

# OCCASIONAL CHIPS

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**36<sup>th</sup> consecutive Annual Show and Sale at Oglebay Park, Pine Room will be held Sat., Sun. Sept. 5 & 6, 2015.**

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All Monday evenings 6PM-9PM.  
All Thursday mornings 9AM-12PM.  
(All gathering sessions closed on Stifel Center Holidays)  
*Dues \$5.00 per year.*

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*Oglebay Woodcarvers Guild  
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## **COMING EVENTS**

Here are some scheduled events planned for the end of the year and those for next year.

### **2014**

1. Dayton carving show **November 8 & 9.**
2. Carvers Christmas tree carving ornament project. Now till **Thursday, December 11.**
3. Decorating and display of the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Stifel Fine Arts Center. **Thursday, November 6**
4. Final year end business meeting with election of officers. **Monday December 8, 7 PM**
5. Carvers adult Christmas Party and drawing the winner of the Christmas tree project. **Monday, December 15.**

### **2015**

1. Carving classes depending on availability of instructors. Projects and final specific dates to be determined later. **Mondays January to April.**
2. Business meeting **Monday March 9,**
3. Business Meeting **Monday June 8**
4. Carvers picnic at Wheeling Park, **Monday July 15.**
5. Carving Show at Oglebay Park, Pine Room **Saturday & Sunday September 5 & 6.**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

These are the new members we have welcomed since our last newsletter to join us as we carve and enjoy the friendships.

**Robin Harris**, Wheeling, Mar.  
**Mike Allen**, Bellevue, OH Mar.  
**Kaye Newton**, Wheeling, Apr.  
**Frank Collelo**, Valley Grove, WV, Aug  
**John Barron**, Washington, PA Sept.  
**Anna Brinkmeier**, Wheeling, Sept  
**Ariana Yaple**, Bridgeport, OH Sept.  
**Jay Nicolella**, Washington, PA Sept.  
**Fred & Donna Carper**, Washington, PA Sept.



## **NOTES**

If you would like to receive notices of club activities or other information via the internet give me your e-mail address. Send to [jhodo5@comcast.net](mailto:jhodo5@comcast.net).

**This club is featured on Facebook** feel free to peruse at will or add info. Thanks go to member Missy Mazeska who took the initiative to pursue and bring this to fruition. Go to: *Oglebay Woodcarvers Guild*, with our logo shown.

## **PICNIC-2014**

The picnic held Monday afternoon July 21 at Wheeling was a huge success. The weather according to the TV weather prophets turned out very nice despite their predictions of showers. The sun shone bright with lots of humidity for everyone.

The picnic scheduled hours were from 5 PM with eating at 6 PM sharp but this did not keep some folks from coming early which was a welcome to those who were setting things up for this event.

**Clark Adams, Joe & Jolene Hodorowski and Darlene Philabaum** were the first to arrive to set-up the tables, arrange tables, cover and tape the park tables. Shortly **Joan & Milt Nugent** arrived and a bit later **Ann Swearingen & daughter** came bringing all of the cooked chicken.

The club purchased 61 pieces of chicken from Riesbeck's store but only about a total of 31 pieces were consumed. A package of 24 Hot Dogs and almost a large package of Kielbasa was eaten by this "dog" hungry crowd.

Cooking was started by **Joe Hodorowski**, then **Bill Hicks** decided to give it a go followed by **Duke Jordan** on the grounds of past experience of knowing when to turn them and when to remove them.

All of those attending brought a nice and delicious variety of food with many bringing extra items like ice, soft drinks, chips, dips and cookies. "*The eaten was good.*" **Robin Harris** and **Missy Mazeska**, combined to provide a small infant swimming pool filled with ice to keep things cool along with some food items which made a nice food arrangement. Other food items that needed to be kept cool where also placed into this first class set-up.

NOTE: log on to

**[www.oglebaywoodcarvers.com](http://www.oglebaywoodcarvers.com)** to see all of the photos taken).

This 2014 picnic in the Park was successful with a record high of 40 folks enjoying an afternoon eating and enjoying the carving friendships. The young kids enjoyed the nearby playground.

