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Next Meeting

May 17, 1993 7:30pm

This meeting will be our last until September, so let's make it a big one.

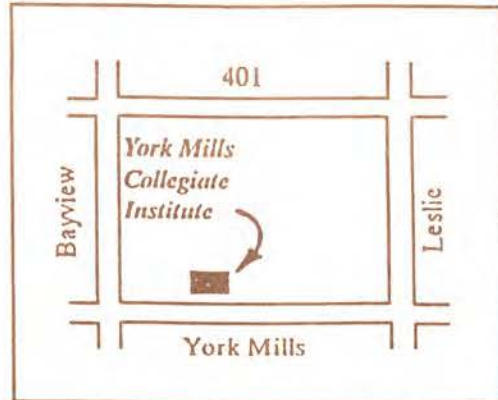
There will be elections, an in-house competition and your friends to chat to.

Bring your carvings and your votes and have a good time.

Where We Meet

General Meetings are held at the York Mills Collegiate Institute 490 York Mills Road which is located midway between Bayview and Leslie.

It can be reached via TTC from the York Mills Station and there is plenty of free parking.



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A Turning Point for OWCA

Your Executive have worked long and hard with the difficult problem of OWCA being a Charitable Organisation.

In the September 1993 Issue of the **Ontario Woodcarver** we will explain, in detail, the two alternatives that are open to OWCA.

We ask that you study them carefully and make up your own mind as to what you think is best for OWCA.

This fall at the September General Meeting we will be asked to vote for one of these alternatives and hopefully settle the problem for good.

New Members Welcome

1258	Lorne Longley	Sarnia, Ontario
1259	Raymond Filion	Scarborough, Ontario
1260	Lorna Stein	Thornhill, Ontario
1261	Modern Pattern Ltd.	Scarborough, Ontario

New Address

From now on please send all your membership fees, change of address and membership enquiries to our new Membership Convener, Howard Greenaway at 254 Alsace Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 2W3 or call him at (416) 884-5713.

Cover

These three western gentlemen were on display at the Niagara Carving Show. (See Article)

Unfortunately I did not get the name of the carver but at least it does show you the standard of fine carvings on display there.

Chisoflex

Loo Flirpa

The demand for the variable chisel has exceeded all expectations. However, production is temporarily suspended as there is a tendency for it to change shape while in use.

George Bluntsky, the inventor, assures his followers that with the addition of a few more nuts things will continue as always.

In-House Carving Competition

May General Meeting

Once again it is time for our in-house carving competition, a regular feature of OWCA for many years. As before, the competition will be divided into Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. The criteria for each class are as follows:

- a) If you have won a first in any competition, you are classed as Advanced.
- b) If you have won other than a first in any competition, you are classed as Intermediate.
- c) If you have never won anything in competition, you are classed as Novice.

Within each of these classes, the carvings are divided into Birds and General.

At the last in-house competition in January, we had a really good turn out in both the Intermediate and Advanced classes, but the Novice class was not well represented at all. Surely there are still some Novice carvers in our club! We need your carvings, and we need you to compete. There is honour in winning, of course, but there is also honour in competing, and of course you can't win without competing.

As with the last competition, we will be accepting carvings at 6:45pm, our hope being that all carvings will be in by the opening of the meeting at 7:30pm. Each person at the meeting will receive a ballot, and will be asked to make a single choice from each of the six categories of carvings displayed, and the votes tallied will give us our first, second and third place winner.

A new feature that should be of interest particularly to Novices, will be a number of experienced carvers who will be prepared to give advice to carvers about problems they might be having with particular carvings. We will have carvers discussing birds, reliefs, chip carving, caricatures, in-the-round and human figures. Please remember that this is for problems only, and is not meant to provide a lesson in carving.

The carvers who will be doing this are:

Bird	Heinz Nepaszing
Reliefs	Chris Parkes
Chip Carving	Bert Hirt
Caricatures	John Marshall
In The Round	Mike Savage
Human Figures	Ron Stuart

European Woodcarvers' Tour

Just a reminder that Dick Mekkelsen is conducting yet another tour of the Alps this year on October 1-13 with an optional extension from October 13-19 for full details write to Dick Mekkelsen, 3585 Catalpaway, Boulder, CO 80304 or call him at (303) 939-9198.

OWCA Elections

Yes, the next General Meeting will be the time for us all to vote for a new executive. There are 10 candidates to fill seven positions.

A ballot is enclosed for your use, either mail it to me, Bernie Iles, Box 522, Nobleton, Ontario L0G 1N0 or bring it with you to the General Meeting.



