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## **IT'S A NEW YEAR!**

Yes it 's another new year and a time to do our best designed carvings.....and let the chips fly.

**2016 DUES TO OGLEBAY WOODCARVERS GUILD & MAIL TO OGLEBAY-WOOD CARVERS, 1330 NATIONAL ROAD, WHEELING, WV 26003**

In looking backward to **March 1999**, and the date of the first newsletter publication was born to convey information about our carving guild. It 's hard to imagine **17** years ago I wrote the first paragraph. Dues were \$4.00; the late **Stan Ruminski** was president, **Dave Stauer** was V.P. **Dan Kerr** was Treasurer, **Clark Adams** was Recording Secretary and I was Corresponding Secretary. The board of directors consisted of **Jim Showalter**, the late **Ed Peyton**, **Joe Rich**, the late **John Gorrell**, and **Ed Haines**.

Some new members who joined in the prior 6 months included **Duke Jordan**, **Charlie Heffelfinger**, **Dave Crunelle**, **John Yancosek**, **Tom Clark**, and **Esther Booth**.

**Bev Beatty** had just accepted the work of show chairperson and **Leonard Subasic** retired from the club offices.

The three pages were the beginning of our carving club news, its members and its activities written to inform especially those who are unable to attend regularly.

Those past years have seen a lot of members come and go, some quit, some moved away, some were unable to fully participate but some paid dues to receive this newsletter to keep informed, and some passed on to the pearly gates. It has been many NICE years. Thanks.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Once again we welcome some new members who decided to try their hand at carving. They include:

**Walter S. Thompson**, Lake City, PA, Aug.  
**Edward J. Corbett**, Wheeling, Sept.  
**Bernadette Harris**, Wheeling, Sept.  
**Keith A. Radick**, Delaware, OH, Sept.  
**Joe Inclan**, Moundsville, WV. Sept.  
**Gary Davis**, Jerusalem, OH, Oct.  
**Ben Dunaway**, Wheeling, Nov.

## **NEW LIBRARY BOOKS**

We gained some new carving books for our extensive library thanks to a purchase made by Treasurer **Duke Jordan** and President **Clark Adams**. Here is a listing.

- ◆ *Carving Christmas Ornaments* by Betty Padden.
- ◆ *Freshwater Fish Carving* by James Fliger
- ◆ *Carving Fishing Lures* by Lora S. Irish
- ◆ *Relief Carving Workshop* by Lora S. Irish
- ◆ *Carving Horse Portraits in Relief* by Kurt Koch
- ◆ *Carving Tree Bark* by Rick Jensen
- ◆ *Carving Fantasy and Legend Figures in Wood* by Shawn Cipa
- ◆ *Book of Carving Patterns* by Lora Irish.

For those unaware of our library we have hundreds of carving related books

available for loan on a two week basis. A sign out sheet is on display in the tool room. Titles are now computerized on our computer for easy access. Contact librarian **Joan Nugent** if you need help.

## DAYTON SHOW

Saturday November 14, saw a number of club members making the long trip to Dayton to stroll around the old airport hanger to view carvings at this show billed as *ARTISTRY IN WOOD*. This year besides carvings the place was filled with many more tables of turnings, scrolling, and wood burnings, past furniture displays were almost non-existent.

Seven members chose to travel as a group in a rented van to this event. Clark Adams who was our driver along with **Al Pierson, Missy Mazeska, Jim Showalter, John Yancosek, Duke Jordan, and Joe Hodorowski** made the trip at a transportation cost of 42.00 each for rental and gasoline.

The trip began for **Clark** at 3 AM with a drive to Pittsburgh airport for a less expensive van rental then on to the Stifel at 7 AM to pickup the balance of the travelers. On to a *Bob Evans* breakfast at 9:30 with final arrival about 11:15 AM. We split and started the long journey to view all that was offered at this monster display with a large crowd of people all there for the same reasons. It was so full of people that the heat index in the building exceeded any global warming predictions.

Demos for turning and carving gave some a chance to sit down and rest our tired feet-mine were killing me after only about half way around this huge area. Table displays took up most of the building but the vendors area took up a huge area that was left. It could be said that this is the largest show in the U.S.

During this visit other members came independently some we met up with and others did not cross paths due to the show size. **Jay Nicolella, Ann Swearingen, Pete Conklin, and Miranda Sykes** were in attendance.

