

CONEWAGO CARVERS NEWSLETTER – JULY 2017

President's Monthly Message

Happy July to Everyone!

I have heard many words of praise about the Pete LeClair seminar in June. This was probably your last chance to study with Pete at our club as he is retiring from teaching on the road this year. Other seminars offered in June included Beginner Flat Plane Carving of a Dutch Boy (see Show and Tell photo in this newsletter) with Tom Borecki and Beginner Chip Carving with Don Karnas. Many thanks to Tom and Don for sharing their knowledge and many thanks to Jim and Joan Hiser for all of their work on the seminar programs. Be sure to see Jim's list of upcoming seminars in this newsletter.

On a personal note, just as Vic Hood predicted, I was contacted about a sizeable inheritance that is coming my way. As it turns out, I am the sole living heir to the estate of Nigerian Prince Catawba who died leaving me 50 million dollars and thousands of acres of prime carving wood. Because the inheritance involves land in addition to cash, I first have to pay all back taxes on the land before the settlement can proceed. All I have to do is give them my bank account number, my social security number and a copy of my birth certificate. And of course, they need me to send hair, blood and saliva samples to verify that I am indeed Princess Linda, the sole surviving heir to this massive Nigerian fortune. This will delay the deposit of funds into my account until the tests are complete but Dave Parker told me "Don't worry, be happy" because it is a very sure thing. But, in the meantime they will be able to pull the back taxes out of my account to free up my claim on the thousands of acres of prime Catawba forest lands. I will be sure to share this bounty of Catawba wood with all of my woodcarving friends, especially my trusty Vice President, Dave Parker, a.k.a. Mr. Wonderful. If the money arrives in time, I will be able to pursue the next item on my bucket list. I will tell you more about that in the next newsletter.

June Monthly Meeting



The June meeting was well attended despite falling on Father's Day. All present experienced a wonderful program, great camaradery and terrific refreshments.





I want to thank Joan Hiser for bringing her delicious pear bread, Linda Cubero for bring her wonderful whoopee pies and cookies and Patsy Harnett for her delicious cake.

Many thanks to Angie Freeman and Deb Obenstine for giving us a wonderful program about the woodcarving possibilities using gourds. We saw examples of chip carving, scroll sawing, wood burning, staining and finishing...virtually all of the techniques we use on wood can be applied to gourds.





Jim Obenstine created the lighted orb gourd that was part of Angie and Deb's program (see above). He also was also our MC for the Show and Tell at the meeting this month (see items below).

Linda Murphy carved the not-yet-finished caricature skunk in Bob Hershey's Tuesday Night sessions. Joan and Jim Hiser carved the two flat plane Dutch Boys in Tom Borecki's seminar. Tom Borecki donated the Lop Eared Rabbit and American Flag cane blocks to the club for our the raffel fund raiser at our next show. The Santa Claus was carved by Jim Hiser. The "smiley" caricature was carved by Joan Hiser in the Pete LeClair class.



Conewago Carvers Helped To Support Youth Entries at the Worlds

For many years now, Gary Stenger and his wife Pam have personally covered the entry fee for all Youth entries at the Ward World Wildfowl Carving Competition. This is not restricted to the many young carvers that Gary and the Carroll County Carvers mentor, but it is open to all Youth carvers. As word of this spread among other youth teachers, the program has grown to the point that the Stenger's are covering well over 100 entries every year, a very expensive proposition! Conewago Carvers heard about this and Gary very graciously allowed us to participate in his initiative by pitching in a little bit of help. This year, Conewago Carvers donated \$200 which sponsored 40 of the young carvers at the 2017 competition. Here is a note from Gary:

Dear Linda Murphy, Conewago President and Club Members:

Thank you so much for helping to fund the Ward World Championship Youth Division. It is a wonderful feeling to know how we have supported soon to be master carvers. Each year I am amazed at how well the youth are doing.

Next year's silhouette division is the Red Knot, a shore bird on the threatened and endangered list. I hope this will inspire both youth and their teachers.

Thanks again for all your support.

Gary and Pam Stenger

Cleanup Day Was a Big Success

June 13 was annual cleanup day at the club room. Many volunteers showed up to work.



Linda Murphy was there early to “crack the whip” and keep things moving.



Rod Burdette made a “clean sweep” of the floor, then washed the floor on his hands and knees (“only way to get it really clean” says Rod) and he washed the inside of the windows.



Another hard working volunteer who helped Joan with the tool cabinet and other tasks.

Joan Hiser hit the ground running while working outside the box and took the tool cabinet to the next level which was a real game changer and a paradigm shift. To cut a long story short she didn’t just reinvent the wheel but really made a difference where the rubber meets the road. It goes without saying that it was the best thing since sliced bread and no beating around the bush that is my two cents worth!

In case you have not figured this out yet, Joan really loves to hear cliches**NOT!**



Patsy Harnett dusted the room and organized our kitchen supplies among other chores.

Junior Witter cleaned paddle fans, washed the outside of the windows, hauled trash up the steps and did a bunch of other “muscle” jobs.



Doug Gable worked with the show cabinet, show signs, show organization supplies, club logo apparel and such.