Thanks to all who attended and helped out.

## **CARVING SHOW**

The 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual show that was held on the Labor Day weekend of August 30 & 31 turned out much better than expected due to the strong possibility of rain. Saturday turned out to be a fine day despite the predictions of the weather prophets. Sunday the prophets won—it rained but despite that we had a steady amount of visitors who enjoyed the exhibits.

We as a club can be proud of the fact that this show is a continuing project for 35 years without a miss. This has taken a lot of responsibility on the part of many members including those who have passed away.

This year we found many of our out of town carvers who would always attend are experiencing difficulties with health thus we needed to invite some new folks to join us. Club President and Show Chairman, **Clark Adams** was able to invite 5 new carvers to join us but this still left us with a few open spaces. The new carvers were **Ray Figular, WV; Jeff Kowal, PA; Kathryn Overcash, VA; Phil & Nancy Topa, VA.**

This year we welcomed some new young talents to share tables with relatives and display their wood burnings. **Ashley Dague**, age 15 and **Zachary Weisgerber**, age 13 enjoyed the show with their displays and dinner.

After the Saturday show most exhibiting carvers joined some local club members for a 5 PM dinner at the *Undos Restaurant* in Elm Grove, WV where many small prizes were raffled to some lucky folks. This was a free in-

centive and a thanks for attending and helping to make this show a success.

This club wishes to thank the following visiting carvers for their donation to our Christmas tree project which funds the *Stifel Fine Arts Centers* children's programs here in Wheeling. **Bill Baker** from Pittsburgh gave us a nice Santa ornament; **Nora Gosney** for a decorated mirror carving; **Kevin Patch**, donated 5 small ornaments and **Malinda & Chuck Hankey** gave a large colorized Santa bust which will be an alternate prize raffled with the tree. Many thanks for your generosity.

Did you know that we devoured 10 dozen donuts each day of the two day show for a total of 240 donuts??? We are glad that **Jim Showalter** picked up the "light" ones. The club supplied the napkins and the donuts.

Each hour during the show a free raffle was held for all of the visitors who received a ticket upon entering. These door prizes were carvings donated by club members. Thanks go to the following: The late **Joe Rabel/ Jim Ingram, Joe Hodorowski, Joan & Milt Nugent, Darlene Philabaum, Missy Mazeska, Jim Showalter, Jim Ingram, Keith Miller, Dave Sloan, and Ann Swearingen.** Some members gave multiple donations for the 14 hours of the raffle.

52 was the total number who attended the after show Saturday evening dinner.

The show was rated as a successful by show chairman **Clark Adams.**

## **JOSEPH WHITMORE**

**Joe**, age 67 of Bloomingdale, OH passed away Tuesday evening July 29, 2014 in East Liverpool City Hospital. He was a club member since about Jan 2000. He was an accomplished carver and tried to attend the club carving sessions as much as possible despite the driving distance. The last few years illness hampered him greatly. Survivors include his mother, his wife, two sons, four granddaughters, a great grandson, and two brothers. **Joe** had a good friend, member **Larry Freshwater** who always drove him so he could enjoy carving with us.



## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Date: **Monday, December 15, 2014**

Time: **5:00 PM Eating 6:00 PM**

Place: **The elegant Stifel Dining Room**

Type of event: **Covered Dish**

Dress: **Casual**

For Whom: **Adult carving members, their spouse or friend**

**All** members who wish to attend must contact **Sue Mozena** or **Ann Swearingen** at the club or call **Sue** at (304-277-3535) or **Ann** at (740-312-9085) with your choice of food you will bring and the number of those attending. Contact early as space is limited, 60 people fills

the available tables.

**The** dish choices are appetizers, entrees, salads, desserts, or other. To provide an assortment it is imperative you contact **Sue** or **Ann** so we may have a variety.

