

Wood Splinters

Conewago Carving Club Newsletter
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A Note From the President

To quote our bylaws, "The organization will promote, foster and encourage all activities toward the betterment of carving, whittling and sculpturing. The organization will endeavor to provide facilities for exhibits, displays and the promotion of these activities. The organization will promote the arts of carving, whittling, and sculpturing as an educational and charitable outlet and service to other organizations." Wow, are we ever following the bylaws! The Tuesday night carving projects, the educational monthly meetings (mostly presented by our members), the recent promotional events at the Codorus Blast, the York County 4-H Fair and Colonial Days in East Berlin, the seminars for all levels of carvers, the upcoming show to display our carving and art to the public, the Christmas tree ornament sale at the show to benefit Foresight Vision, the availability of reference materials in our library and our recently redecorated meeting room –we've got it covered! We have all this, *plus* have fun doing it. What a great club! The club is *you*, the members, so give yourselves a pat on the back for doing a great job of what the club founders envisioned the club should. Many of you remember Larry Kampel, one of the founders of the club; he would be proud of us!

Thanks to Joe Legore, Don Karnas, Charlie Bixler, Helen and Joe Diadoto and new member, Bruce Weaver, who worked at Colonial Days on September 10th, promoting woodcarving and our show. A special thanks to Rick Baker, who not only worked at Colonial Days but also purchased and picked up the tables and canopies then made the weights for the canopies. Thanks for the extra effort, Rick. I had a great time working with all of you and am even more convinced than ever that we need to get the word out about our carving and the show. The carving blocks are now being used to decorate the carving room. Thanks to Judi Ciemniecki for coming up with this idea, and, who along with her husband, Adam, hung the blocks following our September meeting. Make sure you see this great addition to our meeting room! Judi is hoping there will be more interest in completing additional blocks and will place an order if there is enough interest. See her at the October meeting or the show if you are interested. As I write this, we still have a few more spaces available for exhibitors at our show. If you know anyone that will fit in with our show, please contact Kyle at 717.676.7612 or kylemgabel@gmail.com with the information. Please sign up to help out at the show. It would be great to have all the times covered at all the tables before the show starts. We still need Christmas ornaments, door prizes and items for the silent auction for the show, so I hope to see lots of these at the October meeting. The October meeting on October 16th will be spent preparing for the show, and we are bringing back the ever popular PUMPKIN BOWLING! Maximum size of the pumpkin is 8" in diameter. In addition, please remember that the last day to sign up for the banquet is October 16th at the meeting.

We had a good turnout at the September meeting and had a very informative program by Nick "Koz" and Rose Sciortino. Nick and Rose showed us how they go about setting up their table at shows, told us what they do to make their display appealing to customers and shared special techniques they use to get the customer's attention. There were a lot of questions and ideas from other members pertaining to their displays. I think everyone learned a lot about setting up displays. Thanks, Nick and Rose, for presenting this program to the club members. *Continued on Page Two...*

DUES ARE DUE!

Dues for 2012 are now being collected. They can be paid at any meeting or at the show. If you are not attending these events, please mail them as soon as possible to: Joan Hiser, 314 Enola Road, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013. Please make your check payable to "Conewago Carvers."



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.



Words from the President, Continued from Page One: The November program (November 20th) will be a presentation by club member and wood burner, Nick Sciortino, on the basics of wood burning. Don't miss this program, as we have not had a program on wood burning in a long time. The December meeting will be our annual Christmas ornament carving contest and Christmas party. Don't forget that at the annual banquet on the Saturday night of the show, we will be presenting the Extra Mile Award that is given annually to a club member or members who have gone out of their way to make the club a better organization. Who will win this year? Come to the banquet to find out! I know it is early, but please think about volunteering to be an officer of the club in 2012. Joe Legore has volunteered to be President for 2012 but we still need a secretary. Nominations from the Planning Council are to be submitted to the membership at the October club meeting. Being an officer is a great experience! You get so much support from the other members and the Planning Council that being an officer is much easier than you think. If you will consider being an officer in 2012, please see me or any other member of the Planning Council. You may contact me at dougcarver51@comcast.net or call me at 717.225.6382 (home) or *Doug Gabel* 717.676.7611 (cell). Keep on carving!

