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September Newsletter Conewago Carvers

It never fails to surprise me that it is September and Labor Day has passed. End of summer is close at hand and we need to gear up for pumpkins and raking leaves. For us here at Conewago Carvers we remain active on a limited basis due to Covid-19 but the club is working around that and we have a few interesting ideas to offer you some carving inspiration.

Conewago Carvers 2020 Carving Competition

Even though the Covid-19 virus forced us to cancel what would have been our 28th annual woodcarving show, we have decided to hold the carving competition. Not a "virtual" or "Zoom" competition but the real thing held in person at the East Berlin Area Community Center. The date is Sunday, November 15, 2020 (the same date as our November membership meeting) and is open to all club members.

We won't be offering prize money this year, but we also won't be charging entry fees. There will be ribbons awarded and medals for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best of class. The rules and categories used in last year's competition will apply. (Note: The "Flat Art" class was eliminated from our competition beginning with 2020.) Carvings entered in this 2020 competition, regardless of how they placed, will be eligible for entry in the 2021 competition. (For 2021, entries will have to be completed within the past three years, instead of the usual two years.)

We'll accept entries at the EBACC on Saturday (11-14-20) afternoon and again on Sunday (11-15-20) morning with judging at 1:00 that afternoon. Pieces can be picked up Sunday afternoon or we can hold them in our club room for pick up later in the week. The competition will be held in our club room at the EBACC which can be locked. Details regarding the entry times will be provided later but we'll be flexible. You can have someone else drop off or pickup your entries. You can also drop off or pick up during our regular Tuesday night or Thursday morning carving sessions.

We're still working out the details, but we plan to be as flexible as possible. Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or complaints (except for complaints from Hershey).

Dave Parker

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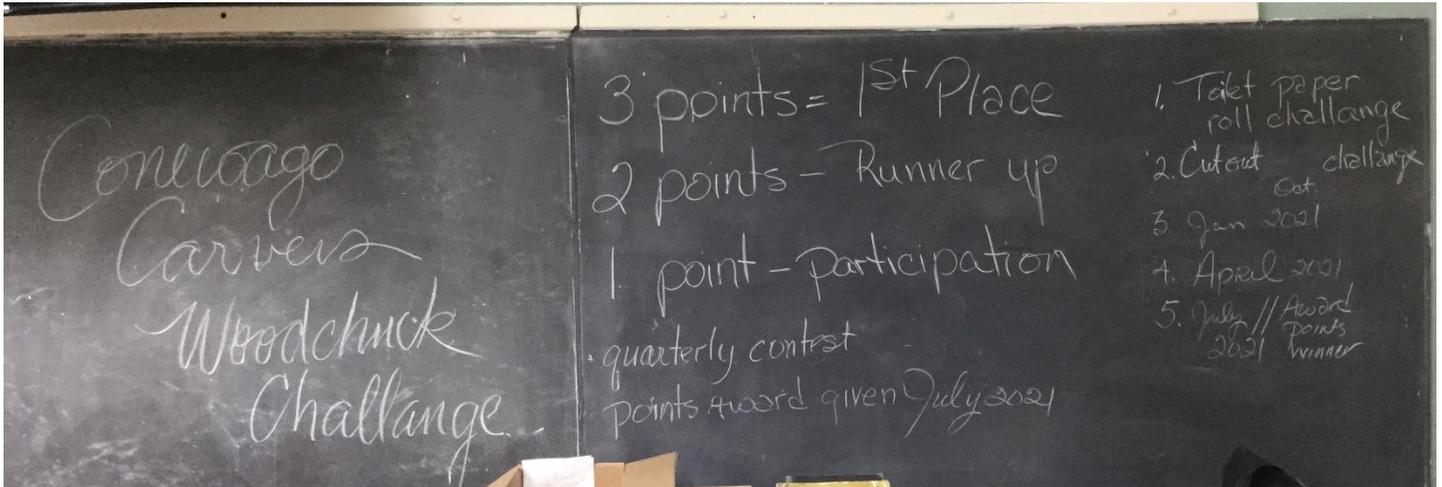
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Conewago Carvers Woodchuck Challenge



We are starting a yearlong carving competition. This will involve a quarterly challenge which the carver will have 3 months to complete.

The first challenge will be to carve something from a cutout. The club has been gifted a large box of cutouts. No patterns were provided but we all see something different in a cutout and therein lay the challenge. After our July meeting everyone was allowed to choose a cutout from a large range of sizes and shapes. Perhaps it started out to be a Santa but you may decide it looks more like a hippopotamus. Then carve the hippopotamus. You may want to trace your cutout first or take a photo of it, so we can see what you started with. If you live far away and cannot get to the club room to get a cutout, have a dig through your scraps and see if you can come up with something interesting. This challenge will be due October at our business meeting Sunday the 18th.

Points will be awarded to participants for participation and for first and second viewer's choice. Four challenges will be presented over the next 4 quarters of the year. Points will be added up and an overall winner will be announced in July 2021. If you cannot make it to the October meeting take a photo of your finished item and email it to me. Please choose a plain white background so we can see the item clearly and save a bit of ink when I print it out for the meeting.

