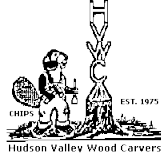


"BLADE AND CHISEL"



Hudson Valley Wood Carvers Pleasant Valley, NY February 2010

Editor's Note: This is my first edition of the newsletter so please bear with me and let me know if you have any suggestions for the newsletter. The carving sessions have been well attended. We have also picked up a few new members who seem to be enjoying the sessions. I have been asked to remind you that the club has a J tool for sharpening knives and gouges. So please see Marshall Crodelle or Ralph Herrmann for instructions or any help.

Bill Malkus

Calendar of Club Events

Feb 15th Business meeting

Mar 1st Carving session

Apr 5th Carving session

May 3rd Carving session

Mar 8th Carving session

Apr 12th Carving session

May 10th Carving session

Mar 15th Business meeting

Apr 19th Business meeting

May 17th Business meeting

January 18, 2010 Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened by President John Helmeyer

Sal Filipone led the pledge of allegiance

Members in attendance: 15

HVWC membership at 26 - 2010

Joe Gleeson read the Treasurers report

John Helmeyer won the 50/50 ; Al Hendrickson won the raffle

2010 Dues are due (see below)

2010 Officers are listed below

Web Master position has been added as a Club position

Eagle cane project - 56 canes have been completed. See Eagle cane section for more details

Show and Tell January 2010

Pat Paraggio did the Show and Tell – Pictures available on the website below.
(see <http://hvcarving.org/allslideshow/current/index.html> for photos)

Ralph Herman - 2 cowgirls holding their hats because of wind, 1/6 size owl, 3/4 size owl and an eagle topper
Joe Gleeson - Cottonwood bark house with back hollowed out so light in back would create an effect in windows
Christmas ornaments – 2 round Santas, 7 flat santas with varying lengths of beards
John Helmeyer – 3 Round wood spirits, Santa going down chimney with toy bag, 2 round Santas, and 4 other Santas with different facial expressions.
Clay Brooks – 2 Eagle Cane Toppers
Frank Bottego – Mouse that fits on top of a cup, Carved Spoon, and an Eagle Cane Topper.
Jim Mullen – 4 unique Eagle Cane Toppers (1 with a bamboo shaft, 1 with jute wrapping on top, 1 cane with a Square shaft, and 1 cane with flat surfaces along the shaft at different points.

Eagle Cane Project

February update:

- 56 canes have been completed 2/5/2010
- 1 Iraq cane is in process
- 5 WWII canes are in process
- 1 Korea can is in process (for a fee)
- 1 Vietnam cane is in process (for a fee)
- \$250.00 contribution from the Jewish War Veterans

If you are interested in getting involved in this project in any way, carving, turning, assembly, etc. please contact Pat Paraggio at hvwccanes@optonline.net or 845 223-5674. If you do not have a lathe we can turn the shaft and give it to you ready to mount your Eagle topper. Designs for cane toppers are on our web site, <http://hvcarving.org/eaglecane/eaglecane.htm> We can also provide rough outs for toppers.

Club Supplies

Carving wood:

A new supply of wood has arrived and it is available for purchase at Club work sessions and meetings. If you would like to purchase any wood please see John Helmeyer or Joe Gleeson. Prices vary depending on the size.

Blanks:

The Ron Wells blanks, as well as other project blanks, are still available. Contact Joe Gleeson if you are interested. We also have a small sampling of rough-outs by Phil and Vicky Bishop and Floyd Rhadigan that are at the church and are available for purchase.

Knives:

We have a new supply of Ron Wells and Murphy knives available in different types. See Joe Gleeson for pricing.

Club Logo Items (Hats and Shirts):

John Helmeyer has a supply of Club logo baseball hats and t-shirts available for purchase. The hats are \$8.00 and the t-shirts are \$10.00 for Small thru XL and a couple extra dollars for larger sizes. John Helmeyer will have a supply of the hats and t-shirts at up-coming work sessions and meetings. We are getting down to the smaller sizes.

