



Club Information

### Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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# NEWSLETTER

*Message from the President:*

Mar 2013

Happy St. Patrick's day to all of you. I heard once that everyone is Irish on that day. Well at least that means we are all perfect for one day a year, right? Of course, me being Irish, I am a little biased.

I hope all of you have been busy carving, whittling, or chipping away. I would like to see or hear about what you accomplished over the long cold winter. Send us an email with your project information and a photo so we can publish them to the website, or use them in the newsletter. Your carvings may inspire others to try something.

Fall show planning is well under way as well and we have hopes to release the table registration forms within the next few weeks. I am happy to announce that Rich Wagner was agreed to take ownership of the show planning this year. I look forward to his ideas and plans to make this year's event special. His experience in planning other events in Omaha will only ensure a successful show for us. Of course, he will continue to work with Mary Ann Klinger on this and use the current blueprint that she has created. Her experience and planning will be beneficial to Rich.

Doane planning is going very well. The Doane committee will meet at Doane in April to finalize all the details. We will have some surprises for you those that attend this year, so if you have not sent in your registration for the Annual Doane experience, consider doing it today. Classes are starting to fill up, so the sooner you get it to us the more likely you are to receive your first choice. Checking around the price of this year's event still makes it the best seminar around. 5 days of carving, 3 meals a day, and nice dorm rooms to sleep after a long day of carving. You also get to make new carving friends, and an opportunity to see all the vendors up close so you can pick up any needed items.

If you are in Omaha, plan on stopping at one of club meetings. We would love to see you there.

Happy Carving

*Have you Signed up yet for  
the Doane Experience?*

*Don't delay send your registration now before the class you  
want fills up.*

## Lend a helping hand to a woodcarver

If you have room:

We are looking for anyone that may be able to give some Doane Attendees a lift from the Omaha Airport to the Doane Experience. They would be arriving early Sunday and are willing to pay gas expenses. This is an opportunity to make some new friends and help out a fellow woodcarver. I know it seems early, but the men need to know so they can make reservations.

Let me know if you are willing and have room and I can work to help coordinate the times.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

**[WWW.MIDAMERICAWOODCARVERS.COM](http://WWW.MIDAMERICAWOODCARVERS.COM)**

**IT HAS ALL KINDS OF GREAT INFORMATION  
AND PHOTO'S**

### Saturday Club Classes

March 16th Wildlife Plaques hosted by Thad Tinder

## *Upcoming Events*

### Kansas City Woodcarvers Club Woodcarving Show

John Knox Pavillion  
Lee Summit Mo.

March 22 and 23rd 2013

### Central Nebraska Wood Creations Show and Sale

Expo Center, Buffalo County Fairgrounds  
Kearney Nebraska

Saturday April 27th 9:00 Am - 5:00 PM

Sunday April 28th 10:00 Am - 4:00 PM

Contact: Harlan Nilsen for

### *Western & Wildlife Art Workshop*

*July 20-26 2013*

*Crete, Nebraska*

*See Brochure [www.westernwoodcarvers.com](http://www.westernwoodcarvers.com)*

*Contact*

*Nancy Burke 402-623-4292 or [ww12618@windstream.net](mailto:ww12618@windstream.net)*

### *The Doane Experience*

*July 28- Aug 3 2013*

*Doane College Campus Crete Nebraska*

*Look for more details in the February Newsletter*

**New Members**

*We would like to welcome all our new members, if you are able, please come to a club meeting..*

<i>Robert Horine</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>Scott Tripp</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>John/Dorothy Hegensick</i>	<i>River Forest, IL</i>
<i>Lydell Otley</i>	<i>Waverly, NE</i>
<i>Dennis/Linda Nash</i>	<i>Florence, AZ</i>
<i>John Martineau</i>	<i>Saint Louis, MO</i>

