

Michigan Wood Carvers Association
Brochure and application to the 2009 Learning Seminar
May 11th thru 15th, 2009, Midland Michigan

Thank you for requesting an application to the MWCA Learning Seminar. Our goal is to help you improve your carving and wood burning skills. We will list all the important information such as instructors, cost and cancellation policy, start time, motels and camping locations on the other pages of this document. If for some reason you cannot find the answers to your questions please contact either of our Co-Chairmen listed below.

Our seminar is located at the Midland Michigan Fairgrounds, Midland Michigan. The fairground is located at the corner of route US 10 and Eastman Ave., which is on the northwest side of US 10. Our building is a 12,000 sq. foot hexagon, domed roof building, which is well lit with windows on the upper walls all around the perimeter. It also has electrical outlets spaced out all around the outer walls. With this building we will all be in one large heated room with large restrooms inside the carving building.

Some facts regarding the Midland Fairgrounds: the Fairgrounds covers 130 acres, 11 miles of paved roads, 10 buildings with over 102,000 sq ft of floor space and an indoor 12,000 sq. ft. demo arena (which we will use for carving classes). A grandstand with a ½ mile oval racetrack is good for those who would like to take a safe walk in the morning/evening. Also available is a Gazebo, bleachers, 200 hundred tables and chairs, sound system and trash removal. The Fairgrounds is all handicapped accessible.

We think our location will serve our students and those who accompany them with several restaurants, shopping mall and other activities being offered locally for your convenience. If you would like to have more information on the Midland area, please contact the Midland Chamber of Commerce/Convention Center at 1-888-464-3526 and ask for a Midland area tour book.

The Learning Seminar is the lowest cost anywhere for a weeklong carving seminar. Members of the MWCA pay \$150.00 and non-members pay \$165.00 for this weeklong professional instruction with some of the nicest people you will ever meet.

Please send your application listing your 1st & 2nd choice along **with your full class fee** of \$150 or \$165 to Andrew Luckhardt, 11747 Hoelzer Rd., Clinton, Michigan 49236.

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

If for any reason prior to our March 14th dead line you cancel out of your class we will return the full amount of your registration fee. In an effort to allow our instructors time to prepare for their class we agreed to notify them on March 15th as to the number of students we have registered for them. We have restricted our class size to 12 students and the instructor sets the minimum number he/she is willing to travel and teach for the weeklong seminar. If an instructor finds that we do not have sufficient registered students for their class and cancels, we will notify you and try to accommodate your desires. If we cannot find a class of interest to you at that time we will return the full registration fee. However if you decide to cancel after March 15th we will not be able to return your full class fee as we have committed the number of students to the instructors. We will only return the amount paid over \$110 unless you or we can find replacement for your spot. If a replacement is found we will return the full amount of your registration fee.

REGISTRATION & SET UP:

We plan on setting up the tables so the instructors can put out their displays and arrange their equipment early Sunday evening and register early bird students right after the building is arranged. We will also register students on Monday morning starting at about 7:30 am.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

All classes will start at 8:30 am each morning & finish at 4:30 pm. The carving building will be open at approximately 7:30 am each morning.

COFFEE BREAK & EARLY BIRD WAKE UPS:

Everyday we will be offering fresh brewed coffee, hot tea, donuts, cold water and pop for sale at a very reasonable cost to our students and visitors. We will also have cold bottled water and soft drinks available all day long.

LUNCH TIME:

We plan on having lunch from about 11:30 am thru 12:30 pm with lunch being made available by the Midland 4-H Club which is a cafeteria building located just a few feet from the entrance to the carving building. If you prefer to have lunch in your camping trailer or dine at a local restaurant please let us know so we can notify the 4-H leadership as to approximately how many will be dining with them. We will not be selling or collecting lunch tickets as the 4-H will take care of this for us. All funds collected go to support the 4-H.

EVENING CLASSES:

We will be hosting evening classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 pm to 9 pm for our students at no additional cost other than class supplies charged and paid to the individual instructor. Sign up sheets will be available each day with a sample of the evening classes and material cost listed on the sign up sheet. The instructor will list the number of students they are willing to teach on the sign up sheet. If we have more students sign up for a particular class we will draw the names listed on the sheet at about 12:30 each day.