We encountered many exhibitors who also display at our Labor Day Show, they were **Bob and Jim Stadlander, Jim's wife Diana Harto, Ed and Mike Allen, Karl Ohly, John Dunkle, Jim Lukens and Mary Weinheimer**. Also some from the past like **John Niggemeyer, Dylan Goodson, John Broughton and John Schultz**.

Also we had the opportunity to meet the lady who receives our show info for the *CHIP CHATS* magazine.

Finally all of the van travelers had enough and started leaving at about 4:30 PM. Now with appetites in full hungry modes it was on to Zanesville at 7 PM and the *Red Lobster* where thanks to **Clark's** sweet talking gave us an almost reserved seating arrangement.

Comradery on the van trip with plenty of heavy conversations on all topics was present. Meal stops were enjoyable with jokes with the servers and amongst each other. During the *Lobster* stop an anonymous passenger tried to pay his bill with a *Bob Evans* gift card. It didn't work but it sure shook up the manager. Took a bit of ribbing.

The Wheeling safe arrival was about 9:45 PM then it was time to head for home exhausted but happy for the opportunity to enjoy something in common.

Thanks are given to **Clark Adams** for the sacrifice of his time and effort to provide this club with not only this trip but in all he does to keep this organization intact and advancing.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY WRAP

**Gene Francis**, a name without limits that gathered all the Christmas toys, and shared one. With 49 folks attending the 2015 Christmas party and watching all the raffles taking place, **Gene** and his wife **Donna** garnered the majority of prizes. Lady luck was smiling at them that evening. During the party attendees raffle of 5 prizes **Gene** started by winning the walnut scroll sawn Jesus cross. Then the big raffle, conducted by club president **Clark Adams** for the 1st prize Christmas tree and all of the hand carved/made ornaments was won quickly by our friend **Gene Francis**. The second prize of a bird feeder immediately went to **Gene Francis**. A "truce" was called but this lasted only till the 4th prize was drawn and going to **Donna Francis**. Since this prize was a Jesus cross which Gene already had one in his passion from and earlier drawing he graciously turned this one back for a redraw. This kind act stopped the luck of the draw for **Gene** and **Donna**. Things returned to normal.

The evening presented to us a vast array of very diverse types of food to feast on—and we did. Even the drinks ranged from coffee to various sodas, teas, wine and even a bit of imported Czechoslovakian stuff which could drop your socks and "undies". A lot was left over and many folks took advantage of the take home plates the club supplied.

We had some first time attendees that included **Bill and Theresa Baker** from Pittsburgh, **Nick and Carol Facci** from New Martinsville, **Jay Nicolella** and his wife from Washington, **Gene and Donna Francis**. It was nice to see **Molly Ruminski**, a non-carving member (her late husband was

the carver ) who volunteers her services during our annual carving show. Also we welcomed and enjoyed seeing **Kit Nugent** who attended with his mother **Joan**.

The free raffle for those in attendance had some nice gifts. The first prize was a large beautiful deep relief carving that was carved by our club founder **Leonard Subasic**. This was a gift to our club by Molly Ruminski. It was owned by Molly 's late husband Stanley Ruminski, who was our president in the early years. It was best to use this carving so a lucky member ( or spouse ) would have the opportunity to own this fine carving. The winner was **Sue Mozena** who was delighted to have this in her possession. **Sue** was a member when **Leonard** was the president. The other donated prizes were a beautiful chipped carved box by **Joan Nugent**, won by **Ashley Dague**. Two scroll sawn crosses donated by **Joe Hodorowski** was won by **Dave Cru-nelle** and of course **Gene Francis**. The 5 'th and last prize of a nice Christmas book donated by **Diana Pierson** and won by **Maureen Predragovich**.

Thanks are sent to the folks who arrived very early to start the hard work of setting up and organizing. They included **Ann Swearingen**, **Sue Mozena**, **Missy Mazeska**, and **Joe** and **Jolene Hodorowski**. This included covering tables, retrieving all boxes from club storage, arranging power cords, assuring a coffee supply, arranging food, drinks, desserts, utensils, and etc . Thanks to **Duke Jordan** and **Clark Adams** for the raffle arrangements; to **Charlie Heffelfinger** for the nice prayer before our meal; **John Tomaszewski** and **Anna Brinkmeier** for the piano music with vocals. Final thanks goes out to all who attended and participated in the 2015 Christmas Party.