*Welcome to all the new members*

*Stop by a club meeting and see what we are currently up too*

*Enjoy Great fellowship  
and a donut and a cup of coffee*

## **In my ongoing quest to provide useable information**

### **“aka why can’t I find butternut 8 X 8’s”**

Butternut canker caused by the fungus *Sirococcus clavignenti-juglandacear* is killing Butternut trees. It was first reported in Wisconsin in 1967, the disease has killed 80 % of the butternut in some states. The canker kills trees of all ages including young saplings, the fungus can survive on dead trees for at least 20 months. The USDA forest service reports a dramatic decrease in the number of live butternut trees in the United States. In Wisconsin a 58 percent decrease in live Butternut trees was measured in the last 15 years, in Michigan it was reported at 84 percent. A recent study by the Wisconsin DNR reported 91 percent of the live butternut trees were diseased. There is however hope as disease free trees have been found in 19 states. These trees are growing alongside of severely cankered trees. These trees are identified and grafted to root stock and the nuts are also collected. It is too early to tell but the preliminary data looks promising for saving this species.

SO now you know why butternut is getting harder to locate, of all the wood I cut it is my favorite, I love the smell and it is such a beautiful wood I hope they are successful!!!

Now impress all your wood carving friends use *Sirococcus clavignenti-juglandacear* in your next conversation.



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## The Gretna Retreat the tradition continues and Thrives!!!!

John and Mary have made the commitment to keep this tradition going. If you have never been to it you really should consider it next year. It is a good time with great instructors and a perfect break for the winter blues!!!!



*Worried about the Post Office stopping Saturday Delivery? Tired of running to the mailbox full of excitement only to be disappointed yet again when the newsletter isn't there. Want to be go green and be part of a paperless society? Well do I have a deal for you then!!!!!!  
Get it by email, you'll get the newsletter on the day it is released, and be able to see all the photos in full color. Send your name and address including email to:*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Check appropriate boxes)*

Membership—\$20.00 per Family - Newsletter send by 3rd class mail (except) February -1st class mail

Membership Card - send SASE (Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope)

Detach and send applications, dues and SASE to Len Stenneche, PO Box 521, Gretna, NE 68028-0521

*If you have any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address contact:*

**LEN STENNECHE - 333 Paradise Drive - Gretna, NE 68028-7890 - (402) 332-3118 - [ldstenneche@cox.net](mailto:ldstenneche@cox.net)**

*A Parting Shot.....* By George Bledsoe

Wow February was crazy, I attended the Cedar Valley Wood Carvers show in Cedar Rapids, what a great group of folks. They put on a great show and they are all so friendly and fired up about wood carving it was fun to be around. I stayed with Kirt and Linda Curtis and they were wonderful and gracious hosts. I sat with Carol and Larry and outbid "The Big Dog" on a spokeshave ( ok he wasn't bidding but, if he had been I would have taken him to auction school ). We had a grand time at the banquet the food was great and even I won a small rotary tool too. The trip weather was great and I got a chance to road trip with Marty which is always fun. I still remember going to the Amana colonies with our wives and Marty cleaning me out of like 25.00 playing .10 knock poker in the back seat of the car on the trip up. I don't think I ever won a hand that whole time. Then of course there was the Arkansas trip with Marty, Denny, Ron and I , that was a whole different adventure there. What happens in the F-150 stays in the F-150 right guys, that is when Marty instituted a one joke per state policy for me (which is still in effect today) I got back to work on Monday and had to get ready to go to Gretna the next weekend. I have always enjoyed going there everyone is nice, and it is fun visiting, and carving in that setting. It is true sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate but I always feel a hint of spring in the air when I am there. We had some new faces this year and it looked like everyone had a good time. I even saw Gary Klinger at Gretna, something is fishy about that guy..... I also bought a couple Drake tools, I really don't need any new tools, but I love wood and the handles on those tools always catch my eye. I also got all registered for Doane and I am waiting to hear what class I was lucky enough to get in. I am looking forward to it and will start getting lumber ready to have on hand. The process from tree to finished material is time intensive but I enjoy it. I just put in my ear plugs and enjoy the process. It was nice to get back to my desk job on Monday as I was worn out from my busy couple of weekends. So to everyone I talked to over the last couple of weeks Thanks I enjoyed the time spent talking about projects, carving and wood. See you at Doane if not before. George



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