

WOOD SPLINTERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – RICK BAKER

Good afternoon fellow carvers! I hope that your Easter was pleasant with family and friends. It was too bad about the afternoon rain, and the prospect of cold again midweek. Hopefully this will be winter's last gasp.

Those of us who covered the Lancaster show are pleased to report that we had a great experience. People were very complimentary about the show brochure (Thanks, Kyle), and we talked to a number of people about Tuesday night carving and our show. Thanks to Dave Parker, Judi and Adam Ciemniecki, and Joan and Jim Hiser. I was there both days, and the Lancaster show had an attendance around 900. I hope that our planning and publicity can get us back over the 500 mark.

With spring coming, carving time is going to take a hit for me. Yard work and gardening, according to my wife, must take priority over wood dust and paint. It is an argument that I have never won, so I listen, only because I must. Remember that our skills need regular use, or it is like starting over. Even if you can only carve for small periods of time, 15 to 30 minutes a day, it is usually enough to keep your skills sharp.

Our meetings over the next few months will have some great programs. At our **April** meeting, Jim Hiser will discuss his use of clay models in designing a roughout. I know of a few bird carvers who do this, and I have just started doing the same, so Jim's presentation will be of value to any carver. In **May**, Gloria Heard, a career medical photographer, will discuss the artist's view of composition in a piece. I have seen Gloria's presentations on other topics, and she is sure to give each of us something to think about in our carving. In **June**, George Basehore will be discussing lettering on canes. He uses a wood-burner or a knife to carve sayings on his canes. I saw his work at the Lancaster show, and I was blown away by the intricacy and detail of the lettering on his canes. Remember that our July meeting is cancelled because of the Carver's Roundup at Cherry Ridge near Honesdale.

Remember our next Saturday morning carve-in is Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Join us to work on a project of your choice.

Another reminder is that the planning council will meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm upstairs.

Keep your knives sharp, the chips clean, the sawdust piled, and the band-aids (or pepper) away!!

WEBSITE BLOG – www.conewagocarvers.com

Our new website has a blog on it. We would like to add tips, tricks and hints from our members to help other carvers. If you have any tips, tricks or hints that we could feature on our blog, please email conewagocarvers92@gmail.com. We would be looking for a short write-up and any pictures or videos that you might find helpful. We would also like to start introducing all of our wonderful members. If you would be willing to be featured on the blog, please email conewagocarvers92@gmail.com and tell us anything interesting about you and include a picture so we know who you are.

MEETING MINUTES

- 18 members present
- Treasurers Report: Have reconciled some things, have similar dollars to previous 2 years, \$3500, including seminar money
- Band saw is currently down with broken parts. Chris Biles will get the piece to repair the band saw and Rick Baker will order blades.
- Library is still in progress. Library is open on Tuesday evenings and on club meeting days
- Gary Stenger Program on the importance of Flow in a Bird Composition. Must build movement into the bird as well as the habitat. Showed an owl carving, and inserted habitat piece by piece to show the completeness of the carving with each additional piece of habitat. Gary also discussed his involvement with the youth at the Ward World Woodcarving Championships.
- Next Saturday Carve-In: Saturday April 20, 9 am-12 pm
- Next Meeting: Sunday April 21, 2 pm
- Next Planning Council: May 14, 630 pm

2013 SHOW APPLICATIONS

Be on the lookout for the 2013 show application, it will be sent out by mid-April. If you receive your newsletter by email, you will receive the show application by email. If you know anyone who would like a show application, please email Kyle Gabel, kylemgabel@gmail.com.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

The Conewago Carvers are now on twitter. Follow us @conewagocarvers for all up to date information on the club.

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

We are currently in the process of putting together an archive of all of the club's newsletters. If you have any old newsletters that the club could borrow, please contact Kyle Gabel. All newsletters will be returned after they are digitized. To see which newsletters are needed, please visit the newly updated website and click on the newsletter tab.

DOWNY WOODPECKER CLASS

Jack Miller will be teaching how to carve a Downy Woodpecker class at his house (2283 Black Rock Road, Hanover PA) on May 4-5 from 9am to 5pm each day. Please contact Jack, 717-637-6963, for more information.

FOREDOM TOOL FOR SALE

Bill Zech has a Foredom tool with foot pedal for sale, asking \$125. If interested, contact Bill, wazech1739@comcast.net

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The club is forming a standing committee for the purpose of publicity for the club and the show. If you would be willing to serve on this committee, please contact Rick Baker.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please get all information for the newsletter to Kyle Gabel (kylemgabel@gmail.com or 717-676-7612) by the 1st of each month. The newsletter will be put together and emailed out by the 5th of the month. If you have any ideas to improve the newsletter, contact Kyle.

HELVIE KNIFE HANDLE CARVING CONTEST

Recently the Helvie Knife Company held a contest for carving a basswood handle for their knives. Club members Bob Hershey, Dale Kirkpatrick and Bruce Stake participated. Congratulations to club members Dale Kirkpatrick and Bob Hershey who placed 1st and 2nd in the Open Category (see newsletter supplement for more pictures). We're lucky to have many really talented members in our club.

SHOW N TELL



For more Show N Tell pictures, check out the newsletter supplement!!

2013 SEMINARS

May 4 & 5	Linda Murphy	Swan	\$65, plus materials
May 18, 19 & 20	Vic Hood	Realistic Bust	\$200, plus materials
June 1 & 2	Bob Stadtlander	Relief Carving	\$135, plus materials
June 8	Bev Andreychek	Chip Carving	\$35, plus materials
June 21, 22 & 23	Pete LeClair	Caricatures	\$150, plus materials
August 3 & 4	Rick Baker	Woodpecker	\$65, plus materials
Sept 20, 21 & 22	Joe Schumacher	Caricature	\$135, plus materials
Sept 21	Fran Schumacher	Card Making - let Jim know if interested	
October 5	Jim Hiser	Santa	\$35, plus materials
October 12	Dave Parker	Folk Art Santa	\$35, plus materials
October 28, 29 & 30	Dennis Thornton	Caricature	\$150, plus materials

Please note that a 50% deposit is required at sign-up for all seminars. The remaining 50% is due 30days prior to the class. Because we must make a firm commitment to our instructors, the deposit is non-refundable unless there is a waiting list or you are able to have someone fill your space in the class. Seminars are filled on a first come basis. If a class is full, your name will be placed on a waiting list. To sign-up for a particular seminar, please contact Jim Hiser by phone (717.243.0644) or email (hiser@pa.net). Your space in the class will be held for one week. If you have not made your deposit after one week, you will be removed from the class list and your space in the class will be made available to other interested members. Please make all deposit checks payable to "Conewago Carvers."

TUESDAY NIGHT PROJECTS

Date	Project	Presenter
April 9	Panda Bear I	Juanita Witter
April 16	Panda Bear II	Juanita Witter
April 23	Interlocking Hearts I	Rick Baker
April 30	Interlocking Hearts II	Rick Baker
May 7	Dolphin Pin	Linda Cubero
May 14	Planning Council	
May 21	Tramp Art Heart I	Tressa Barnhart
May 28	Tramp Art Heart II	Tressa Barnhart
June 4	Kitchen Spoon	Don Karnas & Joan Hiser
June 11	TBD	
June 18	Pig Watching TV I	Junior Witter
June 25	Pig Watching TV II	Junior Witter

Students should always bring a sharp knife (chip knife, if chip carving), flexible ruler, compass, pencil, eraser and band-aids. This schedule is guaranteed to change and will be updated from time to time. We need ideas from members and instructors to step forward now. Please contact Linda Murphy about scheduling at 717.259.8051.