## **ROBERT (BOB) GALBRAITH, SR**

**Tuesday**, September 29, 2015 was a sad day for our membership who knew **Bob** for that was the day he met up with his Maker. His life of 85 years ended at Wheeling Hospital. **Bob** was not a carver but an honorary member of this Guild due to the work and assistance he gave us for many years. **Bob** was a jewelry maker which was his hobby and many members were recipients of his silver bracelets, chains, or necklaces that he gave to us as raffle items. For a number of years he broke bread with us at Perkins or elsewhere for lunch after our Thursday morning carving sessions. So a number of us really got to know **Bob** and we enjoyed his company. On Friday a number of members paid respects to **Bob 's** lovely wife of 62 years, **Lois** and to his 4 children. Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, is now his resting place with the dates of 1930 to 2015.

The span of time between those dates is what is important and we as carvers were privileged to have shared some of those happy times with him. Goodbye **Robert**.

## **OGLEBAYFEST WRAP**

October is always the time of this annual event in which we take part by displaying our Christmas tree with many hand carved/crafted ornaments and the selling of raffle tickets. This tree is our annual project with the money after expenses given to the Stifle Fine Arts Center for the many children's programs that they offer. The Stifel is also our headquarters which allow us some of the finest spaces for our carving activities. October is pay back time to the folks at Stifel. .

Its always hard to get many volunteers to man the tent but here is a list of those who braved the weather and earned their "good achievement" badges. **Clark Adams** and **Duke Jordan** who lived there 3 days; **Jim Showalter**, **Ann Swearingen**, **Bill Hicks**, **Jay Nicolella**, **Joe & Jolene Hodorowski**, **Al & Diana Pierson**, **Alvin Shafer**, **Mary Dolan**, **Donna Carper**, **Joan Nugent**, **Keith Miller**, **Missy Mazeska**, **Sue Mozena**, and **John Yancosek**, that 's 18 people counting spouses out of over 100 actual members-not good. Sales were about \$1500.00 (OK) goal was as in the past \$2600-3000. *Lets do better next year and many gracious thanks to those who helped.*

## **MY FATHERS CARVING LEGACY**

In December I received an e-mail from **Robin Carnes Schnug** of Mesa, CA concerning her father who died . Her father **Tom Carnes**, lived in Bridgeport, WV, who was an excellent carver had died. Her duty was to dispose of the homestead and contents including the carving books, patterns, blanks, and tools. She said "I would love to donate Dad 's tools, books, etc to a worthy group that will actually use them." She only requested a tax receipt for her donation. My answer of course was in the affirmative. She would be in WV over the Christmas holiday and would pack the items and bring them to Wheeling.

On Saturday December 26, **Robin** called me and asked if we could meet half-way on Sunday to transfer the boxes, this was not convenient for me on short notice so it was decided that a neighbor would contact me to complete the transfer.

Her father **Tom Carnes**, was a bird carver and died suddenly leaving an unfinished carving on his work bench. I took the liberty to obtain his obituary and learned that he was a pilot at the end of WWII, gradu-

ated from U. of MS and settled in WV. He earned many awards for his realistic bird carvings in juried art shows along the east coast. He passed June 25, 2013. Arrangements were made with nice helpful neighbor, **Bob Edge**, who drove up from Bridgeport, WV on a Friday and transferred 8 boxes of items between vehicles after we found each other at Coleman's fish house in Wheeling. The book boxes were heavy and we now probably will have a number of items for sale to members. Check with Duke for details.

### **BARK PURCHASE**

Past member and carver **Ed Jones** of Yorkville, OH notified me that he would like to sell to the club some Idaho bark that was in his possession. He was friends with the late carver **Wilmer (Billy) Hibbits**, they both excelled in bark carving. **Ed** said he no longer was doing much carving and would accept \$50.00 for the lot which when I picked it up was about 3 large boxes. **Duke** our treasurer sold a large quantity within two weeks to club members. **Ed** also stopped in later with a donation of a number of gloves suitable for carving protection.

