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MARCH 2024 Newsletter

Our website is being updated regularly. You can reference the newsletter, minutes and various forms for seminars membership, show tables, volunteering, etc. Please take a few minutes and check it out.

The name of our website is: Conewago Carvers and here is the link:

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SEMINARS

Seminar sign up is in progress. The form is on the website and you will need to include the deposit or better yet the entire amount needed for the class. We have space in most of the seminars for you.

Now is the time to send in that form and get your name on the class list. If we do not get enough students we need to cancel classes. There are openings in almost every class. If the class is full you will be put on the waiting list and notified if someone needs to cancel.

Here are some updates on the upcoming Seminars: At this time there is one opening in the Vic Hood class and as you may know that is a hard class to get into. Jim Feather even has openings right now. There are 2 openings in Blake's class on spoon carving. If you have not seen his

spoons you may not realize how beautiful they are. There are only 2 openings for Mike Dieters Shore Bird Class. There are openings for Don Karnis and his beginner chip carving and only 2 left for Bruce Stake's carving faces. Donnie Lee Clark is teaching bark carving faces in August and she has a few openings too. These classes and more are all open and signups are ongoing. Check out the Seminar form on line and send it off to Gary Pieffer ASAP.

Membership Dues are now DUE. If you need a form to renew your club membership they are available at the club room or on our web site. Please fill it out completely, include a check and mail it to the address on the form.

NEWS:

Our March meeting is March 17th at 2:00 and it is Saint Patrick's day so we hope you come and celebrate with us.

We will be having a show meeting before the business meeting at 1:00. This meeting is for those who wish to work on one of three committees to organize the show. If you are interested in that please come to the meeting.

March All Day carve is the 26th of February. We will have the room open from 9am to 8pm. Come for a few hours or for the entire day. We have a food table set up and you are welcome to bring along something to share. Bring your carving and spend the day with us.

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 are planning a walking stick carving session. The cane blanks have arrived and the stick carving class will begin April 2nd and continue through the Tuesdays in April and the Thursdays for those who cannot make the

Tuesdays. Patsy will be available both Tuesdays and Thursdays for instruction. Cost for the stick is \$20 when you pick it up. The sample for the walking stick is in the club room. I did order a few extras so if you did not sign up but want to join the class or just carve one on your own, there are a few available.

Lancaster County Woodcarvers 49th Carving Show

The Lancaster club put on another really good show and Conewago Carvers came out in droves to support our fellow carvers. I hope you had a chance to get there and see some of the wonderful carving going on in our area. As always I came home with a few new additions for my toolbox and lots of inspiration.

I want to thank those who spent some time sitting at our table at the Lancaster Show over the weekend. I am always afraid I will miss someone but these are the ones I know were able to spend some time. Thank you to Jim Weiner, Gary Pieffer, Dave Parker, Donnie Lee Clark, Connie Hoover, Mel Buntz, Todd Seeman, and Wayne Smith. If I did miss you I am sorry. We were well represented and were able to talk to so many people about our club and the seminars and classes we provide.

Opportunities to Volunteer.

Speakers at our monthly meeting are just wonderful. I try to find someone who will talk to our group about something they enjoy and know something about. I do not know a huge number of people but together we know many. If you know someone give me their name and I will get in touch to ask them to talk to our group. If you can talk to them that would be even better. 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 by the 5th of the month and then off to Nellie to put on the website.

You can send an email to conewagocarversclub@gmail.com

Remember we are here to Carve and Have Fun!

Patsy Hartnett,

President

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GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ATTENDING: 17

MEETING OPENED: 1:00 pm

NOTE: Many carvers have not renewed membership for 2024. Membership renewal started in January. If you have not sent in your membership dues for 2024, please send in your check for individual in the amount of \$15 or \$20 for couples, as soon as possible, to Donnie Lee Clarke at 12 Mallet Ct., Stewartstown, PA 17363. Make your check out to Conewago Carvers. Also note any changes to your current information such as e-mail, phone or address. Thanks for your immediate attention.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and approved. If you are still having difficulty getting these files on line, contact Patsy.

TREASURY REPORT: FULTON BANK: \$30,662.49

ACNB: 7,322.79

Balance in seminar accounts: \$8,39.08

Rent and Insurance have been paid for the year. Report was read and accepted

SEMINARS: We are now in the 60-day window for the start of classes and the Richards and Walker classes are below the minimum. These are great classes; you don't want to miss out. Please don't wait to sign up; so, send your money in now.

NOTE: Blake Constable has moved his class from June 8 and 9 to **June 29 and 30**. MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

We have openings in all but three classes so look over the list and sign up for your 2024 classes.

LIBRARY: We have a new book called Spoon Carving by Emmit Dresh. Ivan has donated a study stick to the library on hair and noses. This is a welcomed addition, check it out. Thanks go out to Ivan for this great addition.

The Community Center has posted a list of upcoming activities for the center and we have it posted on our front board for your information.

Patsy will be ordering walking sticks for everyone who signs up for the class. This order goes in on the 21st. The final cost will be approximately \$12-15 plus \$7 postage so somewhere around \$19-\$22. Make sure you let her know immediately as the sign-up sheet has been out for a while.

SHOW: Deep Hollow Knives will be at the show this year. The name for this year's show is "Artistry In Wood". If you have any creative ideas or suggestions please see Patsy, Dave or Doug and they will be open to any and all new suggestions. We would love to hear from you.

Next show meeting will be March 17 AT 1:00 PM

The Lancaster show will be March 9 & 10 – Please sign up to help.

Prayers going out to Boyd who had a fall and broke his ankle. Six weeks of rest and relaxation.

SHOW AND TELL: Connie is working on a beautiful woodpecker displayed on a log

Jay showed his dog sled; complete with dog, Bob did a Wiskey dog, Gary showed his bear and koala bear, Donnie Lee showed frog from this month's Woodcarving Illustrated and Ken showed turned bowls. Beautiful job, everyone.

The all-day carve will be February 27th. Come carve, bring and dish to share and stay all day or come and go as you please. Carving and great company as well as good eats makes for a fine day. Join us. 9am-8pm

SPEAKER: Hershel and Wanda Shank came in to speak to our group on how to stop bleeding. Hershel has been a paramedic in Adams Co. since 1973. He came in and gave the basics on how to handle most situations that result in blood loss due to us putting holes in our bodies or cutting off things that should not be cut off due to misuse of tools or mishaps beyond our control. He gave a really great presentation and even went so far as to check out our first aid kit. We passed. We will, however, be updating some of the items in our kit. Key words for bleeding: pressure, elevate, 911, tourniquet if necessary. But before all of that: PRECAUTIONS. Its better to keep the blood in where it belongs. Great speaker. Very informative. Thank you, Patsy.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Lee Clarke