Any questions or submission can be emailed to me at cuppatea@embarqmail.com

Member updates:

- Carl and Tressa Barnhart have moved in with their daughter. They have a converted garage for their apartment. Linda Murphy was able to track them down and Carl told her Tressa is not doing well and was hospitalized for a month earlier this year. I think it would be very nice if we can show some support by sending cards to these long time members. Their address is: Carl and Tressa Barnhart, 4258 Stumptown Rd, Taneytown, MD 21787-2614 c/o Yvette R. Andrew

- Boyd Shoemaker has had knee surgery and is busy getting better. We hope to see him back soon and we are sure his wife agrees.
- Jack Miller a long time woodcarving instructor has passed away. Condolences can be sent to his wife Winnie at: Winnie Miller, 404 Springhouse Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Business Meetings

August Meeting

The August meeting was held August 16th. Our program was First and Latest carve. We asked everyone to bring along the first or earliest carving they have and then bring along their latest carve. What a range of carvings and a clear progression of skill!

Have a look at the various photos to see the first carve we did and then the one we are working on now. Some of the carvings are separated by 30+ years and others by 2+ months! It was very nice to see how we have grown with our skills.

September Meeting

Sunday September 20th

Planning meeting at 1:00

Nomination of officers for 2021: (If you want to be considered for an office please talk to me so we can get you on the list.)

Business Meeting at 2:00

Our program will be a presentation from Jim and Joan Heiser

In the fall of 2019 they visited Heinecke's. They are going to show their photos and talk about their tour.

Cherry Ridge is still on for the fall. Dates for that are September 25-27.

A note from Dons Swartz:

Hi to all carvers and friends in the Lancaster, West Shore, NEWR and any/all other local clubs... Though our Summer and Fall plans have been interrupted by the Covid pandemic, I thought I would let you know I am going to be at Cherry Ridge on September 25-27. I am going to have some knives, gouges, some new basswood rough-outs I bought from Helvie, "Bags of Bass" and a few other miscellaneous supplies. If there is something you need, and if I can help, please send me a quick email (carvingtherapy@gmail.com) and I'll be glad to take it along. Like a few others, I plan to do a little carving (and fishing) but just want to get away for a few days.... the following week I will be having surgical repair of a rotator cuff tear, so I thought it might be pre-operatively therapeutic!! My plan is to arrive around lunch time Friday and to leave a little after lunch on Sunday.

Now let's see what some of our members have been up to during the pandemic:



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SECERTARIES REPORT
MEETING DATE AUGUST 16, 2020

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by Patsy Hartnett

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

Opening comments from Patsy H.

- Patsy did a reminder of the doorbell at our entrance, please ring the bell on the glass by Conewago Carvers Sign and someone will come up and let you in.
- Patsy noted that the newsletter went out late and with no photos this month, so watch for lots of photos in next month's newsletter.
- Reminder that Tuesday night we are carving again, and on Thursday mornings from 9 till noon. Keep in mind that we have-to be 6 feet apart and wear our face masks.
- Current noted cancellations include Conewago Carvers Show in October and the Lancaster Wood Carving Show for 2021. Additional cancellations will be noted in future newsletters.
- Patsy noted that the International Association of Wood Carvers are doing hour long seminars on YouTube. Some Conewago members already on YouTube have been Bob Hershey, Jim Feather, and Dale Kirkpatrick.

Sunshine Report

- Boyd Shomaker had knee replacement surgery and is doing well. Rumor has it that Boyd will be joining us soon.
- Linda & Dave Murphy, Ester & Sam Aulhouse are doing well and wanted to be remember to the group but remain in house arrest and keeping a low profile to avoid COVID-19.
- Rick Drobenak has been undergoing cancer treatments and now has phenomena.
- Amy Gladfelter took a fall and had to have surgery and pins put in her foot.

Treasurers Report

- All still good with treasury.

Seminar Report

- All remaining classes have been cancelled for the reminder of the year. **BUT** Jim Hiser already has a good handle for next year 2021 with some of the instructors who were going to be here this year. Big thanks to Jim for being on top of this as we all missed not being able to attend the classes this year. This will be further discussed at next month's planning meeting.

New Business

- In September we will have a planning meeting before the regular meeting. The planning meeting will start at 1:00pm, and nominations for new club officers will be taken.
- Our club is having a carving challenge ending in July 2021. Known as the Conewago Carvers Woodchuck Challenge. See attached photo for the information. Wood carving cutouts are available in the club room. A good imagination will help.

- Considering doing a group order from Heinecke Wood to help fray the postage expense. If interested let Patsy know.
- Phyllis Stone shared her birthday cake and ice cream with the group, and a not so in tune Happy Birthday to you was song to her.
- No presentation this month but those present did a first carving and the most recent carving show and tell.
- This concluded all business for the monthly meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:15pm
Attendance was 9

Well that is about it from me this month. Don't forget we are still meeting Tuesday Evening 6-8 and Thursday morning from 9 – noon. The Carvers now have our own doorbell to the left of the door. Give it a ring and someone will race up the steps to let you in. Masks are required that cover both your nose and mouth and we ask that you do not come if you are sick or running a fever.

Stay safe and keep carving.

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