

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

January 2014



Meetings and Open Carving - First and Third Saturdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday season. I know many of you are taking a well deserved break from carving Christmas gifts, and perhaps beginning plans for this year's gifts already.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who donated food to the food pantry at our December meetings. Although you may not know the names or faces of those you have helped, your generosity has touched the lives of many of our community members.

Doane acceptance letters have arrived and the Doane Committee is well under way in the planning of The Doane Experience 2014. The February newsletter is being put together as you read this. Those of you who regularly receive the newsletter by e-mail will have the February newsletter mailed to them next month. We mail the February newsletter every year to insure you have the printed version of the registration. Please remember to get your registrations in as soon as possible, we have many popular classes that fill up fast, and have new classes that we think will also fill quickly.

I must admit, I am beginning to get very excited for Doane, especially after seeing the photographs of this year's projects. If you have never taken the opportunity to attend The Doane Experience, I would encourage you to do so. Having attended the last three years, I can tell you it is one of the best opportunities I have found for learning new carving techniques, and meeting fellow carvers who bring with them an untold amount of knowledge they are all willing to share. And, it is just plain fun!

The Mid-America Woodcarvers Association board elections were held November 16th. Thank you to Don Elsasser for organizing the nominations and election, and to everyone who helped with elections. I would like to welcome to the board Larry Putnam and Denny Rourke as our incoming board members, and Judy Nygard as our new recording secretary, as well as P.J. Driscoll, who is returning as 2nd VP. I look forward to hearing your ideas and working with you.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all of our returning board members and committee chairs, the MAWA board is most definitely a partnership, and I can't imagine attempting to guide the club without your continued input and assistance.

As a reminder to all of our members, you are welcome to offer suggestions for the club, the websites, or the newsletter, please e-mail them to us at midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Have a great New Year!

Maria

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2013

December 7 - MAWA Club Meeting - Christmas carving - P.J. Driscoll

December 21 - MAWA Club Meeting - Christmas carving - Marty Dolphens

Ornament Exchange - bring a wrapped carved ornament for the exchange.

January 2014

January 4 - MAWA Club Meeting

January 18 - MAWA Club Meeting

8:15 – 9:15 a.m. MAWA Board Meeting

February 2014

February 1-2 - Cedar Valley Woodcarvers Show

90 Twixt Town Road NE, Cedar Rapids Iowa

February 1 - MAWA Club Meeting

The Doane Experience class descriptions published, and registration opens.

<http://www.thedoaneexperience.com>

February 6-10 - Gretna Woodcarving Retreat

<http://www.gretnawoodcarversretreat.com>

February 15 - MAWA Club Meeting

8:15 – 9:15 a.m. MAWA Board Meeting

Have a Safe and Happy New Years

Please enjoy a wonderful holiday season with your families and be safe while on the road.

Club Officers - **Maria Mulherin** - President

Mary Ann Klinger - 1st VP

PJ Driscoll - 2nd VP

Sherry LaTendresse - General Secretary

Judy Nygard - Recording Secretary

Len Stenneche - Treasurer

Board Members: **Denny Rourke, Larry Putnam, George Bledsoe, Rich Wagner, Rich Mahacek**

