



Our Mission:

This newsletter is produced by CCSG. It will be published six times a year. Our purpose is to advance the art of Chainsaw Carving and to be a resource to chainsaw carvers.

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We have an open member forum called "CCSG Out on the Edge"

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/249381/>

Soon we'll have a web site and online newsletters will be available.

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WELCOME BACK TO CCSG

November 11, 2006, a group of CCSG members, missing the companionship and communication provided by the Cascade Chainsaw Sculptors Guild, met together in a small restaurant in Puyallup to decide whether we could revive the guild.

Since 1986, when Pat McVay and Jessie Groeschen created *The Cutting Edge*, the newsletter has been our lifeline, keeping us in touch, providing information about contests and events, showcasing great carvings. Our priority for this year will be the newsletter.

We've been busy since November, putting in the time to build a solid foundation, adopting bylaws and job descriptions and creating a budget. Several well wishers have put up money to get us started, and our old guild funds, which were held by Jerry Scheiffer of the UCCG, are now available to us.

Jack and Amy McEntire have agreed to put together the newsletter, and Mike McVay, KC Canfield, Susan Miller, and Steve Backus are eager to do at least one story for each issue. Realizing the possibilities of technology, we'll publish the newsletter online, but are willing to send print copies to members if they prefer to see what's in the mailbox.

We hope you enjoy this effort and join us in our long time vision of promoting and improving the art of chainsaw carving.



Steve, Jack, Amy KC, Susan, Mike, Puyallup, January '07

A BIT OF HOUSEKEEPING

For a number of reasons, the newsletter stopped being produced during spring of last year. The membership list of past and paid up members is quite out of date, and we have not been able to obtain updated member records. We have a challenge.

Chances are if you paid dues in 2006, we were not given that information, especially if you used Paypal. We are sending this short newsletter out to everyone on our list who shows as being a member in either 2005 or 2006. There should be a date on your mailing label indicating what information we have. Please look at it and if it's incorrect, notify Amy McEntire or me. If you email me, please put CCSG in the subject line so I won't think it's spam.

We plan to send you a minimum of four small newsletters with a calendar of events and a focus on one type of resource and at least two larger versions of the newsletter each year, depending on our budget and on submissions to the newsletter. Your membership dues, when you pay them, will be for the calendar year. If you would like to get your newsletter on line, that will help by saving on postage and printing costs.

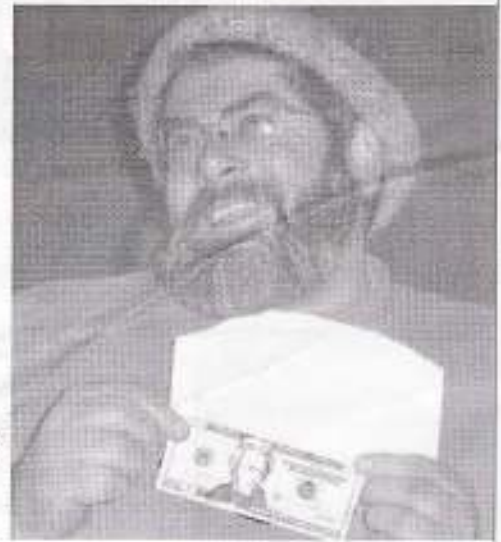
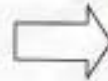
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PRESIDENT
STEVE BACKUS**OUR FEARLESS LEADER**

Once again, he's got us all fired up and we're on the road again, getting together to move the art form along, having fun, Carving or Starving.

Behind all the fun and fantasy, Steve has carried the torch through thick and thin, never giving up on making his corner of the Chainsaw carving world big and welcoming and exciting.

NEWS FLASH!
Steve Backus pays his dues!

VICE PRESIDENT
MIKE McVAY

I plan to write a series of articles for the newsletter on the quick-carve projects I call "SEVEN EASY PIECES". This includes the earliest known quick-carve piece, a tiki which I developed for demonstrations almost fifty years ago. I'll follow up with a Scotty Dog, A Cat, an Owl, a Tortoise, an Eagle and a Bear, all interwoven with tales from my own colorful history.

