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December 2023 Newsletter

Well we made it to the holiday season. Many of us celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, and some of us celebrate other holidays during the winter months. Do you know there are over 28 holidays between the months of November and January? Almost every major religion has a winter holiday. It seems like we have more time for families and celebration when we are faced with many cold days and short daytime hours.

So whatever you celebrate at your home,
We wish you a very happy and joyous holiday from
Conewago Carvers.

NEW:

Please note the newsletters are now in the process of being imported to the website. In the New Year instead of getting the newsletter in your email you will receive a link to go to the website and see the newsletter. You can at that time go to the website anytime you want to reference the newsletter, minutes and various forms for membership, show tables, volunteering, etc.

Right now I am sending out the newsletter individually to each member. Some told me that they are having trouble opening the email from me and other complaints that the newsletter is too long or that the various forms etc. are hard to print out should be easier if we make this move. A second advantage is that even nonmembers will be able to see what we are doing.

I will still send out a note to you that each new newsletter is available. If for any reason you have trouble please let me know. I cannot fix it unless I know.

Our annual Christmas-Holiday Party is this month.

Sunday December 17th at 1:00

The plan is to bring along a dish to share.

We will have the meeting quickly and then enjoy the time eating and talking.

Jay Hendrickson has donated one of his beautiful handmade knives for us to use as a door prize. Thank you so much Jay!

We did well with the show this year. Numbers show we cleared almost three thousand dollars.

Our November all day carve was very successful. There was lots of carving being done with over 25 carvers through the day. Christmas presents, ornaments and Santa Clauses were everywhere.

We decided to do a December All Day carve even though it is just the day after Christmas. The thought was that some of us may want a time away from family and holiday happenings as much as our families may want a break away from us! So we will have our All Day Carve for December on Tuesday the 26th. Doors open at 9:00am through the day until 8pm. Come for a few hours or for the day. Bring your projects and a dish to share. Hope to see you there.

We have a wonderful Thursday morning carve every week at the club room. This is a great time for those who are able to come and carve. We meet from 9 to 12. We have coffee!

TUESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

We have so many new faces and so many helpful mentors for the newest members.

I am hoping we can get someone to teach Tuesday evenings:

- Wooden Chain as there are a few new carvers asking for that.
- a cane
- A spiral Christmas tree.

Opportunities to Volunteer.

Speakers at our monthly meeting are just wonderful. We get a chance to learn something new after we take care of the business of the club. So I am looking for suggestions for programs for the 2024 year. We need about 10 programs. Perhaps you are good at power carving, cane making, making furniture, antiquing with paint, refinishing something or any other thing. If you are not sure give us a try and let me know.

If you have any events you would like to see in the newsletter please send me a note at conewagocarversclub@gmail.com . I try to have the newsletter finished and to the editor by the first of the month. You can send an email to conewagocarversclub@gmail.com

Membership Dues are now due. If you need a form to renew your club membership they are available at the club room. Or there was one attached to the newsletter last month. Ken Martz is in charge of that.

Remember we are here to Carve and Have Fun!

Patsy Hartnett,

President

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Minutes of November Meeting

November 19, 2023

ATTENDING: 10

BROUGHT TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

TREASURERS REPORT: The treasurers report was read and approved. The show brought in the following: Silent auction: \$1,800, cane \$573, whittling \$573, admissions \$2,133 and we paid out \$1,000 to the community center.

SEMINARS

Butch Clark and Linda Murphy had full classes for 2023 and we anticipate the same for next year, but it would be nice to fill all of the classes. We have added some new class teachers for this upcoming year and hope to fill these classes for 2024. Not all classes were full in 2023 we would like to hear from you if you have ideas on how to better advertise these classes. The applications are out to the public now.

Please come forward with your ideas so we can have another great year and support our instructors. The cancellation policy was again discussed, determined fair, and all cancellations will be considered individually by committee, per our policy.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON SHOW

Doug will be stepping down next year but we would like to thank him for all of his help in past years. He has done a remarkable job and is so appreciated. Big shoes to fill. We have the scouts to thank for our oversight security and for those who don't know it, the LYU kids help with set up. We are getting older and their young backs are greatly appreciated. The scouts sleep overnight so if you have candy out, don't expect it will be there in the morning, they have sweet-tooth's. Everyone did a great job of getting the signs out. It seems we could use more of them. If you have any of these signs at home, please return them as soon as possible. Next year out dates will be October 26 and 27 for those planning ahead. Thanks to all who volunteered, this is what keeps our show running each and every year; without it the show does not go on. Communication seemed to be the biggest issue for improvement, so we will be working on this. Other suggestions were moving the demonstrations away from the food areas, getting the signs out earlier, less announcements during the show, maybe moving our entrance for admission, and better volunteer lists. If you have suggestions for improvements for next year, please step up so we can make it better than this year. Every suggestion is important to us. Thanks to everyone who helped.

WEST SHORE SHOW

The show was well attended. It may be a small show, but well attended and nicely done. Bob Nesbit won a totem. Congratulations Bob.

CLOTHING ORDERS

Shirts are coming in soon. We will be taking hat orders next. We will also be able to take orders for your own piece of clothing to have a logo printed on it in the near future. If interested, see Patsy. We are going to be a really good looking group with all these fine pieces of clothing and hats. Thanks for your participation.