Jim Craig



Don Martin



Ken Gordon



Clif McDowell



Norm Greer



Jim McGowan



Gord Meinecke



Don Swenor



Jim Scott



Ron Stuart

A & M

Many members will be familiar with A & M for their fine selection of woods and their courteous service and advice.

Andrew Poynter indicates in the **A & M Wood Speciality News** that this April marked the 20th Anniversary of A & M.

To celebrate they have chosen the rather unique method of planting 20 maple trees across North America at selected arboretums and institutions. The very first maple tree will be planted in the arboretum at the local community college in Cambridge where the company is located.

Congratulations A & M!

Seminars

Howard Greenaway conducted several highly successful seminars in March to a packed room at Busy Bee Machine Tools in Concord.

Everyone really enjoyed Howard's presentation and Busy Bee were so delighted with the response that they are eager to have him conduct more seminars again at Concord and at their other stores.

Well done Howard.

Legs

If you are interested in legs, or at least carving some, Modern Pattern Ltd. has a job that may be for you. To find out all the details contact: Barry at (416) 751-5272.

Many Thanks

This month marks the end of an eventful term for the outgoing OWCA Executive. Having had the privilege of sitting in on many executive meetings I can tell you first hand that we have been extremely fortunate to have such dedicated hard working people willing to spend their precious spare time on running OWCA.

While each OWCA executive have had their own special problems I doubt that any previous executive have had such a heavy burden as resolving the Charitable Status of OWCA.

Jim Williams, our President, started off at a splendid pace and eagerly immersed himself in, not only the President's duties but those of the Membership Convenor as well. He was soon forced to give up his efforts due to a massive heart attack. We are relieved to say that he is progressing well and we hope to see him again at the OWCA show in August.

Heniz Nepaszing, what a Vice President he has been. A simple act of looking into the OWCA constitution led him to our problems with the charitable status, and he has steadfastly tried to resolve the situation amicably by listening patiently to all viewpoints. With Jim's illness Heniz had the additional problems of the Presidents duties to attend to.

Chris Parkes, our Director of Communications, has worked long and hard for OWCA, always willing to serve on committees or lend a hand where needed. Ask any of the members who attended the OWCA seminars and they will tell you what a splendid job she has done.

Howard Greenaway, OWCA Shows Director, can you imagine the work and energy required to organize OWCA representation in the form of display tables and carvers at practically every wood show, fair, crafts show etc. around Toronto for two years? You name it and OWCA was there at the rate of almost one show a week all thanks to Howard. By the way he has his own business to attend to at the same time, how lucky OWCA is to have him and thank Heaven he has agreed to stay on for a while as the new Membership Convenor.

Ron Stuart has proved himself a master at one of the most difficult jobs, Programme Director. To find speakers for General Membership Meetings is no easy task. A speaker has to be able to make a good presentation on a subject that will appeal to the majority of members and Ron has to find new speakers every time and hope that they can do the job. No matter who comes there are always some complaints. In spite of this Ron has agreed to run again for the new executive and will be bringing a great amount of past experience with him.

The Directors at Large, **Hugh Thomson**, **Gordon Meinecke**, and **Lorraine Terene** have also been available to help and advise on committees and meetings whenever and wherever it was needed, a superb back up group that enabled the executive to work efficiently and smoothly. We are lucky again in that Gord Meinecke is willing to run once more for the new executive.

Our OWCA Secretary, **Annie Horbal** and our Treasurer, **John Ball** are appointed by the executive and what an outstanding job they have done. All our records are up to date and we still have a little money in the bank (I hope) and best of all they have both agreed to continue at their posts.

Dave Eadie, our Past President although away on business a lot this winter still found time to help whenever he could.

A wonderful group, and it was indeed a privilege to see them in action.

Carving Class

Jan Oegema and Mort Lake held a very successful 10 week course for beginners on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm during the winter.

Here are the happy students ready and eager for another course. If you are interested contact Jan at Jan's Carving Supplies in Bowmanville (416) 623-2318.

