

# Wood Splinters

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## A Note From the President

At this time, I want to thank the club members for putting their trust in me to be at the helm of the Conewago Carvers. I am honored that I would be asked to serve as president of the organization. As we go forward this year, be patient with me. I am trusting in the guidance and experience of the Planning Council and the membership to help me through the year.

I look at the plaque at the front of the club room and wonder, "Can I fill the shoes of some good leaders that we have had in the past?" To that, I can only respond that I am going to give it my best shot. I look forward to not leading, but *servng* the club. I will be open to any and all suggestions that anyone may have.

I have some ideas that I would like to present to the Planning Council and membership for consideration. At this time, these are only thoughts and will need to be nurtured. You know, it is awfully hard to improve on success. When I present any ideas for consideration, please don't be afraid to offer criticism. So, as we kick off a new year, let myself and/or the Planning Council know what ideas that you may have in mind. The goal is to make a good club even better.

The weather did not cooperate with us for the show this year, but I promise you, no snow next year. I received many good comments about the show from exhibitors, entrants and visitors. One exhibitor from another club (I won't mention which one) remarked to me that our show is by far the best one in the region. His words were, "This club has got it together." This being said, we cannot rest on our laurels. We can improve and make it better yet. Apparently, we set the standard, so aim a little higher. I know it's only January, but keep in mind thoughts for the 2012 show. Let's make it better each year. Like the U.S. Marines, I will be looking for a few (more than a few) good people.

Tuesday evening projects are going well with a varied program being utilized. Linda has some good ideas for these sessions. If you have something that you would like to see for Tuesday nights or even a program for the meetings, please let myself and/or a member of the Planning Council hear it.

Looking forward to 2012, the Planning Council has some things on the schedule that will please everyone. Jim Hiser has some great seminars lined up with a few pending. Jim does a great job at lining up nationally known carvers for these seminars, as well as local instructors. Please consider taking a seminar in 2012.

*Joe Legore*



## 2012 Officers

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## 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.



## December Meeting Minutes

- The annual meeting and Christmas party was called to order by Doug Gabel. We had a very short meeting.
- We learned that Nick Sciortino is in the hospital and Jim Rineamin's wife had surgery –the club wishes them both speedy and healthy recoveries!
- Doug Gabel gave the Treasurer's report in Cliff's absence: Starting Balance, \$3,970.29; Expenses, \$1,318.81; Income, \$1,045.75; Balance, \$3,667.23.
- Joan Hiser gave the Membership report with 66 members paid. If you have not paid your dues, they are now due.
- Jim Hiser updated the seminars with three additional classes. On June 2nd, Joan Hiser will be giving a painting class. Use of the color wheel and mixing paints will be covered. Cost is \$35.00. On August 17th, 18th and 19th, Floyd Rhadigan will be doing a working Marionette class. You will carve the head, hands and feet, then assemble the marionette. He will also have his rough outs for anyone whom would rather carve them instead. Cost is \$175.00, plus materials. On September 7th, 8th, and 9th, Bob Beirmann will be doing a low relief class, carving in a plate. Cost is \$135.00, plus the plate.
- Linda Murphy gave an update on the Tuesday Night Carving projects. In January, we will be doing a chip carved cross and on February 7th and 21st, we will be carving a pine cone ornament with Jim Hiser.
- Linda also mentioned that she will be teaching a class through the East Berlin Community Center to try and bring in some new carvers. This class is intended for new carvers in the area.
- Bill Zech did Show and Tell. Bill had several spiral trees made

from basswood and mahogany. At the Yorkcarvers meeting, someone mentioned to Bill that all of the tree's spirals went to the right, so Bill did one with the spirals going to the left, mentioning that it was a challenge to do it that way for a right handed person. Fred Henderson did a relief carving of a Basset hound out of basswood and had it mounted in a display case. This is a Christmas Present for his daughter. Joe LeGore had an elf that he did in class in Hanover along with some Cottonwood Bark tree ornaments that were one of the Tuesday night projects and a Cottonwood Bark Lighthouse. Tressa Barnhart had a Chickadee that she did in Linda Murphy's class and some Cottonwood Bark tree ornaments. Carl Barnhart had an Indian Bust out of basswood and some Cottonwood Bark tree ornaments. Our newest carver, Juanita Witter, had several carvings with faces on them, a dog and a beautifully done walking stick with a spirit face carved in it. She just started carving at our show during the Spit and Whittle and has been a regular participant on Tuesday nights.

- Doug introduced Joe Legore as the new President and thanked everyone for all of the help they gave him this past year, mentioning that it was a fun year for him. He also mentioned that the Club will be 20 years old next year.
- With that, the party started. During the party, we had our annual Christmas Ornament competition with ten entries this year. Jim Hiser had the winning entry with a Santa head.
- Before the party was over, we had a visit from Santa.

