

# WOOD SPLINTERS

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## President's Message

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Well, the year is winding down, and this will be my last president's message....It has been a short year as president, and it seems to have been both quick and productive. Before I get started, I want to thank a number of people whose help made this a great year; Linda Murphy for Tuesday nights; Jim Hiser for seminars: Jim's better half, Joan for membership: Doug Gabel just for being there: and Joe Legore for his help and support when help was needed; finally, Kyle Gabel for all of his work on the show. I am sure that I have forgotten someone, and I apologize, but age clouds the memory...

We have accomplished much this year. We continued to expand our outreach, and have gotten our message out to a broader audience. With the York 4-H Fair, Colonial Days, and several individual events, we continued to draw big crowds with lots of questions. Joe and Helen expanded our library outreach leading up to our show, and it also sparked lots of interest. Our show attendance improved and with that we continued to show case our club to an increased number of non-carvers.

Doug Gabel told me a few months ago that the former show chairman of the Yorkcarvers would say that "We did 10 things better this year, but there are 10 things that we can improve next year." That is so true, not just for our show, but for our club. One area that the Planning Council has discussed at length is our publicity. At our November meeting, the council decided to form a publicity committee that would cover all aspects of our clubs publicity. This is going to require help from the club....

As I have mentioned more than once during the course of the year, the club's success hinges fully on the ability of our membership to step up and help. From teaching to seminars, from community outreach to helping at the show, our club's continued growth depends on you....Our new officers cannot do it alone, the Planning Council cannot do it alone; we all need to step up and engage in the club.

So as this busy season winds down, consider what you can do to help the club grow and improve. Every little thing helps the club get better.

So what can you do to help? Only you can answer that question...

So with the start of the new year at hand, I ask that you give your full support and help to the in-coming officers—Chris Biles as President, Jim Witter as Vice-President, Juanita Witter as Secretary, and Tressa Barnhart as Treasurer. They are great bunch, and are committed to growing and improving the club.

So, another year closes, and another year of great possibilities prepares to open. What new carving adventure do you have before you? Try a new style of carving, do the piece you have always wanted to do. The possibilities are endless. It's all up to you!!!

And as Joe Diadato so emphatically reminded us last month "We are artists, not just carvers...". Embrace your art....be the artist.... The world will be better off because of our art....

*Rick Baker*

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party. Don't forget to bring an ornament for the annual ornament competition. Also, don't forget to bring a food item to share with everyone.

## Meeting Notes

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- 21members present
- Treasury Balance: \$5227.64
- Show Profits: \$1478.00
- All carving that were in the library displays are now back and can be picked up in the club room
- Dues are now due. Please contact Joan Hiser to pay your 2014 dues. They need to be paid by the February meeting to continue an uninterrupted club membership.
- We will still be able to offer \$25 off one seminar with a national carver per club member.

## Conewago Carvers Clothing

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There is some left over clothing items from the order we placed before the show. Doug Gabel will have it available at the December meeting. There are t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, hats, vests and hoodies. These would make great Christmas gifts!

## New Newsletter Format

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Beginning with the January 2014 Woodsplinters, we will have a new newsletter format. Members who receive the newsletter by mail will continue to receive the same newsletter as 2013. Members who receive the newsletter by email, will be receiving a newsletter filled with many more pictures and color. If you would like to sign-up for the email newsletter and have not done so, please email Kyle Gabel, [conewagocarvers92@gmail.com](mailto:conewagocarvers92@gmail.com)

**DUES are now due.**

Please see Joan Hiser at a monthly meeting to pay your 2014 dues or mail them to her,

314 Enola Road; Carlisle PA 17013.

\$20 family membership

\$15 individual membership

# **NEXT MEETING: December 15, 2pm**

## **Saturday Carving: December 14, 9 am - 12 pm**

For all of the latest up to date  
information about the Conewago Carvers, follow the club on  
twitter, **@ConewagoCarvers** and visit our website  
**www.conewagocarvers.com**

## **Seminars—2014 schedule released!**

January 25 & 26	Linda Murphy	Wood Burning	\$65, plus materials
February 8	Bev Andreychek	Chip Carving	\$35, plus materials
February 22 & 23	Linda Murphy	3D Relief	\$65, plus materials
March 1 & 2	Linda Murphy	Bark Houses	\$65, plus materials
March 8 & 9	Wayne Barton	Chip Carving	\$215, plus materials
April 12 & 13	Linda Murphy	Swan	\$65, plus materials
April 19	Bev Andreychek	Chip Carving	\$35, plus materials
April 26 & 27	Peter Ortel	Caricature	\$150, plus materials
May 10 & 11	Chris Hammack	Caricatures	\$165, plus materials
May 17, 18, 19	Vic Hood	Realistic Bust	\$200, plus materials
June 7	Jim Hiser	Caricature/Holiday Figure	\$35, plus materials
June 20, 21, 22	Pete LeClair	Caricature Bust	\$150
June 28 & 29	Sharon Bechtold	Wood Burning	\$150
July 11, 12, 13	Gary Falin	Caricature Carve/Paint	\$150, plus materials
August 1, 2, 3	Janet Cordell	Female Face	\$200, plus materials
September 5, 6, 7	Bob Bierman	Relief on Plate	\$175, plus materials
September 19, 20, 21	Floyd Rhadigan	Caricature	\$175, plus materials
October 11	Dave Parker	Santa	\$35, plus materials
October 27, 28, 29	Charlotte Philips	Floral Relief/Basket Weave	\$165, plus materials

Please note that a 50% deposit is required at sign-up for all seminars. The remaining 50% is due 30 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

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Date	Project	Presenter
December 10	Caricature	Chris Biles
December 17	Faces	Chris Biles

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.

**\*\*\*We are in need of ideas and instructors for 2014 Tuesday night carving sessions. Please contact Linda Murphy if you would be able to teach a Tuesday night session. If each member taught just one Tuesday night, we would have enough instructors for 2 years!**