September Meeting Minutes

- Doug Gabel called the September meeting to order.
- Members Report: Doug reported that Jesse Hinson had surgery and is doing well. Jesse hopes to be home by Wednesday, the 21st, or the next day if all goes well during his recovery.
- It was reported that Jim Hiser will be undergoing shoulder surgery on Monday, the 19th. Doug also reported that Bill Zech was in on Tuesday night and looked well.
- Doug asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes – there were none suggested.
- Doug reported on the last Planning Council meeting.
- Library Report: The library cabinets will be open each meeting for about fifteen minutes after the meeting. Also, for those returning checked out books and magazines, there will be a drop-off box.
- Treasurer's Report: Cliff reported both the August and September activity. August ending balance was \$5229.83, expenses were \$395.05, and income was \$633.00. For September, ending balance was \$5171.00, expenses were \$149.83, and income was \$91.00.
- Jim Hiser reported on the status of current seminars. Also, Jim spoke about new and different teaching carvers coming in next year.
- Doug spoke about the East Berlin Colonial Days that the club participated in. He thanked all members who worked at the club table. It was noted how "few people knew about our organization" and our annual show. Doug and others at the September meeting agreed that our participation in Colonial Days was a "complete success."
- Kyle Gable gave a Show Committee update. Sign-up sheets were available at the meeting for those wishing to volunteer to help this year. Doug mentioned that we are still in need of ornament carvings to be used for door prizes. Kyle said the next Show Committee meeting would be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 16th.
- Judy Ciemiecki reported that the 8" square blocks were due back today. She reported that most of the blocks are back and would be mounted in the club room that afternoon after the meeting.
- Jim Hiser brought a prototype of a Conewago Carvers name badge he had made by a person who can laser cut the club logo and person's name. The badge is wood and very nice. These badges are estimated to cost \$3.00 each. Doug asked Jim to firm up that price and passed a sample badge around for everyone to see – more on this later.
- In other business, Joan Hiser has agreed to arrange the flowers for our annual banquet.
- Show and Tell consisted of several new 8" blocks that were brought in.
- The program featured Nick and Rose Sciortino speaking about and demonstrating their ideas on setting up a display table for shows. They spoke about turntables, item placement, table covering, and related topics to make a better presentation. There were many questions about such things from those present. Doug thanked Nick and Rose for a great program.
- Doug adjourned the meeting.

Announcements

The club has been invited to set up a display at the Cumberland Valley Woodcarvers Show in the Chambersburg Mall on November 5th & 6th. If anyone can help, please contact Jim Hiser for details.

During the October meeting, we will be competing in our annual Pumpkin Bowling contest.

To participate, carve a pumpkin from any type of wood (must be no larger than 8" in diameter) and compete for prizes!



Show Update

- Sign-up sheets are in the club room. Please volunteer a few hours during the show.
- Six tables are still available –make your table reservations as soon as possible.
- Please continue to bring in door prizes and ornaments and magazines for the club sale at the show. The drop box is in the club room.
- Posters for advertising are available in the club room. Please take some and distribute throughout the community.
- If you are interested in judging or know someone who would be a good judge, please contact Dave Parker.
- Rick Baker is accepting donations for the silent auction.
- The next Show Committee meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 1:00 p.m., before the regular monthly meeting.

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."



You're Invited!

Make your reservations today for the 2011 Conewago Carvers Dinner Banquet on Saturday, October 29th. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will be held conveniently across the street from the East Berlin Area Community Center at the Zwingli UCC Church. Entertainment, featuring Sophie Glutz, a Pennsylvania Dutch comedian, will follow. The cost is \$8.50, per person. Reservations must be made in advance no later than October 16th. Please feel free to invite your family and friends for good food and fellowship at the annual banquet! The carvers look forward to seeing you there!

Conewago Carvers Dinner Banquet

It's the icing on the cake to the Woodcarving & Wildlife Art Show!

Member Name: _____
Number of Attendees: _____
Amount Enclosed: _____

Bring Your Appetite!



Clip out the attendance coupon and send it with payment to banquet organizer, Helen Diodato, at 322 Maple Drive, Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331.

Note: Please make all checks payable to "Conewago Carvers." The Banquet Attendance Coupon will only appear in the monthly newsletter during the month of September and October, so please be sure to make your reservations now. Reservations MUST be made by October 16th. If your plans to attend are still "up in the air," please clip the coupon from this month's newsletter and keep it for possible future use.

The menu will include: roasted chicken, roast beef, filling, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, salad, apple pie with ice cream, coffee and tea.

Sign up for an evening of food and fellowship now and enjoy time spent with your fellow members! Thank you for your support.

Woodcarving & Wildlife

This Fall!
October 29th
And 30th!

ART SHOW

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!



Seminar Schedule 2011 and 2012

Caricature—D. and M. Stetson

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

Chickadee—Linda Murphy*

November 5th and 6th
\$50.00

Nick Sciortino—Beginning Chip Carving

March 24th
Cost TBD

Peter Ortel—Caricatures**

April 14th and 15th
Cost TBD

Nick Sciortino—Advanced Chip Carving

May 5th and 6th
Cost TBD

Vic Hood and Terry Brasher—Realistic Face

May 19th, 20th and 21st
Cost TBD

Pete LeClair—Caricature Bust

June 22nd, 23rd and 24th
Cost TBD

Bruce Henn—Caricature Animal

July 6th (Evening), 7th and 8th
Cost TBD

Chris Hammack—Caricature

October 29th and 30th
Cost TBD

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.

