CONEWAGO CARVERS

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Heck of a mess going on right now. Latest update - the community center is staying closed and unfortunately so are we. We will let you know by email when we can open up again. In the meantime, be smart, stay in and stay safe. The CDC has advised the best way to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 virus is to wash your hand often, maintain a 6 ft. distance and most importantly avoid crowded public areas whenever possible.

March meeting:

We did manage to squeeze in a meeting March 15th. Jim Hiser had a nice demonstration of casting your carvings. Jim showed us how he can do one carving and replicate it many times for a learning stick or a go by for others to learn from without carving all of the models himself. Those of us who were able to attend moved our chairs up to the front to watch the show. Thank-you Jim. For those of you who missed it we talked about an encore presentation later this year.

There is so much uncertainty Mike N. and Jim H. are working frantically changing seminar dates and moving teachers to different times. If you are one of those signed up for a seminar, that needs to be moved, you will be contacted personally. If you want to sign up for a seminar right now is terrific time. Many of the rescheduled classes may need to draw from waiting lists since the dates may not work for some of those already signed up. Jim Feathers and Rod Dowdy has been rescheduled and if you signed up for it you should have received the message by now. If you have any questions contact Mike Nowakowski at : conewagoseminars@gmail.com .

We will do our best to keep you updated as conditions change.

- Jim Feather's class is rescheduled from March 28th & 29th to June 13th & 14th
- Rod Dowdy's class is rescheduled from April 17, 18 & 19 to September 11, 12 & 13, there is 1 opening in Ron's class
- Again, Mike will be contacting everyone that has signed up for a class that has been or will need to be rescheduled.

Folk Carving Bird and Farm Animal - Here are samples of the projects that will be offered in Sean Lacey's class June 27th & 28th cost is $100 for members plus material.

Great Job ! Goes out to Gary Stenger and the Barnesville School for the Arts and Science.
Gary had eleven 4th graders paint a screech owl silhouette and eleven 7th graders carve and paint a Baltimore Oriole. Throughout the process the 7th grade students were focused and excited, learning how to use a Dremel, following directions, and ending with a carved bird. All the students experimented with several techniques in painting to achieve their desired effect. If all goes well, they will enter the carvings in the Ward World Championship Wildfowl Competition April 24th. We are hoping to see some of their carvings at show next fall.

For more details on this and other activities sponsored by Conewago Carvers visit our web site at http://www.conewagocarvers.com/ or https://www.facebook.com/ConewagoCarvers/

Just a note:

We just got back to our regular carving times and something comes up and what a LULU! I hope this finds you all safe and with a full freezer. I spent some time this week cleaning mine and taking stock. The frozen turkey that I got on sale in November is now roasting away nicely. I have been staying in and staying very busy. Plenty of time to do those things we put aside for a while. Here we cleaned the garden and dug in some compost, cut and split some firewood and painted a room, all positive things.

On the wood carving side, I sanded a small bench I got at the thrift shop. It was oak under the dirt and paint. Now it is looking pretty nice with a fresh coat of Danish oil. My next step is to weave the seat with shaker tape: Something new for me so it is a learning curve involved.

The good thing is we now have plenty of time to carve – Right? We are out of the community center for the next few weeks so how about a challenge.
I am calling this one the Toilet Paper Roll challenge. Toilet paper has been in the news more in the last couple of weeks than any other time I remember – even a snow storm doesn't bring out the toilet paper people. We all know what a toilet paper roll looks like with that lovely cardboard center. My challenge to you is do a carving that fits into the cardboard cylinder from the center of a roll of toilet paper. The rules are simple it needs to drop down into a roll without bending the cardboard. And it needs to be completely inside the roll top and bottom. It can be anything you want but it needs to be carved and finished during our "self-quarantine" time. Think outside the box (or should I say toilet paper roll) and carve an animal, a person, an ornament, a piece of jewelry etc. Bring it along to the next Sunday carving meeting we have and we will vote on the winner. If you cannot make it to the meeting email a photo to me of your carving with an empty toilet paper roll beside it at cuppatea@embarqmail.com and I will take the photo along to be judged. I have a nice gift for the winner. Good Luck All.