WEDNESDAY EVENING POT LUCK-BBQ & PICNIC:

The Learning Seminar Committee will again sponsor the Pot Luck-BBQ picnic on Wednesday evening at a location to be announced on the fairgrounds. Please plan on attending. The MWCA Learning Seminar Committee will furnish and cook the HOT DOGS w/all the fixings. If you would like to bring & cook something else we will assist you all we can. Please remember this is POT LUCK so please bring a dish to pass (I think Meijer's and other stores have delis with a good selection of items suitable for the dish to pass which will allow you more time to carve). Please bring whatever you would like to drink. Plan on having a good time, meet some of the nicest people you will ever encounter, talk with other students and spend some time with the most talented instructors you will ever have a chance to enjoy a POT LUCK with. As soon as possible after the BBQ we will have OPEN CARVING for all who would like to return to the carving building. It will be up to each instructor to decide if they need to return and help their students with the class projects so that they will be finished by Friday.

MWCA RAFFLE:

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday right after lunch we will host a Seminar raffle. We ask that you support our efforts & purchase raffle tickets if you would like to. We would mention that the funds from the raffle are used to support the seminar. This is how we are able to keep our seminar costs down and still have all the benefits of a more expensive weeklong seminar with topnotch instructors. We also ask that when you have the need to purchase carving supplies that you support those who have supported us with their donations to our raffle.

FRIDAY EVENING DINNER:

The Seminar Committee will also be planning a Friday evening departure dinner open to everyone at a very reasonable cost at a local restaurant. In the past this has been a very enjoyable time for everyone with a short dinner program following the meal. We will be finalizing the plans and have them available at the Seminar for you.

Instructor List for the 2009 Learning Seminar

More may be added later

1. **Chip Carving by Wayne Barton** -- Wayne is a professional woodcarver living in Park Ridge, Ill. With his wife Marlies. Wayne took his formal training in the woodcarving center of Vrienz, Switzerland, and his carvings can be found in private collections in Europe, Asia and North America. Mr. Barton is the founder and director of the Alpine school of Woodcarving, Ltd. Although versed in all disciplines of carving, he specializes in chip carving and has won both national and international recognition for both his work and contribution to the woodcarving community in general.
2. **Realistic Animals by Jim Wilsford, (Power)** -- Jim has have been carving for over 30 years teaching carving in every southeastern state plus Virginia, Nebraska, Michigan and Missouri. He teaches using power carving equipment. He has taught many years in several woodcarving schools and many clubs throughout the country. Besides winning numerous best of show competitions he has judged at many shows throughout the country. He is on of the founders of the Southeastern Woodcarvers and at present time is president. (You must have a dust collector)
3. **Song Birds by Ben Donaghy** -- Ben is a retired schoolteacher and has taught song bird carving for many years. He has taught many of them for our MWCA seminars. He is excellent in not only carving songbirds but also habitat for presenting them.
4. **Pyrographic Art (Wood Burning) by Cheryl Dow** -- Cheryl has worked 30 years as a photographic freelance negative retoucher and color artist. She is a featured writer for Chip Chats Magazine. Cheryl has won numerous awards, written 2 books and made videos, television shows, taught classes and has given seminars all over the eastern USA. She is an excellent instructor in all types of burning and with color.
5. **Caricature Carving by Gary Falin** -- Gary is a full time carver and has taught for the MWCA seminar for many years. He is a member of CCA and has received several awards from the Dollywood carving shows.
6. **Human Figure Carving by Stu Martin** -- Stu is also a full time instructor and carver. He has taught for many years. He teaches faces and proportional figures such as Indians, Santas, Mountain Men and other figures.
7. **Design and Carving by Floyd Rhadigan** -- Floyd is a member of the CCA and has a vast knowledge of creating caricatures relating to work, hobbies, athletics, lifestyles, etc. He will take you step by step to create your own one of a kind carving. Start with your idea, learn to draw a working pattern cut out your idea from a piece of 3" x 3" x 12" northern basswood. Carve your idea, paint and finish it. He also has many blanks you can choose from. He has received many National awards and has been recognized by Chip Chats many times.
8. **Carving Basics by Bill Heether** -- Bill enjoys carving and teaching. He will assist the new carver in all types of carving, showing you how to hold the wood and cut in the right direction. You will finish several projects during this class.
9. **Fish Carving and Air Brush Painting by Rod Walker, (Power)** -- Rod's carving ability is only surpassed by his ability to bring to life using an airbrush to paint your project. You must have a dust collector.
10. **Relief Carving by Elaine and Fred Stenman** -- They have taught at the MWCA seminar for many years. You learn the techniques, which combine low relief and details that are wood burned and then painted with acrylics and stained.
11. **Intermediate Pyrographic Art by Dave Sanderson** -- Dave is a very friendly and competent wood burner. He has taught several personal one on one classes and also at the Roundup and Spit and Whittle in Evert. Dave will start you off with some basic tips and before you know it you will be doing some excellent wood burning.
12. **Human Faces and Bust by Chris Howard** -- Chris loves the freedom sculpting gave him. You will work from rough-outs and he will show you how to capture the complexity of the human face with expression.
13. **Whimsical Cottages and Castles by Gary Bityk** -- Gary filled for Tom Hower (due to illness) and taught part of the bark carving class last year. He is a member of the Metro Carving Club and has taught bark carving for many years.
14. **Miniature Carousel Horse by Sandy Holder** -- Carve a miniature carousel horse with Sandy, a great carver. She has taught at the MWCA Seminar and the Creative Carving Seminar. Carving the horse is the main course, if the carving is completed by Thursday, painting will also be optional on Friday. Sandy is one of the organizers of the Roundup and Spit & Whittle and is editor of the MWCA newsletter.
15. **Birds of Prey by Mike Ford** -- Mike Ford is from Sanford, MI and started teaching birds of prey for MWCA Seminar in 2008. He is one of the best birds of prey carvers around. His plan is to use power and hand tools to complete the project during the seminar.
16. **Realistic Animal Hand Carving, (no power) by Leah Goddard** -- She has been teaching for many years and will have several different animals for the student to pick from. Leah is the author of the book on "Carving Natures Rascals".
17. **Caricature Carving by Wayne Shinlever** -- Wayne is a native of Knoxville TN, and has been carving since 1985. For the last ten years he has been teaching at the John C Campbell Folk School, Tennessee Valley Wood Carving School, and the Woodcraft Shop of Knoxville. He carves caricatures, critters and Santas and in 2006 he took the Grand Prize in the National Santa Clause Carving Competition.

