

CONEWAGO CARVERS

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A Message from Our President

It's odd how February seemed to just drag on forever and May was over in the blink of an eye. Back in February, I vowed never to complain about the heat again. So far I've made good on that.

The Fox Chapel Open House last month was a great success. We, along with our pals from the Lancaster Carvers, must have helped carve 10,000 of those 5-minute owls though not all of them actually looked like owls and certainly none took 5 minutes to carve. It was two days of great fun even though (or probably because) I bought way more books than I should have at Fox Chapel's Scratch & Dent Sale. Thanks to everyone from the club who came out to help introduce lots of folks to carving. (Mark your calendars for next year: Fox Chapel is thinking about running this for three days next year.)

Immediately following the Open House, I, along with fellow club member Bob Hershey, took part in a 3-day bark carving class at Fox Chapel Publishing's World Headquarters in East Petersburg with Rick Jensen. (Rick, in case you've living under a rock for the last ten years, is the world's preeminent bark carver—in fact, he's generally credited with inventing actual bark.) Good class—a lot of fun—and learned a lot of stuff. The Woodcarving Illustrated staff that hosted us were wonderful.

May also gave us our annual Vic Hood carve-a-thon. As usual, all participants that I heard from had only good things to say about the class.

Linda Murphy, our Queen of Tuesday Night Carving, reports that after Linda Cabero's two nights of relief carving (June 16 & 23) and Don Karnas' two nights of chip carving (June 30 & July 14), the Tuesday night project hopper will be looking pretty empty. We need folks to volunteer to teach a project or a carving technique. (Thanks to Joe Legore, Sam Aulhouse, and Bruce Stake for sharing their skills with the rest of us last month.)

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Next Meeting:

June 21; 2pm

**No Meeting
in July**

Program:

Pen Turning

By Dave Parker

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While I'm pandering to the membership for volunteers, there are two things the folks here at the East Berlin Community Center (our benevolent landlords) have asked us to help them with: Sometime back in the last century, someone from our club (probably Larry Kampel) made them a key cabinet (complete with chip carved doors). Now they would like another one except bigger. If anyone with some wood working skills is interested in making this cabinet, please let me know.

The EBCC is putting on a Children's Carnival on June 27 (Saturday). In the past, we've done soap carving with the kids. This year Chris Biles is organizing our team for this activity. Chris will have the soap and the tools so contact him to help out: 717-528-7053 or cadjbiles@embarqmail.com. BTW—this is the same date as our Bill Peoples gourd class.

Don't forget our show is quickly approaching—a bit more than four months off. Kyle will probably be adding more show information but remember to pick up your blank for the friendship cane if you already haven't. Jim Hiser needs them back in August.

IMPORTANT STUFF FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

June 18-20 (Thur –Sat) Annual Gourd Festival in Lebanon, PA see www.pagourdsociety.org.

June 21 (Sun) 2:00 Meeting—Program: Dave Parker—pen turning (yes, we're getting desperate)

June 28 (Sat) Children's Carnival—Chris Biles 717-528-7053

June 28 (Sat) Bill People's Gourd Class—it's full but Jim Hiser can get you on a waiting list.

July 14 (Tue) 6:30 Planning Meeting EBCC

July 19 NO MEETING IN JULY

July 19-23 (Sun-Thur) Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup—Honesdale, PA

Sept 12 (Sat) Colonial Days—East Berlin

Oct 24 & 25 (Sat & Sun) Conewago Woodcarving Show

Dave Parker

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

June
Pen Turning
Dave Parker

July
No Meeting

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 or 717-676-7612.



2015 SEMINARS

Gourd Carving - Bill Peoples

June 27

\$35 - FULL - Waiting List

Female Face - Janet Cordell

****CANCELLED****

Caricatures - Chris Hammack

August 8 & 9

\$165, plus materials

FULL - Waiting List

Caricature - Dave Stetson

September 25, 26, 27

\$175, plus materials

FULL - Waiting List

Holiday Bark House - Bob Hershey

October 3 & 4

\$65, plus materials

FULL - Waiting List

Santa - Dave Parker

October 10

\$35, plus materials

5 openings

Caricature - Floyd Rhadigan

October 26, 27, 28

\$175, plus materials

3 openings

From Chris Biles.....

On Saturday June 27th, the Community Center is hosting a kid's carnival from Noon to 4 pm. We have a booth where we have soap carving for the kids plus a little whittling and information about the club for the adults. We did this last year and had a really good time doing it.

I can't do this alone so I am asking for volunteers to help tend the booth, helping the kids carve the soap. The carnival runs from noon to 4pm as I stated, if you wish to help please contact me by email cadjbiles@embarqmail.com or you can call or text 717-686-1770. If you can only spare an hour or two you would be welcome.

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

Relief Carving I & II

Linda Cubero

June 16 & 23

Chip Carving Sign I & II

Don Karnas

June 30 & July 14



Show 'N' Tell

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- ⇒ Table applications are now available on the website and in the club room. Please have these returned by July 15, as we expect to fill all table spaces.
- ⇒ The show theme is “Fantasy.” Please consider entering a carving in theme carving competition.
- ⇒ We need someone or multiple to help schedule and set-up displays in the local libraries. Joe & Helen Diodato have graciously done this for many years and now it is time for new club members to step-up and continue this very important publicity.
 - ⇒ We usually set-up displays at Gettysburg, Biglerville, East Berlin, Spring Grove, Hanover & Dover.
- ⇒ Friendship Cane blocks are now available in the club room. Please have completed pieces returned to the box with your name attached by the August meeting. When you take block, please put your name on the list.
- ⇒ The Exhibitor Badge competition will be held at the June meeting.
 - ⇒ Finished button size is 2 1/4”
 - ⇒ Button must include show name, date and ‘exhibitor’ and relate to the ‘Fantasy’ theme.
- ⇒ The banquet will be held on Saturday after the show as in past years. Please see Alice Burdette to pay and reserve your seat.
- ⇒ For any and all show questions or to help out with the show, please contact Kyle Gabel, kylemgabel@gmail.com, 717-676-7612.

Show Committee Notes