### **WRAP-UP OF CARVING SHOW**

Our 36<sup>th</sup> annual and consecutive carving show was held last Labor Day weekend and was successful. We had some fine carvers participate and display some fine works of art for the visitors to this free admission event. The usual raffle of a week stay in an Oglebay cabin and 5 gift certificates ranging from \$50.00-100.00 were offered. New this year was a choice to purchase those tickets or to select tickets for a carved quilt picture. The 8" x 8" carved wood squares were assembled to form a framed picture about 26 x 26".

Those who carved the squares were **Joan Nugent, Ann Swearingen, John Miller, Tom Clark, Duke Jordan, Clark Adams, Travis Hull, Al Pierson, Keith Miller, and Missy Mazeska**. The frame was constructed, the picture was assembled, and finished by a talented carver and woodworker **Jay Nicolella**. This first prize was won by member **Kelli Dague**. The second 1<sup>st</sup> prize of a weeks stay in an Oglebay cabin was won by **Betty Pitts** of Wheeling. **Lynda Nugent** and **Dave Walters** were winners of the \$100 gift card while **Bob Pockl, Karyl Perko, and Mike Kenenske** won the \$50 gift cards, all were from the Ohio Valley.

Again this year we held our free carved door prizes donated by members **Bill Hicks, Jim Ingram, Joe Hodorowski, Ann Swearingen, Sue Mozena, Joan Nugent, Jim Showalter, Al Pierson, Keith Miller, the late Ron Pickens, and Tom Clark** for a total of 14 carvings.

Thanks to the help of **Bill Hicks** the photo sessions were reduced to 3 hours vs. the past which took almost 2

days. The "welcome door" was manned by **Ashley Dague, Molly Ruminski** and others while **Heidiho** (the dog), and **Vicki Logsdon** took care of the raffle table. Many others too numerous to mention helped in other ways. Thanks to all. A symphony card was circulated during the show and sent to **Ray Thurston**, of Mentor, OH, a long time show participant regarding the November 1, 2015 death of his wife **Phyllis**.

The following out of the area carvers who display at our show donated carvings for our Christmas tree project: **Bill Baker, Ken Grigsby, Ray Thurston, and Mike Allen**. Other carvings were donated by family members in honor of these deceased members **Stan Ruminski, and Ron Pickens**. We had three new exhibitors to our show **Ken Grigsby, Delroy, OH, Travis Hull, Washington, PA, and Mary Weinheimer** of Ocala, FL.

The club bought wood from our supplier **Jim Lukens**, see treasurer **Duke Jordan** to purchase what you need.

Attendance numbered about 1100 visitors. The Saturday evening dinner was pleasant at a local eatery. Menu changes will be made for next year. The tent demos were conducted by **Tom Clark**, woodburning, **Mike Allen**, demo of architectural carvings and **Ed Allen** carved and painted a cowboy carving.

Check the Jan.-Feb. or Mar-Apr. issue of *CHIP CHATS* for our show report and go to our website [WWW.OGLEBAYWOODCARVERS.COM](http://WWW.OGLEBAYWOODCARVERS.COM) to view all of the pictures and other club activities.

### **OTHER STUFF**

A big thank you goes to member **Molly Ruminski** who does not carve but is a great supporter of this organization by her participation in most activities such as the Christmas Parties, picnic, working at our annual carving show and lately donating a large amount of carving items from her late husband **Stanley**.

Many other folks deserve a vote of thanks as well like **Bill and Teresa Baker** who drive down from their Pittsburgh home to not only carve and share Thursday lunches but also giving some face carving pointers to some of our caricature carvers. Thanks also to those from a distance who attend our show and donate ornaments, give demos and who help others with carving tips.

**Christmas** is a time of sharing greetings from friends. We received a nice card with greetings from **Agnes Brady** who is on the left coast in Oregon bringing Gods word to those there. Agnes is a member and minister who is still carving and maintaining her

membership.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

**Did** you know that **Clark Adams** attended a class in Greenville, NC to learn *intaglio carving* (look it up) and promised to show others the particulars of his knowledge. His finished clown carving looked great.

**Did** you know (attend meetings and find out) that **Keith Miller** was re-elected to the board of directors in December. We value his opinions.

