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## MAY 2024 Newsletter

We need to thank Hershank Shank for his timely demonstration on “Stop the Bleed” a few months ago. When one of our members had a slip of the gouge at the clubroom, several members jumped into action. They stopped the bleeding, calling 911 and got the help the carver needed. We were able to put our new skills into practice.

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. <http://www.conewagocarvers.com/>

### **SEMINARS**

- Our first seminar was held with Vic Hood. And judging from the photos on Facebook the carvers did a great job.
- This weekend, May 10-12 is Bob Statlander’s class. That class is full so we should be seeing some good things coming out of that. Doug Gable is the host.
- Blake Constable’s spoon carving class is a go but there is room for 2 more. The class had been changed to June 29 and 30 so check your calendars. (\$100.)

- Mike Dieter is teaching an Antique Curlew (shore bird) June 15 and 16. The class is a go but there are one or two openings. (\$110)
  - Don Karnis has two classes on Chip carving. His Beginner class is June 22 and the cost is \$50 plus supplies there are several openings there. His intermediate class is July 20 and there are a few openings. Cost is \$50 plus supplies.
  - Bruce Stake's, Character carving class is July 13 – 14. Bruce is a fantastic carver and really breaks down the proportions for carving fantastic faces. I highly recommend it. Cost \$100.
  - Kathy Overcash class is completely filled but a waiting list is available and we often have last minute cancelations so if you are interested in the Marionette class that cost is \$165 and+ supplies and will be held July 26-28
  - Donnie Lee Clarke will be teaching Cottonwood Bark Wood Spirits August 10-11 \$100 + Supplies the class has several openings.
  - David Sable 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> September. Carve a Santa - we are full but you can be added to the waiting list.
  - Butch Clark power carving a Goldfinch October 4,5,6. We have several openings for this.
  - Jim Feather character carving. October 19-20. We do have an opening.\$125
  - Dylin Goodson is slated to be our feature carver for our October show. We have openings for this class. October 28,29, 30 \$250. A relief carving and an "in the round carving" will be offered.
  - Linda Murphy Woodburning class November 9 and 10. This is a bit of a distance from now but an excellent class if you are interested in wood burning. \$100
- To register for any of these classes send your information and the class you wish to sign up for and include a check made out to Conewago Carvers. Send your information and check to:  
Gary Pieffer, 20 Spruce Court, Manchester, PA 17345 ASAP

Now is the time to send in that form. As usual 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. Our policy is to make these decisions about 60 day out from the class date.

## NEWS:

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Our May meeting is Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

The program will be a discussion of knife sharpening using the Tormek sharpening system. Dick Lee and Wayne Smith will be talking about sharpening your tools.

- May's All-Day carve is the 28th. 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. Drop in for an hour or for the day. Bring your carving and spend the day with us.
- Once again we have been invited to join the EBACC Garden Tour as "the Artist in the Garden" the date for that is July 14<sup>th</sup>. Consider spending an afternoon at a beautiful garden talking to the visitors about our club. Bring your carving and come out to support your club. Let Patsy know you can come.
- Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup will be in Honesdale July 16 to the 20<sup>th</sup> It is a great time to spend a few days learning new things and enjoying carving This year the date is July 16 to 20.  
<http://cherryridgecarvers.org/northeast-woodcarvers-roundup/2023-northeast-woodcarvers-roundup/>
- THE Lebanon Valley Gourd Festival  
June 15-June 17 from 8am-5pm at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center  
\$3 entrance fee (80 Rocherty Rd. Lebanon, Pa.

- 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!

### Walking Stick Carving Class:

The stick carving class will continue through May. 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.

We have a few sticks left since I ordered a few extras. If you did not sign up but want to join the class or just carve one on your own, there are a few available. Talk to Patsy

## 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 willing to share their knowledge, 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](mailto:conewagocarversclub@gmail.com) .

Remember we are here to Carve and Have Fun!

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GENERAL MEETING  
CONEWAGO CARVERS  
APRIL 21, 2024

ATTENDING: 17  
MEETING OPENED: 1:00 PM

Dave Parker will not be in attendance due to an injury to his leg. Hope you are better Dave.

John Richardson received four stitches during the last Tuesday meeting due to a cut on his hand but is here tonight and doing much better. His color is back to normal (flesh tone; not sheet white). Thanks to those who rendered aid prior to and after the first responders came. Our first aid station worked quite well and showed the need for better signage on the community center which has been improved upon.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved with one correction. The tables will cost \$25.00.

FINANCIAL REPORT: FULTON BANK: \$32,858.57

ACNB \$ 7,322.79

SHOW REPORTS: All signs have been cleaned and updated. If you have any signs at home, please bring them in so that they can be updated. Wayne and John will help with the distribution of these signs for this years event. We will be purchasing 100 more signs and currently have 130 in bundles of 10. Great job.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: On July 14th we will again do the "Art in the Garden". Please think about this

event and sign up to sit and carve for the day and help promote the club.

Gary Stanger sent his thanks for our donation of \$500 and said that he had met his goal for this year.

We are still looking for speakers for our meetings. Please feel free to step up and volunteer. Nothing is too small. If you do something like eyes well or feathers; teach us your technique. It does not have to be a long talk, just a demo, but just sharing your knowledge is how the rest of us learn something new.

A little of your time is all we ask. See Patsy.

In October we will again have a display at the local library.

There is space available every Saturday at the Adams Co. Farm Market in the Recreational Park in

Gettysburg from 7-12:30 thru the summer. If you would be interested in sitting at a table please see

Patsy.

SEMINARS: We still have a lot of openings for classes. Gary will get in touch with Mr. Goodson to get more information about his class to try to spark more interest because no one knows what is being done in the class and we still need six to fill the class.

ORNAMENTS: We are asking each member to carve three ornaments to be donated for the show this year. Your participation is appreciated.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:50 PM

SHOW AND TELL: Gary Pfeifer did a Santa and showed a Dave Sagle carving of a squirrel

John Hendrickson showed a commissioned mirrored snowshoe with a mountain goat and a beautiful knife

Linda Murphy showed her relief carving of Jesus at the door

Ken Martz showed his turned pots of red oak and cherry

PRESENTATION: Done by JOHN RICHARDSON on his carved gunner ducks. John has been carving since childhood. He has been hunting with his grandfather since he was little and has had a fascination for ducks. Makes sense he would be a duck carver. He came to our club the first time with a big basket of duck heads and impressed everyone. He does this part time for pleasure but churns them out by the hundreds. I understand one year he made four thousand. Quite a task John. I don't know that many hunters. Nice demonstration. Thanks John.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donnie Lee Clarke, Secretary