The Web

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 to share any ideas that you feel would positively impact the monthly newsletter!



Tuesday Night Project List

March 1st: **Maple Pin**, *TBD*

March 8th: **Chickadee Pin**, *TBD*

March 15th: **Small Caricature Duck**, *Joe Legore*

March 22nd: **Small Caricature Duck**, *Joe Legore*

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

April 12th: **Hanging Santa**, *Gerald Smith*

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 programs!

February: **Mitch Galloway**, *Carving Demonstration*

March: **Floyd Rhadigan**, *Carving Demonstration*

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