**After** socializing, dining, music and other Christmas activities the final highlight of the evening involves the raffle of our Christmas Tree with all the carved ornaments and the other secondary prizes.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT**

**This** club wide membership project has been ongoing for many years and most members are able to participate. For those not acquainted with this endeavor, we carve or hand make ornaments for a Christmas tree that we decorate and then at our Christmas party pull the winning tickets.

**We** ask most members to contribute **at least** one item and those most experienced are asked to provide more and more quality items. These items are not required to be totally carved. We accept lathe work, scroll saw work or any **hand crafted item** large or small. In the past we have accepted clocks, nice plaques, gift certificates, music boxes, table decorations, bird houses, canes, whether or not Christmas themed is OK.

If the item is to large to hang on the tree it will be raffled as a

secondary prize providing an opportunity for many more winners.

**The** tree will be first displayed during the Oglebayfest to be held October 2-3-4 and later on display in the Stifel Center on the first floor lobby. Check it out.

**The** deadline for these items is Thursday December 11.

**All** of the proceeds from this raffle are donated to the Stifel Center Fine Arts Center for their children's programs that they conduct for area children.

## **PHOTOS & WEBSITE**

**To** view the many pictures of past club activities and member carvings including pictures from our Annual Carving Show go to our website

**[www.oglebaywoodcarvers.com](http://www.oglebaywoodcarvers.com)**

And look for pictures. Click on desired activity, click on slideshow and enjoy. If you see a picture of your carving and would like a copy simply download to your computer and print it. This website has no restrictions.

If you complete a carving and wish a photo to be taken and included on this website see **Joe Hodorowski**. Pictures from your camera are also accepted to be included just e-mail them to [jhodo5@comcast.net](mailto:jhodo5@comcast.net).



*Remember there are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.*



## **OTHER STUFF**

**Treasurer, Duke Jordan**, tool and supply man has lots of items for sale to members. He has carving wood, knives, gouges, wooden eggs, wooden plates, cutouts, gloves, band-aids, thumb guards, etc in big, small, medium, tall, dull, sharp sizes.. All are at reasonable pricing due to buying quantity discounts. See him for your needs.

If you need help with patterns, books see librarian **Joan Nugent**. These items are available for loan for two weeks.

During the recent Annual Carving Show many of the visitors were welcomed by many local carvers. They were friends from the past or are members who live afar and are unable to make any of our Monday or Thursday carving sessions or they have other commitments. We saw members and past members **Larry Freshwater, Simon Carpino, Tom Habenicht, and Barry Kirtley**. "Virg" **Subasic**, widow of **Leonard**, the founding member of this guild took the time to visit us. Other carvers renewed friendships with others they new and we all renewed friendships with many visiting carvers.

**Jim Showalter**, the sales manager of the outdated carving and wood magazine stand reported that out of the hundred or so magazines available only a few were left. We sell these for \$0.25 each, so if you have some to discard donate them to the club. They must be carving or woodworking magazines or books.

Thanks go to many local club members who helped out the Fri-

day, Saturday and Sunday of the show. Special thanks go to **Heidiho & Vickie Logsdon** for selling the raffle tickets during the show. Thanks also to the many folks who manned the entry table and to **Bill Hicks** for helping me while taking photos of carvings for *CHIP CHATS* Magazine. My time spent normally with no help averaged most of the day Saturday but with **Bill's** help the time was cut in half.

Did you see **Frank Bulian's** Madonna and child during the show or **Ken Kohl's** "devil went down to Georgia"?? How about newcomer **Phil Topa**, and his unique display of pumpkin caricatures? Did you check out **Mike Allen's** clock display in mahogany, especially the Norwegian Baroque wall clock? **Malinda & Chuck Hankey** had a nice display of finished chain saw carvings while **Jeff Roscoe** toiled outside on the lawn turning logs into various sculptures.

Rumor has it that long time visiting carving exhibitor **Ray Thurston**, may be heading into a rest or retirement period and will not be with us to display his unique found wood carvings during next years carving show. **Ray** and his wife **Phyllis** from Mentor OH, always presented a neat table with an array of various carvings that added to our show and if leaving us is their final act they will be missed not only by our membership but also by the many returning show visitors.