The Happy Group

L to R Seated: Garth Hannan, Mel Rozema, Jan Oegema, Norm Smith

L to R Standing: Mario Tush, Jim Lack, Slip Rowe, Mike Brock, Ange Rowe, Jack Wind, Terry May, Hartney Nuttall & Mort Lake



Sand Carving

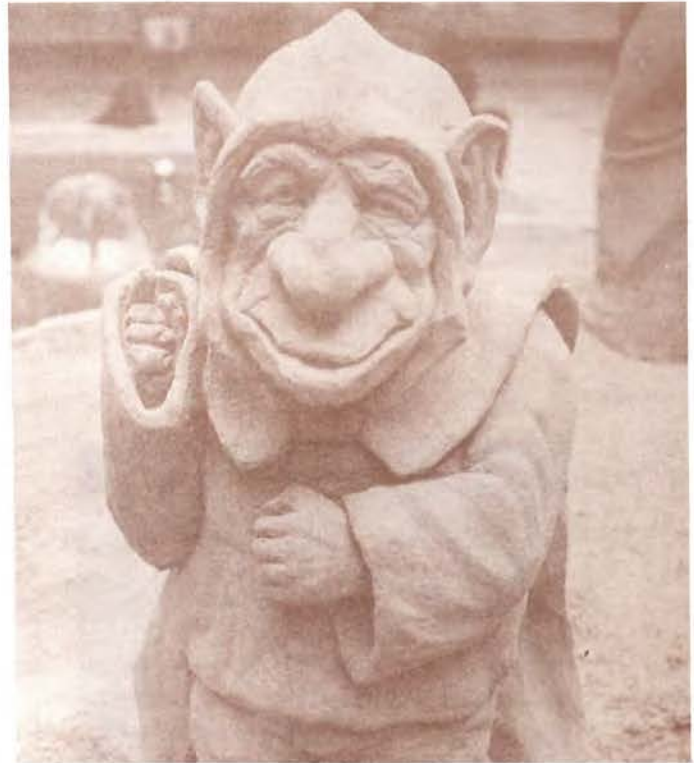
Joe Dampf gave me some fascinating literature about a London, Ontario sculptor, Paul Dawkins, and his amazing sand carvings.

They really are fantastic sculptures and there seems to be no limit to what he can do with time and a little sand.

He started his company, **Castle Creation Sculptures of Canada**, in 1979 and today holds no less than 65 sculpture championships including 5 world titles. He has also created the worlds largest sand sculpture, 70,000 tons, the tallest sand sculpture 67 ft and North America's largest snow sculpture at 15,000 tons.

With all the snow we had last winter it seems that if you run out of wood you will still have plenty to do carving the snow!

Two of Paul Dawkins Wonderful Sand Carvings



And a Carving in a Pear Tree

Eleanor Burke writes to say that a friend of hers has a pear tree, (no partridge) that has been trimmed of all its branches and the remaining trunk, about 7 ft high, is standing ready to be cut.

Pear wood is as many of you know very good for detail carving and if you are interested in this piece contact: Vic Wareham at (416) 294-2266 and he will give you all the details.

Eleanor also came up with a suggestion for a newsletter feature. Since many carvers travel quite a lot these days she says why not ask them to write about any experiences related to wood carving that they may encounter on their travels. I think its a wonderful idea, so how about it you travelling carvers. Eleanor even came up with a heading for the articles "**The Wandering Woodcarver.**"

Thanks Elea nor



Ontario Clubs

Niagara

The Niagara Woodcarvers Association was formed in 1978 and now has a membership of about 130.

As many of you know this club puts on a wonderful carving show each year and this year's show was no exception. Shown here are a few of the many excellent carvings seen at the show and hopefully will be on display or entered in the competitions at the OWCA show in August.

Balls Falls Annual *Woodcarving Weekend* is another event that the club is involved in, along with the *Festival of Trees*, local school events, winter carnivals, etc.

Not content with just these activities the club is also involved in special carving projects such as a Nativity Scene for a church in Fort Erie, The Carvers Quilt Project, and Niagara in Basswood a large relief carving presented to the Niagara Regional Municipal Building in St. Catherines.

Their latest project however, will I think top everything. They call it the Giant Woodcarving Mural and it is for the city of Welland.


This huge project is being carved in Basswood and measures 12ft X 6ft plus satellite carvings. The mural portrays a Canadian beaver pond as a safe haven for the flora & fauna representative of the ethnic origins of the people of the City of Welland.

It will be featured as one of the tourist attractions in Welland the city of Giant Murals.



The OWCA Show August 28 & 29, 1993

Since this is our last issue of the newsletter before the OWCA show, we urge you to mark the date on your calendar.