Jack Moxley’s daughter Rhonda came along with Dad to help out with all of the cleaning and scrubbing.

Don Karnas did a variety of tasks including stacking the spare chairs.



Jack Moxley and Dave Murphy mounted another paint organizer, a white board and a coat rack to the

masonry wall.

Upcoming Woodcarving Events in our Region





Attending other Club Shows and Woodcarving Roundups are great ways to further support woodcarving, to take inexpensive classes, to meet other great people and to gain more knowledge about carving.

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

Cumberland Valley Woodcarver's Show – November 4-5

West Shore Woodcarver's Show – November 18

Upcoming Tuesday Night Projects

Stay tuned, more organized projects are in the works. But for now, Tuesday Night sessions will all be freestyle carving so come for the comradery and bring anything you are currently working on. Please call Linda with your ideas for new projects at 717-968-9306.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting Topics

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

August 20 – Bruce Stake – Bruce is a very creative carver and a great speaker! When Bruce did his presentation back in 2015 he showed us how to make great carvings out of any scrap of wood, no matter how small or irregular it may be. What does Bruce have in store for us this time? Come to the August 20 meeting and find out!



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

TBD: Jay Hendrickson – Master Bladesmith (knife maker, instructor)



Conewago Member Does Well at the International Woodcarvers Congress Show

Just in from Dave Parker: “Just heard that Bob Hershey took a total of (12) ribbons at the International Woodcarvers Congress (Affiliated Wood Carvers, Ltd.) competition in Maquoketa, Iowa (formerly known just as “Davenport.”) All seven of the ribbon winning carvings are caricatures.”

Congratulations Bob Hershey, very well done! For those of us who attended Bob’s Tuesday Night sessions in June, what a terrific opportunity that turned out to be.

Closing Comments

Again, a reminder that there will be no meeting July as many of our members will be teaching and attending at the Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup in Honesdale that weekend. As for me, I will be out in Ohio teaching at the Buckeye Woodcarvers Roundup around that time as well.

If I do not see you on a Tuesday Night session before then, I look forward to seeing you at the next monthly meeting on August 20 at 2:00 in the club room! You won’t want to miss this meeting because Bruce Stake is always very informative and entertaining.

Another great reason to attend the August meeting is that we will be having a competition to judge the best carved handle on a carving tool. So get busy and carve a custom design on your favorite tool and bring it to the meeting to be voted on by all in attendance. Great fame and bragging rights are within your grasp!

Linda Murphy



Minutes :

New business

- We have a new librarian – Linda Cubero. She is asking for any suggestions for new books, if you know of a good one please talk to her.
- Doug Gable reported on the show. He has 30 tables reserved already and 26 for the banquet. The planning is going well.
- Show Committee meeting August 5th, more information to follow.
- Treasurers Report beginning balance 14,988 but that looks good because of the large amount of upcoming classes, knife sales, banquet, and expenses, Ending balance 11,881
- Yesterday (June 17th) was a very good Beginner Carving Class with Tom Boredki from Delaware.
- Report on 25th Anniversary Knives. We have sold 50 so far and will continue to take orders until the August Meeting. If you ordered a knife please pay for it.
- By Laws. They are posted on the board in front of the room for all members to view. President Linda Murphy wanted to draw our attention to the fact we are to promote and encourage carvers especially youth and to educate new carvers.
- Special thank you to all those who helped clean the room; it looks great – and very clean!!
- Future planning meetings will be held: August 16, October 18, and December 6th
- Joe Steuven donated 30 carvings to the Conewago Carvers. Some will be auctioned and some sold. Photos will be posted on the internet soon. About 10 of them are carved by Dave Sable. They asked some of the proceeds go to Vets.
- Cashman's hardware to carve pumpkins and advertise the show and sell raffle tickets will be October 21
- Colonial Days will be the 2nd Saturday in Sept – 9th

Program:

Angie Freeman and Deb Obenstine talked about burning and carving Gourds. They had a really nice display of various techniques and finishes. They talked about the tools and the supplies needed to clean gourds and passed out paperwork that explained the safe way to prep the gourds. The question and answer session was very helpful.

- President Linda Murphy announced that Wood Wizard would be starting again and the first competition on is to carve a handle for a carving tool.
- Show flyers are here to hand out
- Flyers for the Lancaster show and Ohio are here too.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10

Minutes submitted by Patsy E. Hartnett



Seminar Report:

July 15th Intermediate Chip Carving with Don Karnas

July 22-23 Caricatures – Carvers choice with Chris Hammack - openings

July 24-28 Caricature Design and Carve with Chris Hammack - openings

July 28,29 &30 Bark Houses with Kathy Overcash - Full

Aug 11 eve – 13th Tufted Titmouse with Jack Miller - Openings

August 5-6 Beginner Class Face Carving - Full

August 26-27 Beginner Class Face Carving - 1 opening

Sept 30-)ct1 Charicature Animal with Bob Hershey - Full

Oct 20 eve – 22 Charicature with Joe Schumacher - Openings

November 11-12 Wood burning with Linda Murphy - Openings