

# Wood Splinters

Conewago Carving Club Newsletter

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## A Note From the President

It was great to see Nick Sciortino back and so many others at the February meeting. Thanks to Helen and Joe Diodato and Tressa and Carl Barnhart for providing the snacks and drinks for the February meeting. Also, thanks to Judi and Adam Ciemnieski for volunteering to bring the snacks for the March meeting. That brings up a reminder that if we want to have snacks at the meetings, we need volunteers to sign up for each meeting. It doesn't need to be a lot, just something to munch on and a drink –please consider volunteering for one month.

We have a great lineup of monthly programs for each of our monthly meetings. In March, Floyd Radigan will be talking about his carving techniques when he takes a break from teaching his seminar and spends some time with us. He has promised an exciting presentation. Make sure you mark March 20th on your calendar. We will be meeting in another room since Floyd will be teaching his seminar in the carving room that weekend. 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 to be very interesting. Please mark your calendars now for these exciting and educational programs. I'd like to give a big thanks to member, Mitch Galloway, for providing an entertaining and educational program at the February meeting. He discussed how he carves, despite being blind. I'm sure he was as much an inspiration to you as he was to me.

The Tuesday night programs are going great under the leadership of Linda Murphy. Make sure you pick out one or more of the projects and come to the Tuesday night sessions from 6:00 p.m. until about 8:00 p.m. and have some fun.

Kyle Gabel has volunteered to be the Chairperson of the Show in 2011, and he needs some help with a few parts of the Show. Please don't say you can't do it or you'll let someone else do it. Take a chance and try filling one of the positions. I know there is a lot of talent in this club, as evidenced by the past history, and the rest of the members provide great support and will help whenever and wherever needed. Give it a try and help make our club great! One of those jobs is being in charge of the silent auction. Thanks to Dave Graybill and Tressa Barnhart for volunteering to be in charge of collecting door prizes for the 2011 show and encouraging members to donate. Let's give the public some "WOW" door prizes at our show.

Notice how many times the word "volunteer" shows up in the newsletter. Keep on carvin'!

*Doug Gabel*

Mark  
Your  
Calendars!

Show  
2011

October 29th  
October 30th

## 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.





## Cherry Ridge Carvers Memo

The Cherry Ridge Carvers have been given full control of the Northeast Round-Up each July at the Cherry Ridge Campgrounds, on Route 191 at Cherry Ridge, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, off Exit 17 on I-84.

In regard to the Round-Up, there are at least thirteen returning instructors, including CCA member, Dennis Thornton.

**Northeast Round-Up:** Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Fall Carve In and Quilter's Retreat:** Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

There is no charge for tuition at either event, although the instructors do charge for the materials used. Vendors are available for necessary tools or carving needs.

For additional information, please contact Robert Muller, President of the Cherry Ridge Carvers, at 570.448.9017 or [rmuller@nep.net](mailto:rmuller@nep.net). For lodging at Cherry Ridge Campgrounds or other motels, please visit [www.northeastwoodcarversroundup.com](http://www.northeastwoodcarversroundup.com). There is a map and directions on the website.

## Seminar Schedule 2011

**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 Stadlander**  
 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](mailto: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."



## February Meeting Minutes

- Doug opened the meeting.
- There were twenty-eight members present and no visitors.
- Doug Gabel gave the Treasurer's Report: Intake, \$705.00; Expenses, \$915.25; Balance, \$7,608.56.
- Librarian's Report: Doug reiterated the library rules for those attending and asked that any books that might be checked out be returned in a timely manner.
- Joan Hiser gave the Membership Report and reminded everyone to please pay their membership dues for 2011. There are still ten or twelve people who have not paid.
- Jim Hiser gave the seminar update.
- Doug introduced his son, Kyle, who gave a brief summary of what was discussed at the show committee meeting earlier in the day.
- Linda Murphy gave an update on the Tuesday night projects.
- Programs coming up were discussed by Doug. Jim Hiser discussed the March program. Floyd Rhadigan (a nationally known woodcarver) will give a carving demonstration. Jim also spoke about the clay to wood program that he will be facilitating at the April meeting.
- Doug reminded everyone that the next planning council meeting will be held on March 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- There were many items for Show and Tell, including a rocking horse, some small vehicles, several Tuesday night projects, a duck decoy, a rabbit, several practice sticks and others.
- The March monthly meeting will be held on March 20th at 2:00 p.m.

## Show Committee Meeting Updates

Here is the latest information for this year's upcoming Show from Kyle Gabel:

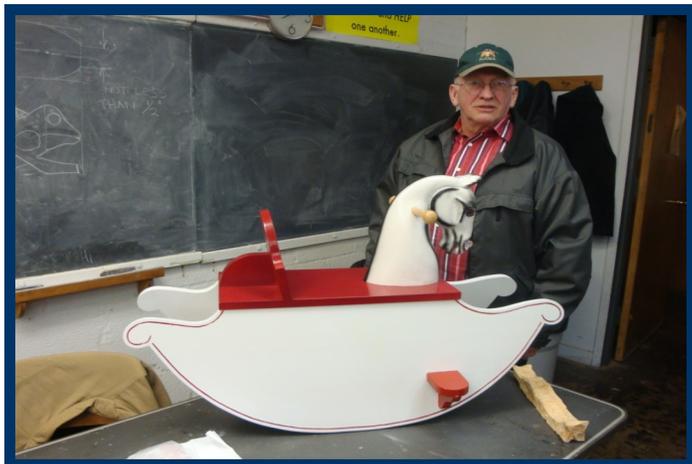
- This year's Show is scheduled for October 29th and 30th, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.
- A volunteer is needed to step up and help with publicity and the Silent Auction.
- Thank you to Tressa Barnhart and Dave Graybill for organizing the door prizes.
- This year's theme is "Holidays."
- Rules for the theme carving competition will be advertised in April's newsletter.
- Flat art displays must be 80% wildlife.
- At the club table, tickets must be presented after 3:30 p.m. in order to get your competition pieces.
- There will be another ornament sale this year, so start getting your pieces ready!
- The banquet will be held on Saturday night at 5:30 p.m.
- Please bring exhibitor badge designs to the June meeting.

## 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](mailto: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](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

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!

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

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