18. **Creative Habitat by Stan Cordts** -- Stan has been carving for about 10 years. He will stretch your imagination as he shows you how to work with natural and other materials to create wood scenes, rock formations, trees, water, cattails and fallen trees. We have seen Stan's work and it is some of the most realistic habitats you will ever come across.
19. **Deep Relief by Silvano Salvador** -- He has been teaching for many years. His "love of the arts" have become showpieces in churches, businesses, and private homes. Silvano uses no power tools and the stains and colors are created specifically for each project. You will be working on a project that most students will finish during his class.
20. **Shore Birds by Jack Miller** -- Jack resides in Hanover, PA and has been carving for 13 years and teaching carving for 9 years. He has taught at the Woodcarvers Roundup in Evert, Cadillac Seminar and the Woodland Roundup in FL. He is also the founder, instructor and facilitator of the Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup in PA. He will be carving the miniature long-billed curlew. The bird will stand about eight inches tall and the legs and feet will be soldered, carved and detailed with epoxy putty. Habitat will be fashioned by the carver. Feathers will be burned, stoned and painted with acrylics. A woodburner is needed. Acrylic paint colors needed are white, black, burnt umber and raw sienna. Materials will be available.
E-mail: jackcarves@juno.com, website: <http://www.picturetrail.com/carvingjack>

SPECIAL NOTE: IF YOU ARE USING POWER TOOLS, YOU MUST USE A DUST COLLECTOR, PROPERLY-- PLEASE SIT CLOSE ENOUGH & HOLD YOUR CARVING SO THAT THE DUST IS PICKED-UP BY THE DUST COLLECTOR-- NOT YOUR NEIGHBORS- OR- FELLOW CARVERS!!

FOR EVERYONES HEALTH & SAFETY -- NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CARVING ARENA!!

