

# Midwest Woodcarvers



(aka Belleville Holzschnitzers)



## March 2020 Club Newsletter

### New Website

The new website seems to be a success. This isn't my website, it's the clubs website which is you the members. If there is something that needs corrected or something that someone would like added please let me know.

### Club Shirts

Those that would like to order shirts, when I get back to joining you all at meetings, I'll start taking names and sizes for a shirt order. We'll need a 12 shirt order to eliminate a \$25 set up fee. If you're interested I will start another list.



### Door Bell



### Members,

If no one is at the door to open it, please use this bell to gain entrance. On Monday nights, there are numerous church functions going on also. Since we are in the basement, we need to know if it is a woodcarver wanting to come in. We are asking that everyone use three short beeps so that we know it's a club member.

Again, **three** short beeps.

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### About Us

The club was formed in 1967 and currently has approximately 85 members.

Club dues are \$20.00 per year for the whole family or individual.

Business meetings and carving sessions are held at:

The First United Presbyterian Church,  
1303 Royal Heights Rd.  
Belleville, IL 62223

- **Monthly club business meeting held the 1st Tuesday of each month from 7:00—9:00 PM.**
- **Carving every Monday at 6:00 PM, except the Monday preceding the business meeting 1st Tuesday of each month. (Many members start arriving between 6:00 and 6:30)**
- **Carving show each November (open to the public) with over 2,500 visitors.**

## March 3rd Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Russ Hamilton and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Visitors:** No Visitors

**Minutes:** Minutes from January meeting were read and accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** No Treasurers Report

**Sunshine Report:** Kenney Schiwitz had surgery.

**Committee Report:** Meetings for the 50th show are ongoing.

**Next Events:**  
Willoughby Farms in May as long as not affected by virus orders.

**Seminar Updates:** Tom Kreyling will get with the Stedmans in regards to a possible seminar around the time of the show.

**Membership Report:** Randy Litzau is accepting membership. Check membership card to make sure it's current. Collecting Dues....Taking 2020 dues. Reminder 2020 dues are \$20 per family.

**Library:** All cabinets are now accessible. Library is open.

**Name Tags:** Please carve a name tag so we can get to know you.

**Web Site Report:** The new website [www.midwestwoodcarvers.com](http://www.midwestwoodcarvers.com) is live.

**Monday Night Carvers:** Same dedicated group each week, doing well. Attendance is running 10-12 each week.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Doing signups for the May Banquet. Bring a covered dish and your drinks. Will eat at 6:00.

**Good Of The Club:** None

**Show and Tell:** 6 carvers brought in 22 carvings.

Meeting was closed with refreshments.