Membership: **Len Stenneche**

Workshops: **Ken Armsbury**

Library: **Sherry LaTendresse** and **Barb Steiner**

Tool Managers: **Ken Armsbury** and **Larry Putnam**

History: **Virginia Stewart** and **Sandy Floral**

Hospitality: **Sandy Floral**

Show and Share



Mike Hawley



Roger Nodrchal



A Parting Shot..... By George Bledsoe

Well another year is over, and a new year begins. I was able to spend Christmas with family this year which was nice for me. I hope each one of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. I am looking forward to the new year I am going to Cedar Rapids in February again this year looking forward to that. The next weekend is the Gretna Retreat I always enjoy that, sometimes the weather isn't great but some years we get a little warm spell that to me signals spring is right around the corner. I was pretty busy carving at Christmas time, I get in the mood and start carving Santa's. They are always fun to carve and this year was no exception. I am not huge on NEW Years resolutions as they really usually never last so why put yourself through the process. I am going to continue something I started last year of trying to watch for people I can help in some way or another. I managed to do it several times this year and it always makes me feel good. I can't change the world but I can the world around me, NO I am not giving wood away so don't ask.... But if you are able and you haven't tried it I recommend it, just try and change one persons life in some way for the better. On a lighter note my finger has healed up nicely, so if you cut me off in traffic I will show you how nicely it looks.... I am kidding... probably!! Although it still hurts when I bump it, or get it too cold, or too hot but, considering what could have happened I am lucky. So I want to wish you all a Wonderful New Year may you have a happy and healthy 2014 George



Welcome New Members and Guests

On behalf of the Mid-America Woodcarvers Assoc. we would like to welcome new members and guests to our carving club. MAWA has been an active carving club for nearly 40 years. Our club is dedicated to continuing the practice and teaching of wood art to carvers. As a courtesy to our club members tools are available for sale during club meetings. Besides individual tools we also carry beginner sets. Please feel free to sign up for monthly club classes. Many are centered on beginning to intermediate carvers. Please note that we are only able to accept carvers ages 14 years and older due to insurance limitations. Younger members ages 14-18 need to be accompanied by a legal guardian.

New Member

Jerry Volkert	Sac City, Iowa
Elaine Murdock	Boone Terre, Mo

Helen Weber

By Denny Jackson

Many of us at Mid-America Woodcarver Association have been blessed to know one of the kindest, most caring individuals that we could possibly ever hope to meet. That person is Helen Weber.

Helen was one of the first women to join our club, back in the seventies, shortly after its founding. She has been very active in growing our membership from its original seven, to over 800 today.

A native of Omaha, Helen has spent her entire life in the Florence and Ponca Hills area. She graduated from North High School, and later married her husband, Lyman Weber, whose family owned the Weber Mills in Florence. She and Lyman were parents to two daughters, Valerie and Marlene.

Helen, with her wonderful sense of humor, and an unassuming nature, has devoted her life to volunteering her services to many organizations, such as Immanuel Hospital, the Ponca Fire Department, and a Florence Citizen's Group, as well as MAWA.

At a very young 95 years, Helen's participation at the carving club has been sidelined by a bout with shingles in her eyes, which has necessitated a move to the Immanuel Fontenelle Nursing Home at 6809 N. 68th Plaza, Room 107, Omaha, NE 68122. She still enjoys hearing from all of her carving family, so if you would like to drop her a card or note, please do so.

On a personal note, I read that a gracious person is marked by kindness, courtesy, tact, delicacy, and is characterized by charm, good taste, and generosity of spirit. That pretty much sums up the Helen Weber whom I know. She is one of God's gifts. To know her is to love her.

Gretna Woodcarvers Retreat

February 6th-10th

Gretna 4-H Camp

For more details check out their website [http://
www.gretnawoodcarversretreat.com](http://www.gretnawoodcarversretreat.com)

Doane Experience Instructor Spot Light

Marty Dolphens discovered woodcarving 30 years ago and is still amazed every time he creates a piece of art from a block of wood. He has been teaching his art form for 25 years through weekly classes in the Omaha area, where he lives with his wife and family. He has taught workshops in Nebraska as well as North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Canada. Marty also enjoys promoting the art of carving. Marty is a member of the Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, and has served as a board member of the Association in the past. Marty specializes in realistic human carvings and Santa's and enjoys carving in basswood, butternut and cottonwood bark. His inspiration comes from reference materials such as historic pictures and books of Native Americans, mountain men and western genre. Marty's project this year is a departure from past projects. The Doane Experience project this year will be a 16" Workshop Santa made from a basswood rough out. It will be mallet carved in the round and painted with oils.