**Did** you know we purchased a new state of the art knife sharpening machine. It will be used to sharpen knives only similar to what knife builder **John Dunkle** uses. Presently it needs to be altered, mounted and secured for only carvers usage. **Duke Jordan** and **Clark Adams** will answer any questions.

**Did** you know the club expended some funds to purchase a heavy duty dolly for use to move items at the club and during the annual show.

**Did** you know that **Joan Nugent** donated a large chunk of leather for our sharpening use. Her late husband **Milt** was also a leather crafter/worker.

**Did** you know the club has for sale wood that was purchased during the last show from **Jim Lukens**. It is basswood in sizes 4" x 4"; 3" x 3"; 2" x 2"; 1" x 1" and some 3/8" thick boards for ornaments. Also we have some rough butternut in 5/4 thickness in various widths and lengths. See Treasurer **Duke Jordan** for more info. Further for sale also is many other pieces of walnut and basswood in not planed sizes for your carving needs.

**Did** you know that our next business meeting will take place **March 14**, and **June 13**, July is picnic in the park month. **September** is our annual **Labor Day Show** followed by another business meeting. October is **Oglebayfest** time and **Christmas** again. Between all those dates hopefully some carvers will step forward to teach a carving class for either beginners and/or experienced carvers.

**Did** you know to become proficient in carving we need you to come back to the club on either Monday evenings or Thursday mornings and practice and practice. When you stay away and miss a carving session the mind very rapidly begins to lose interest. We have folks who join the club, attend one or two sessions and then disappear. I know some like to be just non carving members so why buy tools and wood. Page one lists 7 new members only two have shown up since joining. Distance and weather I know play a large part. If there is a problem with our organization please let us know so corrections can be made. Don't become discouraged especially if you are a beginner.

This leads me to a fellow beginning carver a while ago who joined and attended sporadically. As he practiced he

became more proficient and now he is producing some very nice carvings and rarely misses a carving session. This took over a year for him to appreciate his slow but sure improving talents. I've been there also.

### **OTHER**

As Bill O'Reilly of Fox news would say, I am agog sometimes with bilge and bloviate a bit as I compose this newsletter. Sometimes I feel like I'm typing jabberwocky if I receive no pecksniffian nit-picking. Any rate I try not to give you blatherskite.

**February 20 & 21**, 2016 is the date of the Charlotte, NC annual show. We have an invitation from our member **Ray Branch** to attend this event where it may be warmer. Info can be found here

[www.charlottewoodcarvers.com](http://www.charlottewoodcarvers.com). This is a large show with many nationally recognized Professional Carvers, six seminars, raffles, door prizes and silent auction. 125 carvers from 15-17 states will be exhibiting over 700 carvings in competition and for sale. A **Tom Wolfe** carving competition both days. Over 2500 visitors will visit during the show, it's a biggie. Attend if able.

**Beginning** carver **Mary Dolan**, (the late **Wilda Brinkmeier's** daughter) is now a regular on Monday evenings. She is steadily improving her carving skills by attending, receiving help, listening and practicing.

We receive word that member **Frank Bulian** is carving at his home these days due to health problems. We wish him well. **Frank** is an accomplished and talented carver and a club asset.

We have some husband and wife carving members who have been attending as much as possible. They include **Fred** and **Donna Carper**, Washington; **Nick** and **Carol Facci**, New Martinsville. Others are **Chick** and **Nora Gosney**, Roscoe, PA who attend sporadically due to such a long distance driving time. Bridgeport, OH gives us **Stanley** and **Renda Muklewicz**. The **Rose** sisters **Mary** and **Barbara**, Proctor, WV are members. **Heidiho Logsdon** is a dues paying member and show contributor. She is the small canine of **Vicki Logsdon**, who helps to sell raffle tickets at our Labor Day Show. Many spouses help with carvings from moral support to painting.

Most members are from this local tri-state region (WV, OH, PA) although some are members from afar such as **Ed Allen**, Wooster, OH; **Mike Allen**, Belleview, OH; **Susan Freeman**, Clarksburg, WV; **William Mentzer**, Newtown, PA; **Thomas Rogers**, Lumberport, WV; **Bill Seckman**, New Eagle, PA; **Ray**

**Thurston**, Mentor, OH; **Phil Topa**, Glade Springs, VA; **Keith A. Radick**, Delaware, OH; and **Walter S. Thompson**, Lake City, PA. Further we have some " *friends of the club* " from distant places. The farthest is **Mike Nicholson** of Nova Scotia. The total roster numbers about 125-150, some are paid to date and some are due to be removed for non-payment. Rosters are very flexible.

