



CONEWAGO CARVERS NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017

President's Monthly Message

Happy September to Everyone! I am writing this just after the August meeting because I am leaving soon for Canada. Many thanks to Don Karnas for taking the reins of the Tuesday Night Carve-In sessions again in my absence! I will be back just in time for the September meeting with many stories from the Land to our North to share with you. You may be asking yourselves, how can she just run off to Canada like that and what will happen if she does not make it back in time for the September meeting for any reason? Never fear, I can enjoy my trip with no worries, secure in the knowledge that if such an event should occur, our meeting will be in the good and capable hands of Mr. Wonderful, my trusty VP Dave Parker! I don't know what I would do without him!

Many thanks to Jim and Joan Hiser for all of their work on the seminar programs. By the time this newsletter comes out, the second (overflow) Bruce Stake seminar will have happened. If you did not catch the pictures of the first Bruce Stake seminar yet, please look at the August newsletter to see what a wonderful event that was. Be sure to see Jim's list of upcoming seminars later in this newsletter. Next on deck after Bruce Stake is Bob Hershey who is quickly becoming one of the "winningest" woodcarvers on the national scene.

August Monthly Meeting

Progress for the show is on track.

Kyle & Doug are doing a great job. Volunteers are always needed at the show and signup sheets are on a table in the club room. We need more cane segments for the raffle cane to be turned back in. We have 2 great cane toppers, but need more segments. The profits from these canes go to our club. Don Karnes & I are accepting donations for the silent auction. Jr. & Jim Witter have agreed to sleep with carvings again this year. Details on the Whittling Contest will be forthcoming.

Jo Stueven has given our club a more than generous donation. She donated about 10 of her chip carvings to be given as door prizes, 10 carvings by others from her collection to the silent auction and 12 carvings by well-known carvers (valued at about \$2000 when she bought them years ago) to be sold to benefit Conewago Carvers and Wounded Warriors of PA. Most are David Sabols, one Bob Zeigler and one Kathy Griffin. Watch for the follow up sale announcement.

Tressa Barnhart gave the treasurers report.

We need a couple people to sign up for Joe Schumacher Caricature Class if it is to go on Oct. 20, 21, 22.



Bruce Stake had far and away the best carved tool for our grand champion tool carving competition. Oh.....he was the only one. Congratulations Bruce.

Sept. 9 is Colonial Days and Dave Parker could use some help with set-up & tear down. Set-up starts at 6:30 A.M.

Dave Parker presented the possibility of getting button down embroidered logo shirts. They will be \$30. Contact Dave Parker to order.

We received a request to help local Boy Scouts. Joe LeGore has volunteered to head this up but will need help. Please contact Joe if you can help. There are 2 projects. Boy Scout Merit Badge – Holly Leppo hollywilliamsleppo@gmail.com Lake Meade/York Springs troops. Council Roundtable – want us to give a demo about what we offer for wood carving merit badge – Ferd Prehn 717-677-6727 – home or 717-752-8113 –cell.

Oct. 21 9-4 we will be at Cashmans carving pumpkins and selling cane raffle tickets. Please let me know if interested.

Sept. 16 is Sweet Tater festival in Hampton at Thomasons Herb Farm. All are welcome to stop by for wholesome entertainment.

We have 45 signed up for the banquet. Contact Alice Burdette 717-630-9398. We would love to have you join us. The price is \$15. We also need nominees for the Extra Mile award.

We are once again looking for nominees for officers in our club.

President and Vice President are needed. This is your club so please step up to help. You have all of the past presidents to lean on for help.

Tressa Barnhart generously agreed to stay on as treasurer.

Patsy Hartnett agreed to stay on as secretary.

There is a note on the bulletin board from Kim Landis looking for tools 717-741-5548.

There is a note on the bulletin board from Woody Miller, New Oxford, selling tools, huge library mostly birds & ducks, etc. 717-624-2052.

