

Wood Splinters March 2017

Presidents Message:

Happy Easter to Everyone! President Murphy here, finally back from sunny Florida to the frozen tundra of East Berlin.

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who covered for me while I was on vacation: Joan & Jim Hiser, Sam and Esther Aulthouse, Don Karnas, Joe LeGore, Rick Baker and Doug Gabel for representing our club at the Lancaster Show; Chris Biles for presenting our March program; Don Karnas for taking care of Tuesday nights; Esther and Joan for snacks; Joe LeGore for covering for the Vice President at the March meeting; and Patsy Harnett for being acting secretary.

My tryouts at the Cypress Garden Ski Team went well but they wanted me to ski on the bottom of the pyramid. I wanted to be on the top waving to the crowd, so no dice and I'm back in Pennsylvania.

Jim Hiser has lined up another year of great seminars. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the club by taking several classes. You will learn different approaches to carving, make new friends, have a good time and come away with a finished piece. (See our list of great seminars).

Honesdale (July 16-20) and Buckeye (July 19-22) Woodcarver Roundups are just around the corner. Here is another great way to support carving, take inexpensive classes, meet great people and learn. Side note: The Clearwater Woodcarver's Roundup potentially draws on thousands of carvers in a 2 hour radius. Jim O'Dea did a great job of advertising in magazines but the local clubs did little to help, including show up. As a result, Jim told me he will no longer hold a roundup at Clearwater. A week or two later, I had a table at the Hudson, FL woodcarving show and the Clearwater club members were there trying to recruit instructors for next year but to no avail due to the poor attendance this year. Hopefully Jim will find a new site for a Roundup somewhere else in Florida, but for the Clearwater area woodcarvers, that ship has already sailed. Don't let that happen here in Pennsylvania.

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events of interest in our region:

Ward World Wildfowl Carving Competition – April 28-30

Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup (Honesdale) – July 16-20

Buckeye Woodcarvers Roundup (Ohio) – July 19-22

Dayton Carver's Artistry in Wood – October 14-15

Conewago Woodcarver's Show – October 28-29

West Shore Woodcarver's Show – November 18

I'm always looking for ideas for our Tuesday Night projects (Linda Murphy, 717-968-9306). If I hear nothing, I will assume that is what you want to carve!

Here is the tentative program schedule for the rest of our 2017 Monthly Meetings:

April 16 – No meeting since it is Easter Sunday.

May 21 – Vic Hood – Archeology special.

June 18 – Jay Hendrickson – Master Bladesmith (knife maker, instructor)

July 16 – No meeting due to Honesdale (be sure to attend there)

August 20 – Bruce Stake – Creative carver and motivating speaker

September 17 – Bob Hershey – Caricature Carver Extraordinaire

October 22 – Linda Murphy – Woodburning Presentation and Final Show Updates

November 19 – Jim & Deb Obenstine – Slide Presentation of the Dayton Carver's Show

December 17 – Christmas Party

Be sure to bring your latest carvings each month for "Show & Tell." Works in Progress are especially good to show as they help others see the process.

We are having a Planning Meeting and Show Meeting on Saturday, April 22 at 4:30 immediately after the Bob Stadlander class. All club members are welcome to attend.

If you are thinking about getting a table at our show, DON'T DELAY, they are filling up fast.

We are offering a woodburned "Conewago Carvers 25th Anniversary" knife for \$40. Contact Jim Hiser (717-243-0644) to get yours on order. Because of unforeseen circumstances, we needed to get a new secretary. Patsy Harnett graciously agreed to take on the job. THANK YOU, PATSY!

With Kind Regards,
Linda Murphy

P.S. – I'm off soon to try out for the New River Gorge Bungee Jumping Team. How hard can it be? As easy as falling off a bridge, RIGHT? I'll fill you in on how it goes next month.

P.P.S. – Oh, yeah, a special THANKS goes out to "**Mr. Wonderful**" (a.k.a. Dave Parker) for doing "nearly EVERYTHING" while I was away!

Minutes from March Meeting:

Joe Lagore opened the meeting.

Treasurers report: \$16,831.97 in the account but that includes seminars

Membership is now up to 160 members. This may change slightly when things settle.

There are openings in many of the seminars. Please get in touch with Jim Hiser at 717 243-0644 or at hiser@pa.net if you are interested in any of them.

25th Anniversary knives are soon available. The knives are made by Rich Smithson and is a "Helvie knife" To help to know how many we need to order and to make sure you get one, we are taking signups for knives. The cost is 40.00 and includes a leather sheath. If you want to be sure to get one sign up with Jim Hiser as a pre order. Phone number is 717 243-0644 or email hiser@pa.net

Just a note the Yorkarvers show is April 22 we will have a table there. The show is Saturday only.

There is a need for programs for Tuesday nights. If you have something you could share with the group please step up and let us know.

We need to set the date for a training session for the TV and the Camera.

It has been brought to our attention the website is hard to navigate. The new member mentioned it was difficult to find out any current information about the newsletter or the workshops.

The sewer smell was overwhelming and needs to be addressed.

The library is good and open

Power Carving is starting Thursday 23rd please call Rich Baker if you plan on attending.

25th Anniversary plans are ongoing for the show. Tables will be at a premium so if you want one you will need to put in your application early.

We need to get the applications printed or on the web site for the members to download soon.

For anyone who carves: A person who is making a table is looking for someone to carve a relief carving of a stream into a inset of basswood.

The job is paid. If you are interested Please contact Mike Nowakowski for additional information at 717 761-7121

There **WILL BE NO APRIL MEETING**. This is Easter Sunday

Just a note: The Presidents letter has been very funny. We want to thank the writer for such a good laugh and we would like them to consider doing the newsletter.

Thank you to Joan and Ester for the good snack

Meeting adjourned for snack followed by a presentation by Chris Biles on using the Burke Sharpening System.

Minutes submitted by:

Patsy Hartnett, acting minute taker

Seminars:

April 1 – 2 Caricature Carving Jim Feather Full

April 8-9 Fish Carving with Linda Murphy Openings

April 21 eve 22 – 23 Relief Carving Bob Stadlander Full

May 6 – 7 Clay Class with Rich Wetherbee Full

May 20-22 Realistic Bust with Vic Hood Openings

June 2-3-4 Chip Carving a Fish with Bill Johnson Openings

June 9-10 – 11 Caricature with Pete LeClair Openings

June 17 Beginning Carving Flat Plane Dutch Boy Tom Borecki Openings

June 24 beginning Chip Carving with Don Karnas Openings

July 15th Intermediate/ Advanced chip Carving with Don Karnas Openings

July 22-23 Caricatures – Carvers Choice With Chris Hammack Openings

July 24 through 28 (5 Days) Design and Carve a Caricature with Chris Hammack Openings

July 28-29-30 Bark Houses Kathy Overcash Full

August 5 – 6 Carving Faces Bruce Stake Check for openings

August 11eve -12-13 Tufted Titmouse with Jack Miller Openings

August 26 – 27 Carving Faces Bruce Stake Full

September 30 - October 1 Caricature Animal with Bob Hershey Full

October 20 eve – 21-22 Caricature with Joe Schumacher - Price Reduction 150/175 Openings

November 4 – 5 Wood Burning with Linda Murphy Openings

Tuesday Night Carving – Come out and join the fun



Jim Hiser Caricature Carving Seminar