Other news:

- Every single wood carving show I know of within the next several months has been canceled. Call ahead or check their website before traveling
- Lee Valley is doing free shipping right now
- Fox chapel has free coloring pages for your kids and grandkids.
- Fox Chapel has postponed their open house scheduled for May 1 & 2.
- Fox Chapel is offering free shipping.
- Carroll Carvers Show in April is canceled
- The Ward World Championship in Ocean City Md the end of April is canceled

Centerfold!

Gettysburg Companion magazine is out, and they made us the feature article with a full centerfold story on our carving club. I blush to say I never thought I would be part of a centerfold in a magazine, but it looks like we are. The magazine came free with a Gettysburg Times Newspaper, but I am hoping to get a stack for those who want one. There is one hanging at the club room for your reading pleasure.

This note arrived in our inbox:

Bob Lusk's daughter:

Rhonda wanted us to know they are having a sale and selling all of Bob's tools, books and whatever else we can find, just wanted to let you know in case any of the members are interested.

We also had to put mom in a home so were selling everything house and all to help pay for the home,

We are having a public sale on June 20th: 309 locust street, East Berlin, It's a green house, its down from Rutters on the right hand side

So, for now that is the club news. Hope you are all getting out in the fresh air a bit and doing some carving.

Patsy Hartnett
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Now let's see what you've been up to.

Send me pictures of your projects so we can all keep in touch and remember we are here for you!

We are all in this together. Please reach out if you are in need or just need to talk.

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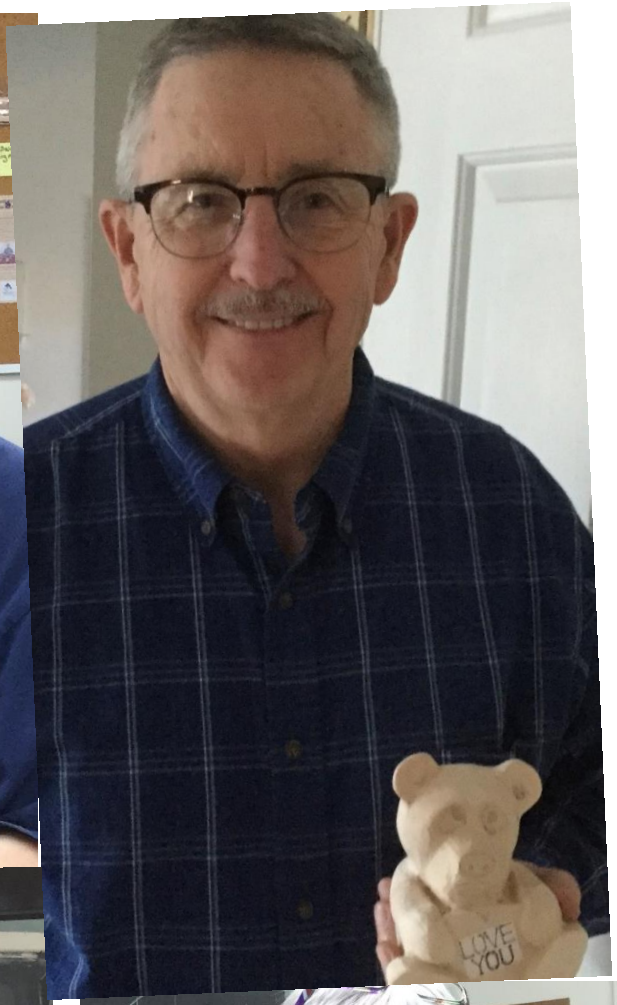
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SECERTARIES REPORT
MEETING DATE MARCH 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 2:04pm by Patsy Hartnett

Attendance at this meeting was limited due to the Coronavirus-R19

Opening comments from Patsy H.