Bruce Stake gave a brilliant talk on carving faces & walking sticks. I highly recommend any class he gives. Thank You! Bruce!

Show and Tell featured Jack Moxley and his ringed neck red duck. Mike Nowakowski chip carved a box in the Don Karnas class and a small wood wizard (not shown). I brought my finished Rainbow Trout and partially done “Woman Who Has Aged” (not shown). Rod Burdette brought his finished Santa from the Dave Parker class.



Upcoming Woodcarving Events in our Region

Attending other Club Shows and Woodcarving Roundups are great ways to further support woodcarving, to take inexpensive classes, to meet other great people and to gain more knowledge about carving.

Dayton Carver's Artistry in Wood – October 14-15

Conewago Woodcarver's Show – October 28-29

Cumberland Valley Woodcarver's Show – November 4-5

West Shore Woodcarver's Show – November 18

Upcoming Tuesday Night Projects

Don Karnas will be in charge of our Tuesday Night sessions while I am away. For now, Tuesday Night sessions will all be freestyle carving so come for the comradery and bring anything you are currently working on.

On **October 3 and 10**, I will be teaching Fan Birds. Bring your own vise and the thinnest knife you have. I only have 8 knives. On **October 17 and 24**, I will be teaching cottonwood bark Christmas Trees.



Joan Hiser will be teaching carving on wooden golf driver heads, date TBD.

We need your input, too! Please call me (Linda) with your ideas for projects at 717-968-9306.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting Topics



September 17 – Bob Hershey

Credit for the following biography and pictures of Bob's work goes to Joseph A. Savarese, (<https://www.whittleandchips.com/inspirational-artists/bob-hershey/>):

For the last eight years he has enjoyed entering many competitions including the CCA, International Congress, and Dayton. He has received many honors including 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best of Show. He is especially proud of his success in the CCA competitions; he has won 18 ribbons over the last seven years including four Blue ribbons (1st place) and 2nd Best of Show. Last year the Caricature Carvers of America Organization honored him with the CCA Merit Award. Bob has three published "how to articles" in Woodcarving Illustrated magazine and more

are in the works. He is a member of the Lancaster County Woodcarvers Club and the Conewago Carvers. He teaches classes on animal caricatures and theme bark houses. Recently several clubs have asked Bob to be their featured carver and judge their competitions. He really enjoys promoting woodcarving at every opportunity so others can enjoy carving as much as he does. And this just in (August 17, 2017): *“In case you haven’t seen it, Bob Hershey took Best of Show at the CCA’s competition in Converse, IN, today. He also got a bunch of other blue ribbons.”*



Update: Bob Hershey won Best of Show at the 2017 Caricature Carvers of America Competition



Bob with his Wining Carving.

October 22 – Linda Murphy – Woodburning Presentation and Final Show Updates

November 19 – Jim & Deb Obenstine – Slide Presentation of the Dayton Carver's Show

December 17 – Christmas Party

January 21 – Dave Parker – Turning Blanks

February 18 – Don Karnas – Hand Sharpening

March 18- In the works

April 15 – Jim Feather – Stuff He Carves

May 20: Jay Hendrickson – Master Bladesmith (knife maker, instructor)

Closing Comments

Hope to see you at the next meeting September 17 at 2:00. Just a reminder, our October meeting will be 10/22, not 10/15.

Linda Murphy

Minutes of August 20 Meeting:

Monthly Meeting of the Conewago Carvers, August 20, 2017
Called to order by President Linda Murphy 2:00 pm

Show Report – Doug Gable

Tables are almost all reserved, possible 4 more if needed.



Looking for sponsors let Doug know.

Vets and Active Military will be admitted free

Signup sheets are ready please take some time and signup for a job during the show.

Flyers are ready to go out now. If you have someplace to put them please pick them up in the meeting room.

Whittling Contest information will be emailed out to all the members and exhibitors. You can begin before the show and the carving will be sold for the silent auction.

Sign up for the Banquet soon so we have a number for the kitchen.

