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## A Message from Our President

By the time you read this, we'll have kissed Summer goodbye for another year. I don't know where it went but it seems like we were just gearing up to carve seven-minute owls for the WCI open house in early May.

This is good though because now without the Summer-time distractions we can shift our focus to our upcoming show--Oct 24 & 25. And this year, not only will Kyle be once again orchestrating all activities show related; he's also preparing to become a father in October. (And I don't mean he's joining the priesthood.)

We're holding a show meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept 15 at the East Berlin Area Community Center (EBACC). This is our bi-monthly planning meeting but we'll be concentrating on the show. Everyone is welcome. As every year, we're going to need help with the set-up, ticket selling, silent auction, competition, signs, clean-up, etc. (Sign-up sheets are in the club room.)

Don't forget, Floyd Rhadigan (our featured carver) will be teaching a 3-day class the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday immediately following the show. There may still be an opening if you're interested—contact Jim Hiser (hiser@pa.net). Floyd's classes are anything but boring.

We're also going to need stuff for the silent auction—talk to Linda Murphy if you have anything: 717-259-8051 or murphy184@comcast.net. Think about stuff to donate for door prizes too.

Speaking of Linda Murphy, our Tuesday Night Carving is perking right along. Don Karnas has spent the past several weeks helping folks hone their chip carving techniques with results that would make Wayne Barton proud. Beginning Oct 6 and running for four (4) weeks, I'll be teaching a small old world Santa. This is a cut-out—not a rough-out, but, it's Heinecke basswood. I'm figuring the 4th week for painting. I'll bring in a couple for the Show-n-Tell at the September meeting.

**Next Meeting:**  
September 20; 2pm

**Program:**  
Mixing Stains &  
Colors  
*By Andy Maher*

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Congratulations to Jim Hiser for Second Best of Show at this year's CCA Caricature Carving Competition in Converse, IN.

Rick Baker, duck grinder extraordinaire and official club secretary, has recently volunteered to conduct power carving sessions on Thursday morning in our club room. Rick has instituted some pretty stringent cleanup procedures to keep our room dust free. So if you're a member and want to grind out some ducks or just want to learn the fine art of dust production, get a hold of Rick: 717-334-1292 or RICKYBAKER57@EMBARQMAIL.COM. And don't forget your dust mask.

September Meeting: (9-21-15): For the program, Doug Gable has lined up for us a talented furniture maker and artist: Andy Maher. He's going to talk to us about mixing stains and mixing colors. Andy is also going to be demonstrating at East Berlin's Colonial Days on 9-12-15 (Saturday). I'm not sure where he'll be set up but Doug said he'll be there with a lathe so he shouldn't that hard to spot. Stop by and say hello.

Halloween Notice: Be advised—Pumpkin Bowling, long considered to be the center piece of the Conewago Carvers' Halloween celebration has be shelved this year. In its place is an activity considerably more gentil (and hopefully more suited to our skills): pumpkin carving—that is, carving a jack-o-lantern from an actual pumpkin. We believe that this change will also no longer require spectators and bystanders to wear helmets. We'll supply the pumpkins, you supply your tools. Though we haven't yet completely thought this through, we expect that it will be a competition of sorts with some prize to be awarded. (This prize will certainly be of dubious value.) Additional details will be provided as we think them up.

#### IMPORATNT STUFF THAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR CALENDAR

9-15-15 (Tue) 6:30, Show Meeting/Planning Meeting

9-12-15 (Sat) All day, East Berlin Colonial Days—Stop by and help man our table

9-20-15 (Sun) 2:00, Regular Monthly Meeting

10-3-15 (Sat) All day, Boy Scout demo, instruction, & displays. East York. Help needed—call Joe Legore 717-225-3696 or dicksducks2@aol.com

10-17-15 (Sat) All day, Demos and Display at Cashman's Hardware, East Berlin Help Needed: Linda Murphy 717-259-8051 or murphy184@comcast.net

10-18-15 (Sun) 2:00, Regular Monthly Meeting—No pumpkin bowling this year, pumpkin carving competition instead.