Another long time carver and wood supplier is considering not returning next year. **Jim Lukens** from *Quality Hardwood* of Knightstown, IN. This presents a problem for our show but we do have a full year to locate a replacement wood supplier. Time marches

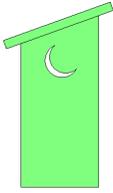
on and there is no stopping this advancement.

Visiting supplier **Ed Allen**, of *Boxes-N-Such* who has been with us for a number of years is in the process of going out of business due to health reasons. **Ed** may be selling out but he wants to return as an exhibiting carver which we welcome. For those new members **Ed** was the supplier where boxes, plates, eggs, and other wooden things were available for carving.

Remember that our treasurer **Duke** has a vast amount of these items available for purchase to members.

Possible in the future a class may be made available to members in bark carving with **Kathryn Overcash** of Mineral, VA instructing. **Clark Adams** is working on this possibility. Speaking of classes, last May, seven members took part in a class taught by the talented professional carver **Dylan Goodson** of Alabama. This 3 day class was attended by **Clark Adams, Susan Dorsch, Pete Conklin, Joe Hodorowski, Ann Swearingen, Joan and Milt Nugent**. Four of this group have completed their carvings and you can view these on our photo section of the website. They are by **Ann**, relief scene; **Joe**, baseball player; **Susan**, turtle; **Milt**, male bust. We are awaiting the others to complete. This was a difficult class for 3 days 8 plus hours per day but we received our moneys worth.

**Dylan** showed us his carving stand for hands free carving. We purchased this device for use by club members and later the talented **Joe Romanyak** using some left over steel items in his workshop was able to supply free to us more stands. Thank you very much **Joe** you have a definite God given talent in carving and in welding and other areas.



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

Several things I want to talk to the membership about.

**First** at the woodcarving show this year **John Dunkle** donated two custom knives to the club to be used as a fund raiser. He also wanted to make sure that one of the knives was raffled off at the show to someone that had a table at the show. So we sold \$5.00 tickets to any exhibitor that wanted a chance. At the Saturday night dinner we drew the winner and it was **Susan Mozena**. Congratulation **Sue**.

**The other knife will be raffled off to members for \$ 5.00 a chance.** The tickets will be on sale at the club meetings starting on Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the drawing will either be the end of November or at the Christmas Party. I would like input from you members on which is best. The knives are made of John's new steel with antler handles and will be engraved "Oglebay Woodcarvers 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Show 2014". So email me or talk to me at a meeting. I want to thank **John Dunkle** for his generous gift. **John** says he considers us his home club even though he lives in Archbold Ohio.

**Secondly**, the tickets we sell leading up to the show and during the show produce operating money for the club and some of it goes to the "soup kitchens" we support. It has come to my attention that the prizes on the ticket are all at *Oglebay Park* and it makes the ticket hard to sell to anyone not from this area. Since we are getting a lot more members from PA and Ohio the tickets need to have a wider appeal. All of the current prizes are donated by *Oglebay* and we really are thankful for their support but I have been trying to come up with a way to make the ticket easier to sell. I have an idea which will take some support and effort from you members. Other clubs sell tickets at their shows for a carving that is a club project. Like a Nativity Scene, Noah's Ark, Carved Quilt, etc. Something where many members can contribute a piece. Since we have a major prize already on the ticket, the week in a cabin at the park, we need to decide how to add a second first prize. Someone suggested giving the first ticket pulled the choice of the carved prize or the cabin and the second ticket getting the other first prize.

**I am very open to suggestions on this idea. Please get to me with your input. All suggestion are welcome.**

**Thanks.**

**Clark**

**NOTE:** For your suggestions Clarks e-mail is:

**Clark@unimaxsystems.com**



## **BITS AND PIECES**

**Last** April the club purchased about 200-300 BF of butternut boards from a man near Barnesville, OH, these are available for club members carving use. See treasured **Duke Jordan** for price and availability.