Your time is running out for a 25th anniversary knife. Talk to Jim Hiser to see if you can still get one. Cost is \$40

A donation of carvings will be auctioned off at the show. A price list with the estimated value is available and pre bids are welcome.

Donations of Silent Auction items are invited and can be dropped off at the club room any Tuesday night.

Treasurers Report.

The treasury is good and ready for the show and some seminars this fall.

Tuesday Night carving.

October 3rd and 10th Fan Birds taught by Linda Murphy. Bring a vice or clamp and a very thin knife for the carving.

Oct 17th and 24th bark wood Christmas Trees.

Future class: Joan Hiser will teach golf club carving.

Elections

New officers including President and Vice President will be held this fall. If you would like to step up and take one of these jobs talk to Linda Murphy.

Other Business

- Dave Parker is looking into embroidered logo shirts – more information coming
- Boy Scouts are looking for someone to help kids with their merit badges, if you would like to volunteer talk to Linda Murphy
- Nominations for that Member who goes the 'extra mile' for the club are now being accepted.

Dates

- September 9th Colonial Days – We can use some help setting up early and some members stopping by during the day and helping
- October 21 Cashman's carving pumpkins and selling raffle tickets - help needed.
- October 22 Monthly meeting moved from the 15th. Program will be wood burning by Linda Murphy
- October 27, 28 and 29 woodcarving set up and show.



Our program was about Carving Character faces. Bruce Stake brought a lot of his carvings along and kindly offered to talk about them and answer our questions. It was a very good talk and the opportunity so see some of his carving up close was nice.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45

Carving Tip from club member Tom Borecki – Not all carving gloves are the same

This was information Tom gave out at his class in June but needed to be shared with everyone.

Carving gloves are cut resistant not cut proof and all carving gloves are not equal. When looking at carving gloves a 5 is the most cut resistant you can get.

Did you know that on most carving gloves there is a 4 digit number? This is what it stands for The 1st number is abrasion, 2nd number is cut resistance, 3rd number is tear resistance and the 4th is puncture resistance.

For example 2243 has an abrasion rating of 2, cut resistance of 2, tear resistance of 4 and puncture resistance of 3. Not the best glove for carving

4543 would be the best you could get for carving.

Shirt order

Although we're not going to order club t-shirts and sweatshirts this year, a recently retired fellow carver and his wife (Harold & Anna Goodman) are starting a custom embroidery business have offered to do shirts for us.

The embroidered design was taken from our club logo is shown in the attached pics as well a couple sample shirts.

Harold & Anna will do the embroidery BUT we supply the shirts. They'll charge us \$10 per shirt.

The shirts I used are Dickies Brand work shirts which I ordered from Amazon. These wear like iron and look good right out of the washing machine. This brand is available in several retail stores including Walmart & K-Mart and probably Tractor Supply. Other brands could probably embroider just as well but there are no guarantees. The light blue and khaki colors look the best (my opinion) but color is your choice but keep in mind the color of the logo.

So, if you're interested, bring your shirt and \$10 to the September meeting. I'll drop the batch off to Harold & Anna then pick them up when they're ready.

If you have any questions, call me (Dave Parker) 410-867-2701 or





Seminars: Jim Hiser

I am working on the 2018 seminars if there is a type of carving class you want please let me know.

We need people for Joe Schumacker's class in October, we are in jeopardy of canceling this class and may be our last opportunity to have Joe come in and teach for us. As mentioned earlier there are a number of carving instructors that are retiring from traveling.

We have openings in Joe's class and Linda's class, Bob's class is full but I am taking names for Bob's class.

September 30th & Oct 1st With Bob Hershey	Caricature Animal	\$75	\$85	Plus Material
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October 20 eve, 21 & 22 With Joe Schumacher **	Caricature	\$150	\$175	Plus Material
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<http://www.cca-carvers.org/bio-pages/shum.html>

November 11th & 12th With Linda Murphy	Wood Burning	\$75	\$85	Plus Material
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