If you are interested in purchasing any other club logo items (sweatshirts, denim shirts, etc) please stop by Red Hook T's in Rhinebeck. They have our logo on file and they can custom make any embroidered item you may want. Screen printed items require a quantity order. Red Hook T's is located on Rte 9 across from the Dutchess County Fair Grounds, 845 876-1165 or online at www.redhooktees.com

2010 Membership Dues

Joe Gleeson will soon be collecting the 2010 dues. The dues remain at \$15.00. Please pay your dues in person to Joe Gleeson or you can mail it to Joe Gleeson, 15 Robert Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538

Per the bylaws: Dues shall be due in January of each year with April 1 being the deadline for dues payment. A member not paid up by April will be considered in arrears and dropped from the roster.

Email List: If you are able to receive email and are currently on the "U.S. mail to list", please consider accepting the Newsletter via email. This will save the club money and cut down on the time it takes to get the newsletter out. Email recipients will receive a notice with the newsletter attached in PDF format. The newsletter will also be posted on the Club's website monthly. Pat Paraggio can be contacted at hvwccanes@optonline.net

Upcoming Carving Events and Shows

March 22-26 2010;

Location James E. Ward Ag center in Lebanon TN (23miles east of Nashville).

Cost \$200 plus roughouts, Lodging \$32 a night at a Econo Lodge,

Carvers Steve Brown, Jon Nelson, Gary Falin, Mike Shipley and Dennis Thornton.

More info at <http://www.sbrownwoodcarving.com/RWR-Spring10/> (270) 821-8774

May 30-31: Lancaster, PA WC & Wildlife Art Festival and competition. Farm and Home center.

Lancarvers.com 717-392-4814; woodchips624@comcast.net

March 27-28: Fairless Hills, PA. Pennsylvania Delaware Valley Woodcarvers 34th annual Mid-Atlantic Artistry in Wood show. Bucks County Technical HS New Falls Rd. 5\$, Joyce McCullough

215-672-1499 jmccullough@delvalwoodcarvers.com

HVWC 2010 Officers and Staff

John Helmeyer, President

John Frederick, 1st VP

Sal Filipone, 2nd VP

Joe Gleeson, Treasurer

Bill Malkus, Secretary-Editor

Clay Brooks, Web Master

Ralph Herrmann, Photographer

Eagle Cane Process

Members, Hopefully this will better explain the Eagle Cane program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

The Program: ‘Eagle Cane Project’ This nationwide program was started in 2004 by Jack Nitz, Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers Association, Tulsa Oklahoma. For more details you can visit http://www.eaglecane.com/Site/The_Eagle_Cane_Project.html .

Eagle Cane Project also known as 'Canes for Vets' program. All canes in this program are based upon an Eagle design. They are presented to Post 9-11 Iraq and Afghanistan military personnel who sustain combat related injuries causing mobility issues. These military personnel are referred to as Wounded Warriors by the military. A few return to war duty. Some get assigned to desk duty. Many are discharged after multiple surgeries. There are currently 35 carving and turning clubs in 29 states working on this project

Our involvement: In the fall of 2007 John Helmeyer, Hudson Valley Wood Carvers President, was contacted by Jack Nitz of the EOWA. John was asked if the HVWC would be the NY State representative for the project and we accepted.

In late 2008 we asked the Mohawk Valley Arts & Woodcarvers in Schenectady, NY to join us in the project. As of December 16, 2009 we jointly have completed 36 cane requests. We have 1 in process.

In December 2009 the Mid Hudson Wood Carvers in Monroe are joining us in the project.

The Process: Most requests for canes come directly from the Wounded Warrior while he/she is at a military hospital after they are returned to the USA for further treatment.

- The Wounded Warrior completes a request form
- The form is picked up by a Veteran Volunteer at the hospital
- The request is then sent to Jack Nitz, EOWA, in Oklahoma
- Jack Nitz records the request
- Jack Nitz sends the request to the home State club of the Wounded Warrior
- The club assigns it to a carver and the carving and turning work begins
- The club completes the cane and ships it to the hospital veteran volunteer, in our case it is Hank Cloutier, Virginia or Ann Nettles, Maryland
- The hospital veteran volunteer visits the Wounded Warrior and presents them with the cane. The volunteer does their best to make arrangements for the cane to be presented by an officer whenever possible.
- In some cases the State club ships the cane to the Wounded Warriors home if they have been discharged from the hospital.

Some requests come directly to a State Coordinator

Pat Paraggio, Cane Coordinator
Hudson Valley Wood Carvers