

# CONEWAGO CARVERS

## WOOD SPLINTERS

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### A Message from Our President

The good news is Winter is finally done but the bad news is the yard work is just starting. I'm thinking a trailer park in Boca Raton may solve my problems but then I'd be complaining about alligators in the pool or something.

Last month, along with a dozen other club members, I had to good fortune to spend a weekend with Wayne Barton, the world famous king of chip carving. This was his "Advanced Design Class" which was a follow-up to his basic class from last year. Wayne tailors his presentations to the skill levels of his students so they don't have to be exactly "advanced" to take this class (nor do they have to be beginners to take the "basic" class). Wayne has always been one of my favorite carving instructors and I'm happy to report that he's agreed to come back again next year but for a 3-day class.

I think sometimes we forget how fortunate our club is today to have such a diverse and ongoing schedule of classes taught by many of the best carvers in the country. We need to keep in mind that this wouldn't be possible without all the efforts of Jim Hiser (and Joan). For this year alone, Jim has put together a schedule of 16 classes! The amount of work that goes into scheduling and coordinating this is unimaginable. On top of that, Jim and Joan host almost all of these out-of-town instructors in their home. There isn't another club in the country that has a teaching program equal to ours. Thanks, Jim and Joan!

While I'm bragging about our club, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the most recent CHIP CHATS issue reported the results of the 2014 CCA competition— featured were three of our members: Jim Hiser, Bob Hershey, and Bruce Stake. Great job guys!

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### Next Meeting:

April 19; 2pm

### Program:

Gourd Carving

*By Bill Peoples*

### 2015 Officers

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If you had a chance to thumb through the Spring issue of WOOD CARVING ILLUSTRATED and noticed the article on the upcoming Fox Chapel Open House, you could not have missed the photo of Charlie Bixler presiding over a table full of would be woodcarvers and appearing to be dispensing some very sage carving advice. Looking good, Charlie! This is also a near perfect segue into.....

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Fox Chapel Publishing Open House: May 8 & 9 (Fri & Sat) At "Rough & Tumble" (just east of Lancaster on Rt 30). Like last year, we're teaming up with the folks from the Lancaster County Wood Carvers to demonstrate carving the "5-Minute Owl" and help attendees carve their own. We'll be doing this throughout the two days. If you can spare a few hours to help, it would sure be appreciated. Volunteers get a free pass into the Open House (though you'll have to pay like everyone else to attend the individual classes), you'll also get a name tag with possibly your correct name on it, and maybe a voucher for lunch. Plus, it's a whole bunch of fun. Please send me an email if you want to sign up: [daveparker1000@gmail.com](mailto:daveparker1000@gmail.com).

Yorkcarvers Woodcarving Show: April 18 (Sat) at the United Methodist Church off Market Street in York. We'll have a club table there promoting our club and especially our show coming up in October. If you would like to help out at our table, please let me know: [daveparker1000@gmail.com](mailto:daveparker1000@gmail.com).

Speaking of carving shows, thanks to everyone who helped out with our club table at the Lancaster County Wood Carvers show last month, especially Judi & Adam Ciemniecki who have for years been our club's anchor at this show. Congratulations to Jim Hiser for taking 3rd Best of Show with his scarcrow. And congratulations to the LCWC for a successful 42nd annual show.

#### IMPORTANT STUFF TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

April 18 (Sat) Yorkcarvers Show

April 19 (Sun) Regular Conewago Carvers Meeting. Program: Bill Peoples—Gourds and Gourd Carving

April 24 to 26 (Fri-Sun) Ward World Carving Championship, Ocean City, MD (More ducks than you can shake a stick at.)

April 28 (Tue) Tuesday Night Carving We're going to practice "5-Minute Owl" to make sure we're ready for Fox Chapel Open House demonstration.