The 2010 Learning Seminar student applications will be available on Monday (the first day of the 09 seminar) and as of this writing most of our current instructors will be returning in 2010. We will also be looking for new classes for 2010 and will keep you posted. If you have suggestions for new classes please let us know.

CAMPING LOCATIONS:

For those who camp during the Learning Seminar we will have available over 400 marked out campsites located on the fairgrounds. They are just a few hundred feet away from the carving building with 30amp service and water hook ups. Our special rate is \$12/ night and no need to call for a reservation. They have 3 large shower/restroom buildings. A dump station is on site. Camping off the fairgrounds is available if you request additional information, please let us know.

MOTELS IN THE AREA:

For those using motels we have listed only a few of them in this area. Please make sure you notify the motels that you are attending the wood carving seminar located at the Midland Fairgrounds so you can obtain any special rate they have offered us. We would suggest that you **make reservations ASAP before they fill up the rooms that they have set aside for us.** If you do not make a reservation 30 days prior to the seminar the motel will not honor our special rate, so please make your reservations early, which will hold your room rate & remember you can always cancel the room if you change your mind and do not attend the seminar.

Sleep Inn of Midland has been designated the "HOST MOTEL" for our 2009 MWCA Seminar. Sleep Inn offers rooms with two double beds, one king bed or one queen bed which is handicap accessible. The Sleep Inn also offers Jacuzzi and Whirlpool rooms for an additional cost. Microwaves and/or refrigerators are available upon request for an additional \$10/night. Amenities included in the MWCA rate are: Indoor Pool, Sauna, Whirlpool, Fitness Center, Free HBO, Fax/Copy service, Guest Laundry, Continental Hot Breakfast (M-F), Deluxe Continental Hot Breakfast (Sat & Sun).

We invite all of our students and guests to stay at the Sleep Inn Hotel during our Learning Seminar. The Sleep Inn is located on the South side of US10 and west of Eastman Ave at 2100 W. Wackerly Street, Midland, MI. 48640. The location of the hotel is about one mile from the Fairgrounds. The Sleep Inn has offered a special MWCA rate of \$ 60/night plus taxes. Please call 989-837-1010 or 888-837-1010 to reserve your room early. Make sure to mention that you are with the Michigan Wood Carvers Association in order to receive this very special rate.

OTHER MOTELS IN THE AREA ARE: Rest-All-Inn 989-662-7888-- Fairview Inn 1-800-422-2744 -- Midland Motor Inn. --- 989-631-0570
Holiday Inn 989-631-4220 -- Hampton Inn 989- 839-4000 -- Ashman Court Marriott 989-839-0500 --Valley Plaza Resort 800-871-3710

SHOPPING

The shopping mall is located within ¼ mile from the fairgrounds. There is Home Depot, Meyers, and Wal-Mart located in the mall area.

EVENING DINNING:

In addition to having dinner at your motels/camper you will be able to dine at any of the local restaurants that are located close to the fairgrounds or the motels. Listed are only a few: Bennigans, Applebee's, Damon's, Fazoli's, Chi-Chi's, Bob Evans & Shirlene's not to mention McDonalds, Burger King etc.

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Learning Seminar May 11th, thru 15th, 2009
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Date _____

Name _____, Address _____

City _____, State _____, Zip _____, Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____, MWCA Club name _____

Winter Address _____, From (date) _____ to _____

City _____, State _____, Zip _____, Phone _____

The class size is restricted to a maximum of twelve (12) students. The respective instructor sets the minimum. However if we cannot reach the minimum set by the instructor we will notify the instructor on/about March 15, 2009 to see if the number of students is acceptable for them to teach the class. If the instructor cancels the class we will notify you and we will do our best to accommodate your reassignment or make a full refund. If the students cancel before March 14th we will refund the total fee. For cancellations after March 15th please see the refund policy.

Cost per person: MWCA members \$150.00, non-members \$165. **The total is due with your signed application.** This will hold your class assignment.

Date paid _____ @ \$ _____.

See list of Potential Instructors:

Your 1st choice of class is _____, Instructor _____

Your 2nd choice of class is _____, Instructor _____

The undersigned releases the MWCA and their providers, its officers, instructors and its members from all personal injuries, damage of property, real and personal, caused by or arising out of their participation in this MWCA Learning Seminar.

Signature _____

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