10-24 & 25 (Sat & Sun) SHOW

*Dave Parker*

#### UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

September  
*Mixing Stains & Colors*  
Andy Maher

October  
Pumpkin Carving  
Show Prep

#### Newsletter Guidelines

Please have all information to Kyle for the newsletter by the 25th of each month so that the newsletter can get out by the 1st 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.



# TUESDAY NIGHT CARVING

Small Old World Santa

Dave Parker

Tuesdays in October

See a sample at the September meeting.



**Congrats to Jim Hiser who won 2nd Best In Show at the CCA Caricature Carving Contest in Converse, Indiana.**

## 2015 SEMINARS

### **Caricature - Dave Stetson**

September 25, 26, 27

\$175, plus materials

**FULL - Waiting List**

### **Santa - Dave Parker**

October 10

\$35, plus materials

**5 openings**

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

October 3 & 4

\$65, plus materials

**FULL - Waiting List**

### **Caricature - Floyd Rhadigan**

October 26, 27, 28

\$175, plus materials

**3 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**



⇒ **TABLES**

⇒ We still have a few tables left. Please get your table application in ASAP!

⇒ **FRIENDSHIP CANE PIECES**

⇒ Please bring your finished friendship cane pieces to the August meetings so we can assemble the canes and get pictures for our raffle ticket sales.

⇒ **SHOW SPONSORS**

⇒ Sponsor packets are available in the club room and on the website. Please go out and collect sponsors for the show.

⇒ We currently have received \$0 sponsorship money so far this year.

⇒ **SHOW HELP SIGN-UPS**

⇒ Sign-up sheets for helping during the show are posted in the front of the club room.

⇒ **REMINDER:** Only club members who help out at the show will receive free admission to the show. All other club members must pay the \$4 admission fee.

⇒ **LIBRARY DISPLAYS**

⇒ Thank you to Rick Baker who has agreed to coordinate the library displays this year. If you have carving we can borrow for the displays, contact Rick.

⇒ We usually set-up displays at Gettysburg, Biglerville, East Berlin, Spring Grove, Hanover & Dover.

⇒ **BANQUET**

⇒ The banquet will be held on Saturday after the show as in past years.

⇒ Please see Alice Burdette to pay and reserve your seat, the reservation form is also available on the website.

⇒ If you have nominees for the Extra Mile Award, please get those to Dave Parker.

⇒ **DOOR PRIZES**

⇒ We are in desperate need of door prizes for the show this year. Please put all carved door prize donations in the box in the metal cabinet.

⇒ **SHOW THEME**

⇒ The show themes this year is "Fantasy" We expect plenty of entries into the Theme Carving Contest. Please keep them PG.

⇒ For any and all show questions or to help out with the show, please contact Kyle Gabel, [kylemgabel@gmail.com](mailto:kylemgabel@gmail.com), 717-676-7612.

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# Show Committee Notes



The Conewago Carvers began a project several years ago in which club members would carve a bald eagle head to be placed on the top of a walking stick which would then be given to a veteran who had been wounded in a conflict. Today we honor two such veterans, both wounded in Viet Nam.

They are Frank Sheridan and Rodney Shearer. Both men reside in the Spring Grove area. Frank was a member of the United States Marine Corps and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Frank served in the H & S Company, 3rd Motor Transport Company 3rd Marine Division. He was wounded during the Tet Offensive in 1968. He is a recipient of The Purple Heart.

Rodney was a member of Co. C, U.S. Army, 87th Engineer Battalion. He served in 1967 - 1968. He was discharged with the rank of Specialist 4th Class. Rodney suffers from the early stages of Parkinsons disease attributed to exposure to Agent Orange. He is a recipient of The Purple Heart and the Army Commendation of Valor.

Gentlemen, on behalf of the Conewago Carvers please accept these walking sticks in appreciation of your service to our country. Thank you.



## Veteran Cane Presentation