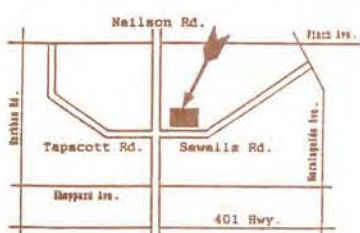


The
ONTARIO WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION
Show, Sale and Competition,
with

BENOI DESCHÈNES

the famous
Master Carver from Saint-Jean Port-Joli, Quebec
who will be judging and conducting seminars,
at the

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in Scarborough



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4. Snack Bar
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Sat Aug 28 10am to 6pm
Sun Aug 29 10am to 5pm

Admission \$3.00
Accompanied children
Free

CARVING COMPETITION NO FEE

OPEN TO ALL

CATEGORIES

- 1 REALISTIC HUMAN BUST OR FIGURE
- 2 CARICATURE HUMAN OR ANIMAL
- 3 REALISTIC ANIMAL
- 4 REALISTIC AQUATIC MARINE LIFE
- 5 CHIP CARVING
- 6 RELIEF CARVING ANY SUBJECT
- 7 DECORATIVE REALISTIC WATERFOWL
- 8 ALL OTHER BIRDS
- 9 WOODBURNING ANY SUBJECT
- 10 STYLIZED OR ABSTRACT ANY SUBJECT
- 11 MISCELLANEOUS

Each categorie has 2 classes NOVICE and OPEN

NOVICE means anyone who has never won 1st place in any carving competition.

RIBBONS awarded in both novice and open for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place.

PRIZES will be awarded for all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

SPECIAL PRIZES will be awarded as follows:

- 1 BEST OF SHOW
- 2 MOST IMAGINATIVE
- 3 MOST PROMISING (Novice class only)
- 4 BEST TABLE

MAXIMUM OF: 3 entries per carver in the entire competition.
2 entries per carver in any one category.

All entries must have been carved within the last 3 years.

Judges: Al Glassford and Benoi Deschènes

JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL

REGISTRATION 8.00am to 10.00am on Saturday morning August 28 1993.

INFORMATION

General	Bernie Iles	416 859-0248
Seminars	Gord Paterson	416 439-8183
Competition	Ron Stuart	416 264-3718

As a member of OWCA you can help your show in many ways:

1. Tell your friends, and encourage them to go.
2. Have a display table and meet the public (call Bernie Iles (416) 859-0298)
3. Enter the competitions and win a ribbon (call Ron Stuart (416) 264-3718)
4. Attend the seminars 1 & 2 with Benoi Deschènes (call Gord Paterson (416) 439-8183)
5. Attend the OWCA Banquet and have a great time (call Bernie Iles (416) 859-0298)
6. Lend a hand in running the show (call Gord Paterson (416) 439-8183)
7. Come yourself, bring the family.

See you there!

Chip Carving Seminar

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the birdies iz.

Well, here it is the weekend of March 27 and spring has been here for a week, but hark what is that I hear, chip...chip...chip...no that's not a bird. Its the chip carving seminar participants hard at work trying to match the creations of the chip master himself, our own Bert Hirt.

Hey, Bert, is that a three cut or a four cut, do you want to try a swirl, or I like that rosette, but look at that tree form, look at the shadows it casts, yeah but look at these serfs, rest on those two knuckles, get that thumb out here, ah the secret language of the chip carvers.

But now there are fourteen new converts after a great two day learning experience. Hosted by the PREZ (Jim Williams), and boy was it good to see him looking so great. The seminar was held at the Williams Bros. factory in Scarborough (thanks go to the Prez's brother Bill for making space in the factory complex available for our use). There was coffee and cookies each morning as well as a great lunch both days. (Hey George, I thought you only carved loons, hmm must have taken off some time in the kitchen to learn how to bake, cookies were much appreciated). Your humble reporter found out that "rounder and deeper" is not the only thing that having teachers say to student, "that knife needs some work" now ranks a close second after this weekend.

A vote of thanks to Chris Parkes for her organization of the seminar and also to Bert Hirt for his terrific teaching job. Bert's teaching style allowed each student to absorb as much experience and knowledge as each student was capable of. So much so that all the participants were talking about the possibility of an additional seminar in the near future to learn about advanced chip carving techniques.

BTW for those of you who witnessed the new style of chip carving created by Gord, called "pierced swirl" you will be interested to know that he is thinking of offering it to Wayne Barton for his book on chip carving, failing that he says that maybe it can be used as a spare wheel for his wheelchair if he ever gets a flat tire.