- Patsy noted that two cards are being sent around for birthday & well wishes for signatures.
- Discussed the option of mounting the sharpening system on the front work bench or mounting it to a work stand in the back room. The one sharpening belt has been cut and needs to be replaced. Jim H. suggested we contact Chris B. as he had done this in the past.
- The Ward World Competition has been cancelled due to COVID-19
- Darlene Ward will be teaching a Tue. night class on April 14th and 21st for pelican carving. Connie Hoover will be teaching a daisy carving pin class in May. The hope is once Tue. night carving classes start again our attendance will come back up. As an example, the cane carving class that Linda M. did brought in 14 carvers for her Tue. night class.
- Other noted cancellations include the Lancaster Wood Carving Show, and the Carroll Carvers Show.
- Patsy noted that an all-day carve in is scheduled for March 31st but may be cancelled if the EBCC closes due to COVID-19.

Sunshine Report

- None

Treasurers Report

- None

Seminar Report – Mike Nowakowski gave an update on the seminars, see below for availability of classes. **NOTE: Please sent checks for the classes to Mike N. direct and not Joan Hiser.** Mike's address is: 1533 Inverness Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

2020 Seminar Classes

INSTRUCTOR	PROJECT	DATE	COST	STATUS
Jim Feather	Caricature	March 28, & 29	$90/$100	Class is full / waiting list
Mike Dieter	Canceled			
Ron Dowdy	Caricatures	April 17, 18, & 19	$175/200	Class is full / waiting list
Vic Hood	Realistic Bust Mallet & Gouge	May 9, 10, & 11	$200/$225	Class if full
Jim Hiser	Caricatures	May 30, & 31	$90/$125	Class is full / waiting list

Bob Hershey	Caricature Animals	June 6 & 7	$90/$125	Class is full / waiting list
Don Karnas	Beginning Chip Carving	June 20	$45/$55	Room for 4 more
Sean Lacey	Folk Carving Bird Farm Animal	June 27, & 28	$100/$110	Need 1 more for minimum student count
Adian Huckins	Various Projects	July 10, 11, &12	$250/$275	2 below minimum for class
Don Karnas	Intermed./Adv. Chip Carving	July 18	$45/$55	Room for more
Bruce Stake	Caricature Face	August 1, & 2	$75/$85	1 Opening
Angie Freeman	Wood Burning on a Gourd	August 29, & 30	$90/$100	3 below for minimum
Wayne Laramore	Caricatures	Sept. 25 eve., 26, & 27	$150/$175	Class is full/waiting list
Dave Parker	Santa	October 3, & 4	$90/$100	Need 1 more for class
Gary Pieffer	PA Dutch Critter carving	October 10, & 11	$90/$100	Room for more
Kathy Overcash	Bark carving	October 26 & 27	$80.00	Class is full/waiting list
Linda Murphy	Wood Burning	Nov. 7, & 8	$90/$100	3 below minimum for class

Membership Report

- Joan H. gave an update on membership and as of the March meeting there was 144 paid members.
- Please send **membership checks to Joan Hiser, at 314 Enola Road, Carlisle PA. 17013.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Patsy passed around the article that the Gettysburg Times wrote for a feature story in the Gettysburg Companion about Conewago Carvers.
- No other old business was discussed.

New Business

- Jim H. noted that photos have been posted on the bulletin board of examples of the carving done in Sean Lacey's class.
- Jim H. noted that he is already working on seminars for 2021 trying to get some new instructors lined up
- Jim Hiser reminded those present that in 2021 the CCA will be at the Lancaster Show.

- Due to COVID-19 the EBCC may close until the end of March. If this is done the Jim Feather class will be rescheduled for a later date.
- If the center does close Tuesday night, and Wed. morning carving will stop as well until the center reopens.

- Show and tell followed.

- Jim Hiser did a presentation on casting.

- This concluded all business for the monthly meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:48pm
Attendance was 9