ALL DAY CARVE

There will be an all day carve on November 28 and December 26th

ELECTIONS - 2024

No nominations have been received for officers - surprise! Volunteers, Anyone??

Treasurer – Jim

Secretary – Donnie Lee

VP – Dave

President – Patsy

Membership – Ken

Meeting Adjourned: 3:45 PM

NEXT MEETING – 1:00 PM

DECEMBER 17 – POT LUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY – ORNAMENT CONTEST

ALL DAY CARVE - December 26 ; Yes, it is the day after Christmas, what better day to relax with friends who expect nothing of us (bring left- overs, relax, chat and carve; or not)

SHOW AND TELL

Patsy did a chickadee from Buth Clark's class with an oak leaf habitat

Connie put her chickadee on a branch with another bird and also had a birdhouse with a wren and a piliated woodpecker that she is working on as well as a wood burned buffalo

Ken showed a scroll sawed cutout of a dragonfly

Jay did a redheaded woodpecker

A box of wood bases was donated to those who could use them. Thanks to the benefactor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Lee Clarke, Secretary

Seminar form follows

Conewago Carvers 2024 Seminar Registration Form

Instructions: 1) Fill out the Registration form (print legibly). 2) Read all policies and information. 3) Send the completed form with non-refundable 50% deposit for each class requested to: Gary Peiffer, 20 Spruce Court, Manchester, PA 17345, 4) ALL checks and payments must be made out to "Conewago Carvers" with classes you are paying for in the memo section. 5) Remaining balance is due 60 days before start of seminar.

NOTE: By signing up for any class, you are agreeing to all policies and information. Please review the information in the Policy and Information section carefully.

Seminar availability: If questions, email GMPeiffer@aol.com. Write "Seminar request" in the subject line.

Student's name: _____

Club Member: (Circle One) Yes No

Email Address: _____ **Phone #** _____

Cash Amount Received: _____

Check Amount Received: _____ **Check#** _____

Circle Class(es) you wish to sign up for.

Instructor Name	Class Description	Class Dates	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost
<i>Samantha Richards</i>	Basket Weaving	March 23	\$50 + supplies	\$55 + supplies
<i>Joe Walker</i>	Power Carve a Sea Turtle	April 12,13,14	\$138 + supplies	\$150 + supplies
<i>Vic Hood</i>	Realistic Bust	May 4,5,6	\$310	\$340
<i>Bob Stadlander</i>	Relief Carving	May 10,11,12	\$125 + supplies	\$140 + supplies
<i>Blake Constable</i>	Spoon Carving	June 8,9	\$100 + supplies	\$110 + supplies
<i>Mike Dieter</i>	Antique curlew (shore bird)	June 15,16	\$110	\$122
<i>Don Karnas</i>	Beginning Chip Carving	June 22	\$50 + supplies	\$55 + supplies
<i>Bruce Stake</i>	Caricature Faces	July 13,14	\$100 + supplies	\$110 +supplies
<i>Don Karnas</i>	Intermediate Chip Carving	July 20	\$50 + supplies	\$55 + supplies
<i>Kathy Overcash</i>	Marionette Carving	July 26,27,28	\$165	\$180
<i>Donnie Lee Clarke</i>	Wood Spirit in Cottonwood bark	August 10,11	\$100 + supplies	\$110 + supplies
<i>David Sabol</i>	Santa caricature	September 13,14,15	\$175 + supplies	\$190 + supplies
<i>Jim Feather</i>	Caricature carving	October 19,20	\$125 + supplies	\$135 + supplies

<i>Dylan Goodson</i>	Relief or 3-D figure	October 28,29,30	\$250 + supplies	\$275 +supplies
<i>Linda Murphy</i>	Woodburning	November 9,10	\$100 + supplies	\$110 + supplies

Policies and Information. (Please keep this information on file for your reference, it need not be submitted with the Registration form).

General Information:

All classes are held at the East Berlin Community Center, 405 North Avenue, East Berlin, PA unless otherwise informed.

All classes are first come first served. If a class is full, you have the option of being placed on a waiting list in case another student withdraws from the class.

If you request a spot in a seminar, we will hold a spot for you for (1) week. If we have not received the 50% deposit in one week, your name will be removed and the spot will be open for other students.

Class times typically are 9:00 am-4:00 pm but may vary slightly depending on the instructor.

All tools must be provided by the student to participate in the class.

It is the student's responsibility to attend the seminar on the appointed days and times (mark your calendars). Lodging (if needed) and meals are the responsibility of student.

Carving involves sharp tools. The instructor and club cannot be held responsible for injury or death. It is highly recommended that the student bring a carving glove, thumb guard, carving apron or similar safety equipment to use during the seminar.

Payment and Cancellation Policy

Because we have to make a commitment on number of students to the instructor, a 50% deposit is due at the time you sign up for the seminar. The remaining 50% is due 60 days before the seminar. This 50% deposit is non-refundable and not transferrable unless:

- The instructor cancels the seminar.
- Cancellations or closures as ordered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- In compelling circumstances, refunds may be provided at the discretion of the Seminar committee. All decisions by the committee are final.

In addition to the 50% deposit, any balance paid for the cost of the seminar will also be refunded under the scenarios described above.