## Upcoming Events

### March 2020

#### Business Meeting

Tuesday March 3rd

#### Monday Night Carvers

Monday March 9, 16, 23, 30

### April 2020

#### Business Meeting

Tuesday April 7th

#### Monday Night Carvers

Monday April 13, 20, 27

### May 2020

#### Business Meeting

Tuesday May 5th

#### Monday Night Carvers

Monday May 11, 18, 25

### June 2020

#### Business Meeting

Tuesday June 2nd

#### Monday Night Carvers

Monday June 8, 15, 22, 29

### July 2020

#### Business Meeting

Tuesday July 7th

#### Monday Night Carvers

Monday July 13, 20, 27

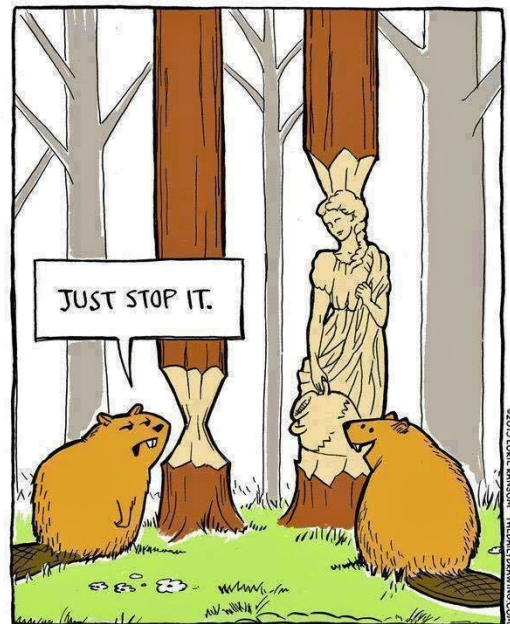
### August 2020

#### Business Meeting

Tuesday August 4th

#### Monday Night Carvers

Monday August 10, 17, 24, 31



## February Meeting Show & Tell Entries

8 carvers brought in 19 carvings. Thanks to all that shared their work.



Jim Ross



Randy Litzau



Jim Williams



Susan Heim



Doug Murray



Sharon Ledure



Dave Ledure



Joe Schumacher

### COVID-19 Virus

As you all know, we as a society have to take certain measures to keep this virus from spreading. The church has taken the stance that they will no longer be having services and/or church activities until it is deemed safe to do so. Therefore Monday Night Carving and Tuesday Business Meetings will not be held at the church until notified otherwise. We may have to meet at someone's house for the show meetings as nowhere will allow us to meet due to the regulation on number of people in at-

### Stay-In-Place Order

One benefit of the stay in place order is that y'all have a lot of time to carve ornaments for the show. With this much time y'all can carve more than three ornaments.

### Midwest Artistry In Wood

With the Stay-In-Place order and the order to not congregate with more than 10 people we will not be able to hold the April meeting. If you're helping with the show and you have pertinent information to share, please email it to me, [dpmcabin@charter.net](mailto:dpmcabin@charter.net). Russ Musgrave shared that the magnetic signs are done and will be available at the next meeting.

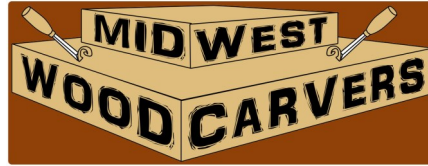
### Woodcarving Illustrated

I have exchanged numerous emails with Kaylee J. Schofield, Managing Editor, Magazines in regards to the magazine setting up a booth at the show. So far it sounds very promising.

# Midwest Woodcarvers 50th Midwest Artistry In Wood

November 7th - 8th,  
2020

Sat 9:00 - 5:00  
Sun 10:00 - 4:00



Belle - Clair Exposition Hall  
200 S. Belt East  
Belleville, IL

South Belt East at  
Highway 159

Carving Competition  
Peoples Choice Awards  
Attendance Prizes  
Tool Sharpening  
Carving Demonstrations



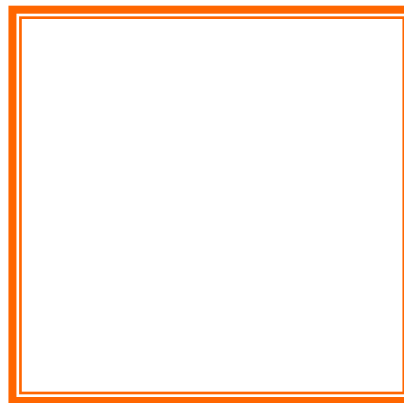
Come and see some of the best carvers from around the country display their artwork at one of the largest carving shows in the country. It's a great chance to get a unique Christmas gift for a loved one, a piece of art work for your home, or to learn about the art of woodcarving.

**Interested in becoming an exhibitor or sponsor at this years show?**

Contact us at [dpmcabin@charter.net](mailto:dpmcabin@charter.net)

## Classified Adds

If you have woodworking or woodcarving tools and supplies that you would like to sell and post here for other members to see, please email me the information and I will post it. Please keep in mind that I will only post items related to woodworking or woodcarving.



## Newsletter Editor

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