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

Membership:

Our membership dues will come due in the fall for the 2025 year. Donnie Lee Clark is the membership person and will be accepting dues at the October show or you can mail them to:

Donnie Lee Clark at dustydawg3894@gmail.com

12 Mallet Ct. Stewartstown, PA 17363

We will be looking for new officers for the 2025 year. I am completing my second year and according to our bylaws it is time to choose new officers. I am particularly looking for a secretary. But if you, or anyone you know, wishes to take part in the operational side of the club please talk to me.

Patsy Hartnett cuppateafor2@gmail.com

For everyone who brought a shirt or fleece to have the club logo embroidered on it they are due back in time for the October meeting.

A hat order has been placed for club hats. They will be available at the club show for anyone who wishes one. The Navy, Camo, and black hats are structured and the green, turquoise, and dark purple are unstructured. Cost at the show will be \$20.00.

SEMINARS

Now is the time to sign up for classes. Each class has a minimum and a maximum number of students. Almost every class has hit the minimum but there is often a single seat left to hit the maximum. If the class is full you will be put on the waiting list and notified if someone needs to cancel. Last minute cancelations often occur. All questions about classes need to go to Gary Pieffer. Classes generally start at 9am unless you are notified different and they finish at the discretion of the teacher.

- Butch Clark power carving a Goldfinch October 4,5,6. The class is a go. This class is full. Waiting list only.
- Jim Feather character carving. October 19-20. This class is only one space left. \$125
- Dylin Goodson is slated to be our feature carver for our October show. We have openings for this class. Class project is a relief carving of an owl or a realistic carving of a sailor or a Santa. This looks like it is a go but space for 3 more students. October 28, 29, 30 \$250.
- Linda Murphy Wood burning class November 9 and 10. This class is a go but space for more. Great class for learning the basics on using your wood burner. \$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

Checks should be made out to "Conewago Carvers"

Dave Parker is currently working on a new slate of classes and the seminar list will be available in October. If you have any recommendations as to what you would like to see or a carver you would enjoy taking a class from, please talk to Dave. His email is daveparker1000@gmail.com

Conewago Carver Host Homes

We have a number of students that attend our seminars that travel from quite a distance. They stay in local hotels for the duration of the class. This weekend was a three day class and the long distance students arrived the night before and stayed 4 nights. This added over 4 hundred dollars to the cost of their class weekend. So I am looking for members who would like to provide a bed. Anything beyond that would be up to the host, food, socialization or whatever.

So I would like to compile a list of available hosts. Please let me know if you have a room and what you would be willing to make available to the guest, (morning coffee or a full breakfast) and if you would like any compensation.

The guest would then get in touch with you directly and check your availability and you would be fully in charge of making the agreement.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Our September General meeting is Sunday September 15th at 2:00.

The September program will be:

We are going to try a "Sell or Swap" meet. Do you have a tool you don't use? Do you have one you hate? One you wonder why you bought it or have several all the same. We are going to try a Sell

or Swap. Bring your castoffs and put a price on them. We will lay them out; look them over and either by buying or swapping something we can go home with something new to us. The idea is not to clean out our things but rather to add something different to our own tool box. Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure.

The club has been gifted a large collection of carving related items after the death of one of our members, Nancy Streeter. Many of the items she donated will be offered at the "Sell or Swap" meet. There is wood and some plaques and a few tools and items. Some of the items will find their way into the Library and some will be offered at our show for silent auction.

October: show meeting to finalize the SHOW.

ALL DAY CARVE

We are going to do a **Thursday All day carve** again this month. Thursday September 27 and the hours are 9 to 5. 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 regular **Tuesday evening** carving at the club room. Hours are 6 to 8. Everyone is welcome. Anyone wishing to use the band saw is encouraged to come at 5 so you can do your cutouts before others arrive.

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! Anyone wishing to use the band saw should plan on using it after 12 noon so they can make their cutouts after others leave.

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. 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 .

Remember we are here to Carve and Have Fun!

Patsy Hartnett,
President

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Minutes GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2024

ATTENDING: 19

Meeting opened at 2:00 pm with the sad news that our old friend and member Nancy Streeter has passed away. Along with that news came the news of her wonderful gift to the club. She is passing along all of her carving belongings with the wishes that the club make good use of her gift for the benefit of Conewago Carvers. There is a lot of free wood available now, and a lot that will be used at a future "yard sale" within the club. The rest of the items may be used for the October event, but this has not yet been determined.

FINANCIALS: FULTON BANK - \$30,210.84

ACND \$ 7,322.29

The audit is still in progress.

SEMINAR NEWS: Classes that are full are STABLE and CLARK, openings are available in FEATHER, GOODSON, and MURPHY classes. Get your reservations in; as these openings will fill up fast.

The seminar classes for 2025 are now forming. If you, or someone you want to have on the list, see Dave about what category and when so he can get it scheduled.

There was discussion regarding the cancellation policy on seminars due to cause and frequency. It will be reviewed for 2025.

SHOW: Believe it or not, our October show is coming up fast and we need everyone's help to make it a successful year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and we ask that you sign up, even if it is for only one hour. No job is too small. So far we have sold 37 tables and have 4 sponsors. We are asking people to place signs. Make sure you have permission to place your signs before leaving them. And remove them promptly after the show. Take a bundle of ten and let Jim know where they were placed. After the show bring them back. This is one of the easy jobs I mentioned. Passing out brochures is another; and we have a lot of them.

EAST BERLIN FESTIVAL SEPT. 14TH 8am – 2 pm. We will have a table and are looking for volunteer to sit at the table. Bring cash and checks as they do not accept Plastic.

Conewago will have a yard sale next month – wood will be for sale – cash and checks only.

LIBRARY – THREE NEW BOOKS for the library – The Art of Chip Carving Tatiana Baldana

Chip Carving by Daniel Clay

And this months Wood Carving Illustrated Magazine

SHIRTS AND HATS: Patsy will be sending out the orders for hats and shirts. Please make sure to have your shirt or hat in the meeting room with your \$10.00 attached with your name on the garment of your choice so that you get your same piece back. Send your items in before the first of September, please.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS: Jim Weiner will teach Santa ornaments on Aug 27 and 29. Blanks will be available. Remember, each member has been asked to donate three ornaments and this would help to meet that goal for some of us. Hope to see you there.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30

SPEAKER: Wayne Smith brought in a large display of birds that he and his daughter carved in years past. It seems Wayne has been hiding a talent. He is quite the accomplished bird carver. He had a full-sized

swan down to a tiny little bird, and dozens in between. Big birds, little birds and all looked like they could take flight. Nice job, Wayne.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Lee Clarke

Secretary