You can visit his website at: <http://www.martydolphenscarving.com>



Gary and Mary Ann Klinger have been carving since 1990. Semi-retired they try to balance their time between family, work, carving, and fishing trips, which Gary calls his "study time" The Klinger's teach at the 'Doane Experience' in Crete, Nebraska and various workshops in the Midwest. They both have won numerous awards at the Mid-America Woodcarvers Association show, with results being shown in Chip Chats Magazines.

Besides a busy fish carving teaching schedule they do get time to fish and relax with the family.

The Mid America Woodcarvers Association is very important to them also. Gary, the clubs' past tool man and now Beginner Instructor was awarded The George Floral award for Exemplary Service 2008. Mary Ann is currently 1st Vice President of the MAWA Board and serving on the Doane Experience Committee.

This year's Doane project will be a Bass fish surrounded by artificial splashing water. They will have other projects available as well. The fish may be power or hand carved. The class will also include making the habitat.

You can visit the Klinger's web site at: <http://woodcarvingsbyklingers.com/>



MAWA NAUGHTY LIST

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Fey	Don / Dena
Allison	Karl / Marilyn	Fiedler	Rick
Anderson	Andrew / Patricia	Fielder	Richard
Anderson	Judy	Fischer	Glen
Applegate	Mary	Franco	Seturnino / Gloria
Ator	Neal	Fry	Glen
Babb	David / Norma	GILBERT	THOMAS / BECKY
BAGINSKI	RICH	Ginest	Trudy / Mel
Bailey	Bill / Marilyn	GIRARD	CHERYL
<i>Baldus</i>	Lavern	Girard	James
Baumgardner	Mike	Gregory	Bob
Becker	Roger / Jackie	Griffith	Tom
Bennett	Sam	Gutshall	Wei
Bergman	Susan	Hallagan	Corey
Bernt	Mike / Sandie	Harris	James
Boon	Samuel E.	Hart	John
Branch	Parker / Lanni	Hays	Arthur M.
Breslich	Richard	Hemminger	Dan
Brewster	Larry	Herrington	Elijah
Brock	James P.	Hiebert	Woody
Brunkhorst	Jeanette	Hinton	David
Budler	Jack	Hodgens	Donna
Carlson	Sally	Horine	Robert
Cashoili	Robert	Howard	Chris
Cassel	Roy	Howe	David L.
Chapman	Fred	Jenkins	Bill / Ann
Chapman	Gerold / Dorothy	Jensen	Trudy / Will
Chuchro	Cheryl / David	Johnson	Al / Marilyn
Clark	Harrison	Joyner	Jim / Pat
Clark	James M / Sharon	KEMP	CHARLES
Cleary	Richard / Connie	Kiblinger	Frank
Clifton	Al	Kingry	Everett
Craft	Bill / Valerie	Klement	Joyce
Cuka	Cathy	Kley	Donald
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Degner	Doug / Jane	Kramer	Dorothy
DeJong	Barry	Kreglo	Alan J.
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Nelson	Donald / Sally	Thomsen	Janus
Neuhaus	Dorian R.	Tinder	Thad / Janie
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Niemann	Ed	Turner	David / Pamela
NOVOTNY	JAMES	Turner	Jack
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Proctor	Les	Westvold	Warren
Rauscher	Warren	Whisler	Eileen
Reed	Wayne	White	Steve
Reinecker	Russell "Buck"	Wilderman	Paula
Reinecker	Jeff	Willson	Dennis
Rhodes	Jeff	WITTER	CHUCK / NELL
Robbins	John E	Witty	Jay / Susan
Roberts	Bob	Wolf	Frank / Mary Jo
Roman	Marion	Wrensch	Richard
Rourke	Dennis	Yate	Franklin
Rucker	Adair / Patty	ZECHMANN	DICK
Rundall	Tim		
Russell	Steve		
RUSSO	JOHN		



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