**September 2014** was the date that **Fred and Donna Carper**, Washington, PA joined this club and since then they have been very active members with their participation in all social events, and carving classes. This is commendable because we have so many members join then quickly become strangers. Another member who joined at the same time period is **Jay Nicolella** of Washington, PA who has been involved in many projects that benefit the club and all its members. **Jay** was the woodworker who designed and constructed the frame for the Carving Show quilt prize that we successfully raffled. After the individual squares were completed **Jay** assembled and finish coated the entire picture which took a considerable amount of time spent in his workshop. Many thanks for all of your efforts. As you know that quilt carving was won by member **Kelli Dague** who lives in a home that enhances that prize.

**New Martinsville** members **Carol** and **Nick Facci**, just recently joined and have become active members. This is commendable because of the long drive to Wheeling. We have many others who joined the club but have not stopped to at least look at our facilities. There are many other long time members who live in New Martinsville that attend most of the time pending weather road conditions. Thanks to all who participate.

**Jerusalem**, OH a small community in Monroe county gives us a carving member **Gary Davis** who recently rejoined after a few years of absence. **Gary** is also a participant in the October Oglebayfest in Oglebay Park as a custom broom maker. He rents his own tent space each season. **Gary** enjoys carving for relaxation.

**Thursday** morning carving sessions (9-noon) are usually well attended by carver and bird housing maker **Bill Hicks**; Washington, caricature carver **John Yancosek**; and occasionally **Al Pierson**, either **Dimitrios or Vasilios, Akis**, and **Bill Lowe**. Steady attendees are **Jim Showalter**, and **Mike Hurdzan**. Other regular carvers who attend are **Clark Adams**, **Duke Jordan**, **Sue Mozena**, **Joan Nugent**, **Joe Hodorowski**, and **Joe Romanyak**. Due to a very long drive on occasion we welcome **Chick Gosney**.

As mentioned in a past report, member since 1996, **John Tomaszewski** of New Martinsville spent some of his time at a New Martinsville church teaching beginning carving to a number of folks who desired to learn car-

ing. Many (8) joined this club at the beginning of 2015, with the desire to continue their carving experience at the Stifel center on either Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. Since that time only two (**Nick & Carol Facci**) have visited the club. We have no complaints but you are welcome to visit and look us over. We hope you are continuing your carving skills.

We have a member who is a very skilled and talented craftsman and carver from Weirton who loves to carve the big ones. **Joe Romanyak** is the carver who always brings his large carousel horse to display during our Labor Day Carving Show. Not only that item but also he transports the large motorized merry-go-round complete with music. His other larger religious and western cowboys on horseback complete his total display. These items are fully appreciated by the club but also by the visiting public especially the horse displays. **Joe's** family members and friends give him a considerable amount of time and energy to pick up, transport and set up these items each year. I know Joe has been buying more basswood so we may be in for a new surprise this September. Lets wait and see.

**Monday** evening carving sessions see the attendance of **Kelli Dague** and her daughter **Ashley**. Carving is accomplished by **Kelli** while **Ashley** hits her high school homework studies.

**Keith Miller** attends most Monday evening sessions and enjoys helping beginning carvers with their project. Keith is a very personable member and was recently reelected to the guild Board of Directors. **Keith** loves to do the Mayan style carvings in any available wood. We are glad when he returned back home from Columbus. His one weakness is obtaining tools.

**Quiet George Predragovich** slips in on Monday evenings and slips out but between that time he gets a lot done. His talents are advancing each day he attends, thanks to practice-practice and more practice. Another quiet carver is recording secretary **Sue Mozena** who carves the small dragons and mythical figures. She does this both Monday's and Thursday's.

**Talented** carver **Stanley Muklewicz** has been absent for quite some time. He has a natural God given talent who picked up a knife and wood and out appeared a nice carving. His wife **Renda** and member has been absent as well. Another absent carver is **Bev Beatty** of Bethany, WV. We hope all is well with those folks because at one time they were all regular attendees.

