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Hello Carvers.

Well we have another month of self-isolation, or stay at home orders or, depending on your mood, Lock Down. The Governor of Pennsylvania has a three-step opening plan and various counties are given a Red, Yellow or Green status. Adams County where Conewago Carvers and The East Berlin Area Community Center is located is still in the Red zone, so everyone is expected to stay home as much as possible. Therefore, the county remains closed. What does that mean for the carvers? Well it means we need to stay home.

So, things are canceled here for another month. Our Sunday meeting scheduled for this Sunday is canceled. The Tuesday night and Wednesday morning groups will not meet, and we will not have an all-day carve this month.

Our club has had a bit of a "hard row to hoe" as they say. In the last 5 months we have been "back to normal" for only 4 weeks. The community center plumbing issues closed us for 2 months and the Covid 19 Virus for another 2 months.

So..... How are you doing? Are you carving? Working in your yard? Reading a good book? Checking off some of those things you always wanted to get to but didn't have time? Are you working from home? Teaching your children their math skills? Let us know what you are doing. Send the emails to me and I will include them in a shout out to the membership. cuppatea@embarqmail.com (from the newsletter editor – PLEASE SEND PICS)

Don't forget the **TOILET PAPER ROLL** challenge for the first meeting when we get back to the club room. Basically, carve or burn something that fits completely inside a toilet paper roll. Bring it along to the first Sunday meeting we have when we can get back to the room. If you cannot bring it along email it to me and I will print them out for judging. I have a nice gift for the winner.

Seminars:

The fabulous duo of Jim Hiser and Mike Nowakowski, along with their sidekick Dave Parker, has been doing a great job of juggling the seminars. Jim has been working with the teachers and they have been able to move to dates later in the summer and early fall. A new schedule has been sent out to the membership and is attached to this newsletter too. Mike has contacted all the students who were affected by the changes and Dave has been sending refunds to those who need to step back after the change. Because of the changes there are openings in many of the newly scheduled classes. If you see something you would like to take please send a note to Mike Nowakowski (conewagoseminars@gmail.com) there may be an opening for you. Thank you, guys, for doing a great job!

That's it for me this month. I hope you are all staying healthy and safe. See you on the other side of this.

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Seminar Update:

Good Morning everyone, here are the latest changes for this year's seminars going forward. We have moved or canceled all the seminars through June and one in July. With such a full schedule of seminars we are running out of open weekends we have to adjust the schedule, so some cancelations have started. If you are signed up for any of the effected classes Mike will be in touch. All the canceled seminars will be rescheduled for next year. To make it simpler for bookkeeping and our Controller of funds Dave Parker we will be issuing refunds rather than carry your money over. For the rescheduled seminars if the new dates do not work for you please let Mike Nowakowski know conewagseminars@gmail.com

Jim Hiser May 30 & 31 Canceled

Bob Hershey June 6&7 moved to Sept 19 & 20

Jim Feather June 13& 14 moved to Oct 31 & Nov 1 (this is the weekend after our show)

Don Karnas beginner Chip Carving moved to Aug 15

Sean Lacey Folk animals moved to Aug 22 & 23

Adina Huckins July 10,11 & 12 Canceled - Due to the unknown booking travel and ordering supplies and the need for 2 more students we decided to cancel for this year. We are working on a date for next year. When the new schedule comes out please consider this class you won't be sorry.

This is currently where we are. We will keep you posted the best we can. We hope by July we will be in the new normal and can get back to doing what we all enjoy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mike or myself. If you are signed up for a class and don't feel comfortable taking it please contact Mike to discuss, we don't want anyone to have any more anxiety that what this crazy time is already doing to us.

We appreciate your understanding on all the changes.