

# Conewago Carvers Newsletter – February 2019

Our January meeting was canceled due to large amounts of snow, freezing rain, ice and slush. All of which did not happen! In an effort to keep all carvers safe I watched various weather people, several web sites, and listened to the Pennsylvania Governor when he announced he was closing the roads to commercial traffic. I consulted members in the north (Carlisle) one in the south (Maryland) and one local in East Berlin. The decision was pretty clear if we were going to cancel do it early and send out emails. The snow emergency turned out to be a bust. The roads were OK but I felt if the governor was fooled I was in good company. Thank you to the Hiser's for sending out the email and for Joan who called those who do not do email.

Just a note about the weather: It is a really hard thing to decide the road conditions of our wonderful and diverse area. In general if the schools are delayed or canceled we will not be having our weekday carving. I am sorry for the brave souls who arrive at the Community center only to find the door locked and no one home.

January was a busy month with both a Tuesday evening carve and a Wednesday morning carving time in the club room. We have been averaging 12 – 15 for each time period. If you want to come out and carve we have plenty of room. Wednesdays we meet from 10 –to 12.

- The January Tuesday evening project was provided by Bob Hershey. We had a request to do some old fashion whittling projects so naturally we turned to an old fashion kinda guy. Bob had a good class and provided all of us with several weeks of work. The imagination was sparked when Bob showed us his Bunny in a cage which has led to a lot of unusual things in cages. Oh my!
- For our Tuesday evening project for February we will have Ralph Break traveling from Greencastle to teach us a bit of Chip Carving on ornaments. He will have cutouts of several ornaments to choose from. I talked to him on the phone and it sounds like a nice project. Ralph will be in the clubroom on the 12th and the 19<sup>th</sup>. We are always looking for Tuesday evening projects.
- We have 6 new carvers who are regulars for our Tuesday night carve. It is often hard for them to figure out what to carve and how to begin. The projects really help get everyone started. If you have a good idea and you are willing to teach that idea, please talk to me about it. We would love to have you teach

something. Anyone free to teach how to carve golf balls or a little guy or some simple relief carving? It may be old hat to you but it will be new to someone else.

Several weeks ago I tuned into a news story on TV about a man with an alligator companion. When I looked closely it was our own Joie Henney and his alligator Wally. He has been on Facebook, the local papers, the news shows and just this week a friend of ours from Australia sent me an email with the story that appeared on the local news in Adelaide, South Australia. Yep you guessed it, it was about Wally, the comfort Alligator and his human Joie. Reporters are coming from around the world to meet and interview Joie and meet Wally. Who would figure we have such famous people in our club.

Our meeting this month will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Our speaker for the afternoon will be Andy Mahrer on Architectural Carvings. I must admit this is a program I am really looking forward to. I have always admired the carvings on the furniture in our church and would love to know more about it.

For Your Calendar:

- Clothing order form will be available in February we had requests for collar shirts, sweatshirts, fleece vests, hoodies and t-shirts. We will not be buying items unless they are ordered so look for the order form in February.
- We are moving the April meeting up one week to the 14<sup>th</sup> due to Easter
- Planning meetings are moving to the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 just before our regular meeting the next one is in February the 17<sup>th</sup>. This will make it easier for those who need to travel a long distance.
- Lancaster Woodcarving and Wildlife Art Festival March 16-17
- Ward World Championship Wildfowl Competition – April 26-28

Our Monthly Meetings are held the third Sunday in the month at 2:00pm.

February 17 – Andy Mahrer on Architectural Carving

March 17 – Patsy Hartnett on Canes

April 14 - -Early due to Easter – Cliff Rosborough – Sharpening

May 19 – Fred Henderson – How to lay out Carousel Horses

June 16 – Mike Nowakowski – Scroll Sawing

July 21 – Available

August 18 – Jim Hiser on working Leather

September 15 –

October 20 – the Gabel's on the Show and Pumpkin carving competition  
November 17 – the Obenstine's on the Dayton Show  
December 15 – Christmas Party

That's it for this month,

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