**Monday** evenings, even in some inclement weather, we find the arrival of **Pete Conklin** who lives in New Martinsville, WV (about a 40 minute drive) walking in the door to carve. **Pete** has been a member

since November 2002 and since he is involved with the *Boy Scouts* we rarely see him during the summer months. **Pete** enjoys the carving environment at the Stifel Center and his ability to tell us all interesting stories ranging from his travels to his teacher encounters. Jokes he tells and his ability to be the butt of other people's jokes make for some enjoyable evenings.

### **MEMBERS BIO**

Last Newsletter we looked at the bio of member **Agnes Brady** who now lives in Oregon. This time its a look at **Suzanne Mozena** a carving member since March of 2005. **Sue** was born here in the Ohio Valley in Wheeling where she has spent most of her life. Her late parents **Harold** and **Ethel Mozena** were also carving members. Her father was one of the founders of this carving club. **Sue** graduated from Warwood High School and then she pursued classes at West Liberty College (now University) where she obtained a BS in Commercial Art and a BA in History.

Brother **Bob Mozena** is also a member who joined in January of 2007 and has remained a member since then. This was a carving family starting with the parents and all were skilled and blessed with talents. Mother **Ethel** was the club treasurer for a number of years and also did a lot of chip carving.

**Sue** enjoys in the round carving and her subjects are varied from many animals and mythical figures. She has done some chip carving on occasion. Relief is not her cup of tea. Other talents include knitting, crocheting, tatting, some bead work, and short story writing.

The national kids magazine *Highlights for Children* published two of her stories that she submitted a few years ago. Delicious homemade jelly making is another talent she enjoys and many carvers ask for and purchase various flavors. These flavors are derived from her small home garden that she calls her magic acre. This magic acre also in harvest season brings a lot of vegetables that Sue brings to carving sessions.

**Sue** holds the office of Recording Secretary of this carving club, and is also a member of the annual Christmas Party committee. Her free time is also spent as an active member and a Recording Secretary of the *Betty Zane Community Association*, a local home owners group. Various offices were held by **Sue** in the *Daughters of the American Revolution Association (DAR)* and she is still an active member.

If that is not enough for this active lady she lives alone in the old homestead where to control costs she has learned to do most maintenance work such as plumbing, electrical, painting, etc as necessary. Her companions who share the homestead include seven

cats and two dogs all of whom enjoy companionship. In her spare time she visits with her brother and occasionally brings him to a carving session.

**Suzanne Mozena** is a very busy lady who rarely misses a Monday evening and Thursday morning carving session. She participates and works in all other club activities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated club member. Thank you **Sue**.

### **LATE STUFF**

I just received this e-mail and wanted to share with you and the club. It's a thanks to all those who participated in this project.

*"Gene and Donna Frances want to take this opportunity to thank you and all the Wheeling Woodcarvers for the privilege of winning the beautiful Christmas tree. It was a great surprise; it could not have been more appreciated. We love it! It was so much fun to place all the ornaments on the tree after bringing it home. We so enjoyed looking for the initials of the carvers and admiring their work. Many friends have come to our home to see the ornaments and to admire them. We plan on leaving it up all year. Would it be possible to get a list of the carvers who contributed ornaments? We are not always sure with just the initials to identify them."*

A list was sent of the 39 carvers who donated about 218 carvings including those on a secondary list of 9 other prizes.

There are a large number of **FREE** cutouts available on the table in the "tool sharpening room". Many are with a pattern and others are your guess cutouts. These were donated by the late **Harry Sykes**. See **Clark** or **Duke** if unsure which are available. They will not last long because a clean-up is needed in that room. Further our "wood storage room" will undergo a change because the Stifel Center will be utilizing that room for other uses. We have local and northern basswood, walnut and rough cut butternut for sale. See **Duke Jordan**, we need to reduce some of that stock to a more manageable level.

Each end of the year function of this club is the distribution of funds for 11 *Soup Kitchen/Pantries*, the *Stifel Fine Arts Center* for their children's programs, and for *CHIP CHATS* subscriptions to 15 libraries in the local tri-state towns where club members reside. The total funds that we donated last year was **over \$3000.00**.

The amount of donations from our treasury for this year will be determined by a meeting of all of the officers and the Board of Directors. This meeting will be held soon.

**FINAL NOTE: Pay 2016 dues and check our website for any new pictures.**  
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