**Yearly** club dues of \$ 5.00 will be due again in January of 2015. See Treasurer **Duke Jordan**.

**Club** carving sessions on Monday evenings and Thursday morning (see front page for times, etc.) attendance has been sporadic. Some sessions approach 30 members others to lows of 15, while the Thursday mornings usually are attended by about 10-13 of the same carvers. Remember to improve your carving skills you must hone your interest to a high level. A few misses and the desire to attend is a bye-bye. Learning is an ongoing thing and association with others of like mind will spur you on. Continuity in anything is essential for advancement.

**While** on the subject of continuity there are many members who join attend just a few times and than vanish. We miss seeing you at our carving sessions.

We know life is very hectic or perhaps health is a problem. We understand but we would like to hear from you from time to time or just pop-in for a chat. If you wish to “unjoin” let me know my email is on the front page and we will not bother you.

Some carvers who are able to stop by to just say hello have been father-son **Akis** members, **Pete Conklin, Bill Edgar, Gene Francis, Gary Harvey, John Hess, M. & M. Muklewicz,** and **Ted Parsons** just to name a few of those who stop occasionally.

We also know many members reside outside of our local region and there are many who just want to be members and for those folks we are grateful.

**The Charlotte Woodcarvers 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Showcase of Woodcarvings** is scheduled for February 20-22, 2015 in Charlotte, NC. Last year when we had snow **Clark Adams, Phil Topa, Susan Dorsch,** and **Bob Stadlander** enjoyed the 119 carvers who exhibited 721 carvings and the approximate 2500 visitors who attended. **Dorsch** lead a carving seminar and **Stadlander** sold supplies. If you are able try attending this big show during our cold winter. **Ray Branch** is our contact person and a member of our club.

As mentioned on the front page the huge *Dayton, OH Show* will be held November 8 & 9, 2014. Charlotte may have some visitors in attendance there.

The comment sheets that were passed to exhibiting carvers for opinions pro or con regarding our show were re-

ceived with mostly favorable comments. They ranged from: praise in handling the door prizes, well organized, don't change a thing, everyone is helpful, excellent and see you next year. One comment said less rain another said to post two large signs at front door to “*don't touch carvings*” and a sign “*ask before photographing work*”. From our prospective this type of signage should be placed on that exhibitors table because other carvers don't mind this type of visitor interaction.

Another late comment suggested to eliminate chain saw noise during the lawn demos. Further the demos should be publicized individually prior to the show so attendees can plan their visits. There was also a suggestion for a “*light*” juried show. The writer knew that this club is totally against a judged show because of manning problems and inevitable disagreements. We as a club believe to leave our format the same and concentrate on friendliness and serving the carvers at entry and exit times with their equipment. We know this has less appeal for carvers who do not sell because after they put forth the excellent effort they are not recognized with a ribbon of accomplishment. We further like to think of our club show as the holiday relaxing time in friendly Wheeling, WV where other outdoor activities are taking place.

We wish to thank all for their comments and suggestions. I, the writer, hope to have answered all questions fairly and left some thoughts for our offi-

cers to possibly look at the format to see if changes may be warranted for improvement to make this a more carver friendly show. Come back next year and bring another carving friend to share the friendships.

**The** local newspapers presented a nice write-up about the “*Flatiron Building*” in downtown Wheeling that was recently sold. This most recognizable building has been vacant for a number of years and its triangular shape is located at Main and South streets next to the Robert C. Byrd Intermodal Center. This building was built in the early 1900's for the former Wheeling steel & Iron Company—the forerunner of Wheeling Steel – and actually served as Wheeling municipal building for a short time while the present day City-County Building was under construction, according to the newspaper account.

The purchaser said though the building is structurally sound it will need a lot of work and he is undertaking this venture with the help of his wife.

Why am I writing this in a carving newsletter???

It's because the new owner of this building is **Kevin Duffin**, of Wheeling and a carving member who joined us last January. He and his wife **Pat** are also owners of Carson Petroleum Company.

**THE END**

GOD BLESS AND PROTECT THE  
SOLDIERS WHO KEEP US FREE  
SO WE MAY CARVE

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