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Hello All and welcome to July. If you have been sheltering in place or Quarantined, or Locked Down or if you are like me prefer to call it an opportunity to take things a little easier, however you look at it things certainly have changed.

- Well the club is changing too. The recommendations on a state level are to wear a mask, wash your hands often, and clean your area. The Conewago Carvers are following all of these recommendations. We are asking everyone to wear a mask in the building. I know it is unpopular with some but it is very important for the majority of the members. Remember wearing a mask protects others. It is a simple thing for you to do and may save someone's life.
- The second change is pretty simple too. We have moved the furniture around in the room to allow a social distance and have space for 15 carvers. This will allow plenty of space for us to carve and good spacing for the upcoming seminars.
- The third change is the way we enter the EBACC. The center is asking us to carefully monitor the people coming into the building. I spoke to the manager and we now have permission to use the lower door on Tuesday evening. That is our regular door. A new feature will be a doorbell, clearly marked for the carvers. That bell will ring in the carving room and we will come and open the door whenever you get there.
- Change number Four is our morning Carve time will be changing to Thursday morning by unanimous consent by all the morning carvers. The Main door will be monitored by a volunteer for us to enter, or once again, you can ring the door bell and we will come and let you in through the lower door.

So lots of changes but I believe we are rolling with the times and doing the best we can. I do have a variety of masks available, in a wide range of sizes, for you if you do not have one. I suggest you stick one in your tool box or back pocket so you have one. I understand the mask is hard for some but I personally really appreciate the person who wears one. Our members who are older or who have medical issues agree they feel much more comfortable when masks are worn. Thank you for understanding.

So Wear a Mask

Stay home if you are sick

Sit 6 feet apart

Use hand sanitizer

Clean your area.

Of course since it is summer those who wish for the fresh air and the mask-less carving can make use of the lovely tree near the parking lot or the picnic tables behind the build to gather to carve. Bring a lawn chair or carry one out from the clubroom and enjoy!

Conewago Carvers Monthly Meeting:

Our meeting in July is on the 19th at 2:00 at the East Berlin Area Community Center. Our Speaker is Phyllis Stone who will be talking about Internet Carving Friends and sites. She will be bringing along some carvings she has been given by some of her international friends. Phyllis will talk about how she connects with friends from around the world through the internet. Hope to see you there.

Our Toilet Paper Challenge carvings are due at the July meeting. With the onset of the Stay at Home orders the first item that disappeared from grocery shelves was toilet paper. So the Toilet paper challenge was started to give us some direction during our time at home. Four months later the time for judging has come. The challenge is to make a carving that fits inside a toilet paper roll. It can be anything you'd like to carve. If you are not able to come to the meeting you can email a photo of the challenge to me at cuppatea@embarqmail.com and I will print out your photo and take it along to the meeting. Gary Vreeland will be our head judge and a small gift will be awarded. You still have time to get carving.

We do not have an All Day Carve planned at this time. Hopefully when things change up a bit we can get back to them.

The EBACC is having a Garden Tour. They like to have an artist in each garden who can talk to visitors about the art they are creating. Last year Conewago Carvers were invited to be an artist and we enjoyed a lovely day sitting in a very pretty garden to carve. This year we have been invited to join them again. The event is planned for Sunday July 12th from 12 - 5. If you are interested in joining me for the afternoon please let me know. My phone is 717 252-5409 and if I don't answer please leave a message. This is a great way to promote our club.

Show News:

Here is a note from the show committee:

Recently the planning council and show committee met to discuss our upcoming show on Oct 24th and 25th 2020. At this time we are still planning to hold our annual show.

We will be monitoring the COVID-19 situation in the coming months and make any further decisions this fall. As with most things in life now, our show will be a new normal. We will have to limit the number of people in the show at any given time and we will have less exhibitor spaces available to maintain social distancing.

Show Applications for exhibitors will be available on July 6th. An email was sent to current members and past exhibitors. We will also post the application on our website and Facebook page. In the event that the show is cancelled refunds will be issued. Also, if you send in an application, but then feel uncomfortable with exhibiting, we will also issue a refund.

While I am hopeful to be able to hold the show in October, we will always err on the side of caution and never put our exhibitors or guests at risk

The Banquet has been canceled. The seating space is too small for our group to safely enjoy the food.

Kyle Gabel
Conewago Carvers Show Chairman

Just a note:

The United States is getting ready for a Presidential Election And so is Conewago Carvers.

We are taking nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary.

If you would like to be considered to lead our organization please let me know.

Job descriptions are pretty straight forward.

- The president is responsible for the writing the newsletter and then getting it to the editor (Angie Freeman) Conducting meetings and generally answering emails from many sources and acting as a representative with the EBACC and in other activities.
- The Vice President helps the president and conducts the meeting if the president is unable to make it.
- The secretary takes minutes of the meetings and types them for the president to include them in the newsletter.

If any of these seem like something you are interested in please talk to Patsy and she can answer any questions you may have about the duties. Election will take place in November and the new officers will begin in January.

A special note to the current officers: Thank-you to Gary Vreeland, Bob Nesbit and Dave Parker for serving with me for the last two years.

Seminar Report:

Conewago Carvers has a full list of seminars. Since we can't go away for the summer treat yourself to a class or two. The room is set up for social distancing and masks are required inside the building. Have a look at the list and pick out a few classes. **To sign up** Contact: Michael Nowakowski (conewagoseminars@gmail.com)

Don Karnas Advanced July 18 Several Openings

Bruce Stake August 1 and 2 Full, taking waiting list

Vic Hood August 8 to 10 2 openings

Don Karnas Beginner August 15 Several Openings

Sean Lacey August 22 and 23 Several Openings

Ron Dowdy September 11 to 13 2 openings

Bob Hershey September 19 and 20 Full, taking waiting list

Wayne Laramore September 25 evening, 26 and 27 Full, taking waiting list

Dave Parker October 3 and 4 Several Openings

Gary Pieffer October 10 and 11 **Several Openings**

Kathy Overcash October 26 and 27 Waiting List

Jim Feather October 31 and November 1 Waiting List

Linda Murphy November 7 and 8 **Several Openings**

Well that is it for this month.

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