May 8 & 9 (Fri & Sat) Fox Chapel Open House

May 12 (Tue) Planning Meeting, EBCC, 6:30

*Dave Parker*

#### UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

April  
Gourd Carving  
*Bill Peoples*

May  
Knife Making  
*Cliff Rosborough*

#### Newsletter Guidelines

Please have all information to Kyle for the newsletter by the 1st of each month so that the newsletter can get out by the 5th of each month. Also, if you have any suggestions or ideas to make our newsletter better, contact Kyle, [conewagocarvers92@gmail.com](mailto:conewagocarvers92@gmail.com) or 717-676-7612.



# 2015 SEMINARS

## **Woodburning - Linda Murphy**

April 11 & 12  
\$65, plus materials  
3 openings

## **Chip Carving - Bev Andreychek**

April 18  
\$35, plus materials  
3 openings

## **Caricature - Peter Ortel**

May 2 & 3  
\$150, plus materials  
3 openings

## **Realistic Bust - Vic Hood**

May 16, 17, 18  
\$200, plus materials - FULL - Waiting List

## **Caricature - Pete LeClair**

June 5, 6, 7  
\$150 - FULL - Waiting List

## **Gourd Carving - Bill Peoples**

June 27  
\$35 - 2 openings

## **Female Face - Janet Cordell**

July 31, August 1 & 2  
\$200, plus materials  
2 openings

## **Caricatures - Chris Hammack**

August 8 & 9  
\$165, plus materials  
FULL - Waiting List

## **Caricature - Dave Stetson**

September 25, 26, 27  
\$175, plus materials  
1 opening

## **Holiday Bark House - Bob Hershey**

October 3 & 4  
\$65, plus materials  
FULL - Waiting List

## **Santa - Dave Parker**

October 10  
\$35, plus materials  
6 openings

## **Caricature - Floyd Rhadigan**

October 26, 27, 28  
\$175, plus materials  
2 openings

### **Seminar Policy**

Please note that a fifty-percent deposit is required at sign-up for all seminars. The remaining fifty-percent is due thirty days 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

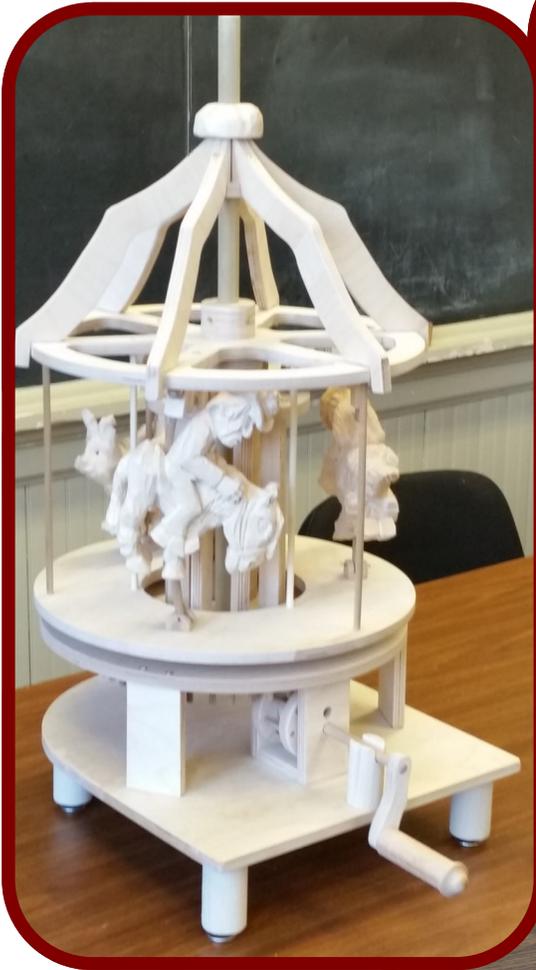


# TUESDAY NIGHT CARVING

*Project TBD*  
Jack Miller  
April 7, 14

*Project TBD*  
Joe Legore  
April 21

*Project TBD*  
Dave Parker  
April 28



Caption Contest: What is Bruce thinking? Best answers published in the next newsletter. Send to [conewagocarvers92@gmail.com](mailto:conewagocarvers92@gmail.com)



**Thank you Bruce Stake for  
a great program!**

