

CONEWAGO CARVERS NEWSLETTER – January 2018

President's Monthly Message

Happy New Year from warm, sunny Florida!

The next meeting is Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Conewago Club Room. My trusty VP, Patsy Hartnett, will be presiding in my absence while I bask in the Florida sunshine. Please help her anyway you can. Dave Parker (aka Mr. Wonderful) will be giving an unbelievable talk on making your own blanks to carve.

The last meeting, our Christmas party was called to order at 2:00 on Sunday, December 17th.

The participation in the Ornament Contest was great this year. Thanks to all. The club members voted the following winners:

1. Jim Hiser
2. Don Karnas
3. Linda Murphy

Ornament Contest Entries: (1st Row, L to R) Jim Hiser, Don Karnas, Linda Murphy; (2nd Row, L to R) Jack Moxley, Gary Vreeland, Mike Nowakowski; (3rd Row, L to R) Patsy Hartnett, Joan Hiser; (4th Row, L to R) Boyd Shomaker, Phyllis Stone.





My apologies to anyone who I missed taking their picture with their ornaments.

A few people dressed in the appropriate attire. Some folks brought gifts to be given to a specific person. Between the gifts I brought plus Gary Peiffer and Bill Zech helping me out with their gift donations, everyone was offered a “fabulous” gift.

See pictures on the following pages: (1st Row, L to R) Mike Nowakowski received a book on scroll sawing from Linda, Boyd Shomaker received some bark from Linda’s white oak tree for making his Fairy houses; (2nd Row, L to R) Phyllis Stone got cottonwood bark from Linda, Gary Peiffer got carving wood donated by Bill Zech; (3rd & 4th Rows, L to R) Junior Witter, Janet Witter, Dave Parker and Jean Shomaker all received carving wood from Gary Peiffer; (5th Row, L to R) Jack Moxley received a power carving DVD from Linda, Doug Gabel received a piece of carving wood donated by Bill Zech; (6th Row, L to R) Jay Hendrickson received a woodburning book from Linda, special guest Helen Sajer received a carving from Jack Moxley; (7th Row, L to R) Jim Hiser and Jessie Moxley received a piece of carving wood donated by Bill Zech; (8th Row, L to R) Helen Sajer, President of PA Wounded Warriors with Gary Vreeland, Gary Vreeland received flower tubes for use in woodturning vases from Linda; (9th Row, L to R) Tracy Davis received a Flex Cut Carving knife from Linda, Joan Hiser received a painting book from Linda; (10th thru 12th Rows, L to R) Chris Biles, Nancy Hendrickson, Ann Vreeland, Patsy Hartnett and Jim Witter all received carving wood donated by Bill Zech.







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I would like to give a special thanks to Boyd & Jean Shomaker for coming in at 12:00 and helping to set up and tear down. Many thanks to all of the others who pitched in as well.

Our special guest for the Christmas meeting was Helen Sajer, president of PA Wounded Warriors. Helen gave a very nice presentation about the work of PA Wounded Warriors which is a separate and distinct organization not to be confused with the nationwide Wounded Warrior Project. PA Wounded Warriors distinguishes itself in that it is operated by 100% volunteer labor all the way up to the top job in the organization. This allows PA Wounded Warriors to pay out 95% of all the money it receives directly to the veterans who are in need. The only expenses taken out are for things like postage and stationary. Even the office spaces they work out of are donated by the volunteers.

Before the show, Jo Stueven donated many carvings to our club to be sold and a portion of the proceeds to go to the club and also to veterans. The proceeds of the sale netted about \$1300 in total and the club decided to increase the share to the PA Wounded Warriors to an even \$1000 in honor of former members Jo Stueven and her late husband, Navy veteran Don Stueven.

The food and fellowship was great and as the meeting wound down, we sang Christmas Carols accompanied by Dave Murphy on the autoharp and exchanged warm wishes and Christmas greetings one and all.

Check out the great seminar slate (see Seminar Report, below). Some classes are already full. Be sure to get on the waiting list because sometimes we make a second class. Remember we are in transition, call Mike Nowakowski to sign up for seminars 717-761-7121 or conewagoseminars@gmail.com.

Show and Tell Pictures from the Meeting L-R: Patsy Hartnett with a hound dog and bark Christmas tree (a Tuesday night project), Linda showing Jack Moxley's Santa carving, Jay Hendrickson with a woodburning of a bear. Bring your projects to the next meeting for Show and Tell. They can be anything of interest to woodcarvers, including works in progress, not just finished projects.





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.

42nd Mid-Atlantic Artistry in Wood - February 24-25

45th Annual Lancaster County Woodcarvers - March 17 - 18

19th Ridgeway Chainsaw Rendezvous – April 26-28

48th Ward World Championship – April 27-29

Upcoming Monthly Meeting Topics

January 21: Dave Parker – Turning Blanks

February 18: Don Karnas – Hand Sharpening

March 18: Gary Stenger – Teaching and promoting woodcarving with Kids.

April 15: Jim Feather – Stuff He Carves

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

June 17: Steve Snyder – Making Duck/Turkey calls.

July 15: No meeting due to The Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup in Honesdale.

August 19: Jim Hiser will talk to us about Caricature Carvers of America.

September 16: Bob Hershey on his special painting techniques involving oil paints.

October 21: Kyle and Doug Gabel “The Show”

November 18: Jim and Deb Obenstine - Slide Presentation of the 2018 Dayton Artistry in Wood Show (Wilmington)

December 16: The 2018 Christmas Party

Closing Comments

Be sure to come out for the Tuesday Night carving sessions and monthly meetings this winter in my absence. Many thanks to Don Karnas, Patsy Hartnett and all of the others who are stepping to help.

Linda Murphy



Minutes:

Minutes of the Conewago Carvers
December 2017

- We are renewing the 3 year lease with EBACC. We are including a request to add a dust collection system, add better lighting, and paint the room.
- The treasury is doing well. We voted to donate \$50 to the Dillsburg Lions club for advertising our carving show. We also voted to donate \$50 to the Historical society of East Berlin for our table at the colonial days.
- Seminars are doing well and filling up, contact Mike Nowakowski at 717 761-7121 to sign up for classes.
- The show went well and we auctioned off a number of carvings donated by Jo Stubin and for the benefit of Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, INC. Helen Sajer, the president, was presented a check for \$1000.
- Ornament contest winners, 1st Jim Hiser, 2nd Don Karnis, 3rd Linda Murphy.
- Gifts, music and food were enjoyed
- Meeting adjourned, next meeting will be January 21st 2018

Seminars – See separate Attachment