All in all it was a fun time, an educational time and a time that I would recommend to all members

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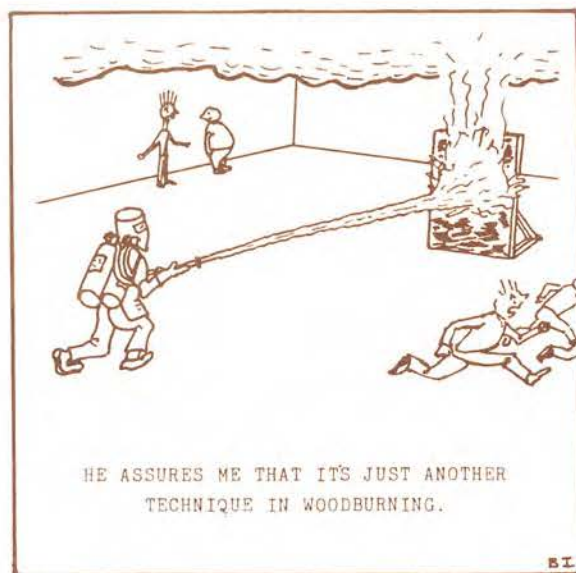


The Missing Queen

Those of you who read the article on the Ilderton Fair in the last newsletter must have been a little confused by the photograph shown under the article.

In the article we said you would see the Ilderton Fair Queen, Lisa Swinkles, presenting a ribbon and Jim Scott presenting a plaque to one of the winners, George Wickham for his fine loon carving.

Well, due to a mix up only part of the photograph was printed and so to set things right, here is the picture as it should have appeared under the article.



Carving Events 1993

April 30-May 2 **Rocton, ON**
Rocton Wood Show, Rocton Fair Grounds. Contact: Wayne Bradfield (519) 647-2502.

May 1-2 **Hamburg, NY**
Seventh Annual Southtown Woodcarvers Competition and Exhibition. Creative Arts Building Eric County Fairgrounds. Contact: Ken Kohl (716) 937-3228.

May 1 **Clearbrook, BC**
Forth Annual Art of the carver Competition. Clearbrook Community Hall. Contact: Bob Young at 37-2962 Nelson Place, Abotsford Road, Clearbrook, BC V2S 7E9.

June 5 & 6 **Richmond, B.C.**
The Richmond Carvers Society Forth Annual Woodcarving Show. Stevenson Community Centre, Richmond, B.C. (604) 279-8441.

June 4-6 **Peterborough, ON**
Peterborough Wood Show. Kinsmen Civic Centre.

June 12 & 13 **Balls Falls, ON**
Niagara Woodcarvers Association 5th Annual Woodcarvers Weekend at the Balls Falls Conservation Area. Contact: Jerry Benner (416) 897-5878.

June 24-27 **Davenport, IA**
27th Annual International Wood Carvers Congress. Entries due June 20, 1993. Contact: Larry Yudis, PO Box 10408, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 (319) 359-9684.

July 9-11 **Toronto, ON**
32nd Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto. Write to: Chalmers Building, 35 McCaul Street, Toronto, ON M5T 1V7 (416) 408-2754.

August 6-8 **Durham, ON**
"The Wood Show". An exhibition of fine woodworking. Contact: Jean Hutcheson (519) 369-6902.

August 12-22 **Hamburg, NY**
Seventh Annual Carving Show & Competition. Eric County Fair. Contact: Everet Scudder (716) 942-3418 or Lloyd Crissman (716) 675-0987.

August 28-29 **Toronto, ON**
OWCA Woodcarving Show & Competition. Contact: Bernie Iles (416) 859-0248.

September 10-19 **London, ON**
Western Fair Woodcarving Competition. Contact: Western Fair Association, Box 4550, Station D, London, ON N5W 5K3.

September 17-19 **Midland, ON**
The Wye Marsh Festival Carving Championships. Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland, ON (705) 526-7809.

October 1 & 2 **Ilderton, ON**
Ilderton Fair Woodcarving Championships, Ilderton Fair Grounds. Contact: Jim Scott (519) 434-3774 or Don Blaney (519) 471-4149.

October 1-3 **Woodstock, ON**
Woodstock Wood Show, Woodstock Fair Grounds. Contact: Joe Daniel (519) 423-6722.

October 15-17 **Pickering, ON**
Pickering Wood Show, Metro East Trade Centre. Contact: Dave Hewitson or John Cryderman (519) 351-8344.

October 30 Bowmanville Woodchips Annual Woodcarvers Show.
Contact Kurt Franke 416 372-7560

**HAVE A GOOD SUMMER and
don't miss the OWCA SHOW,
the SEMINARS or the BANQUET.
AUGUST 28th and 29th**