I would like to see the guild work toward establishing the following:

- * Sensible judging criteria for carving competitions, started when I produced the first event over 20 years ago.
- * A list of requirements for events-producers to gain CCSG sanctioning for carving competitions,
- * A certification of competency' program for chainsaw carvers that will be recognized around the world.
- * Revival of the "Carver of the Year" Award to recognize a person for excellence in the previous year.

We'll take up the challenge of BAD LAWS and continue to help the Quezadas in their legal fight over wood hauling and the loss of their tools.

It all sounds like a lot of work, but we can do it. We can do anything. Stay with me,
Mike McVay

TREASURER
KC CANFIELD

Since I am new to you all, I hope to give you an idea of who I am and what I can accomplish. I have worked in the legal field both for attorneys and pro se to friends needing to file documents with the court. I also wrote legal documents for the King County Court as a Parole Officer and a Pre-Sentence Report writer for the State of Washington. I have 2 degrees and graduated with top honors (4.0) in Criminal Justice/Psychology and Accounting. I was a federal auditor for over 10 years and have been a small business consultant for over 30 years. In my free time, I read IRS documents to ensure that my clients receive the best information regarding taxes. I have also filed many 1023's with the Federal Government to grant organizations a 501(3) (c) status (non-profit). This is what I do for a living and I am dedicated to helping others. I hope to help the Guild in any area that you all feel will assist in protecting its integrity. So let's get the ball rolling and dig in and get the initial work done. Any board member and officers can have full access to the accounting I will be doing for the Guild as there is nothing to ever hide. Of course, this will all be included in the bylaws which you all will approve once we have finished them. I will take on the task of writing the Guild bylaws with your approval.

KC Canfield

WILD EYED DREAMS

Susan Miller

Wild eyed dreams with wild eyed dreamers, crazy schemes with crazy schemers. Such is the world of creative and passionate people. Sensible, predictable and willing to live by the rules. This is the world of playing it safe.

As a working artist, I have always found it intriguing to function in both worlds. Some day I may become a hermit. Meanwhile, my life as a sculptor has been pretty entertaining: it's provided opportunity to meet many generous carvers, to travel, and to play with new tools, materials and ideas.

My involvement with the guild in numerous and varied roles has opened many doors, and in its newly altered state, I see CCSG as being useful to the professional carver. In my continuing involvement with the art form, I will write about what grabs my attention in all areas of chainsaw sculpture. I hope you will enjoy what I write and that it will spur you on to contribute to the newsletter as well.

STAYING CONNECTED

Jack and Amy McEntire

We are proud to have been given the honor of editorship of the CCSG's newsletter. We will try to help keep us all connected and informed. When we first became aware that there was such a thing as "the carving community" the newsletter was the cord that connected us to everyone else. When the newsletter would arrive in the mailbox we would pour over every inch. The pictures pushed Jack to grow as a sculptor, and the hints helped him to get there. We have accepted the editorship with the goal of providing every carver with that same level of captivation.

To us, to be a part of the CCSG community means staying connected with fellow carvers, as well as sharing information and ideas with each other, not only for our own personal growth, but for the promotion of chainsaw art everywhere.

We look forward to growing as artists and editors along side all of you.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:

\$20.00 for 2007 entitles you to six bimonthly newsletters, the opportunity to vote in elections, and a flashy new 2007 Carve or Starve Bumper sticker.

We want to keep track of you, so instead of just handing any of us a twenty dollar bill please send your check or money order directly to our secretary: Make it out to Cascade Chainsaw Sculptors Guild, or CCSG.

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Tell us about yourself. We welcome your letters and will print them in later issues.

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OUR MEMBERS

CALENDAR OF CARVING EVENTS

This list is for your convenience. Listings do not necessarily imply our recommendations, although we certainly hope they will all be great.

See our next issue for a more complete listing of Chainsaw carving events.

Feb. 17 – 24 Ridgway PA
Ridgway Rendezvous
Rick & Liz Boni (814) 772-0400
info@chainsawrendezvous.org

Mar 29 - Apr 1, Puyallup, WA
Team Carving Competition
Steve Backus, (360) 579-3574
bigshot@whidbey.com

***Deadline April 1, 2007**
Cheesy Chick Challenge
Submission Worldwide
www.angela-poglaze.com
angiechainsawchick@yahoo.com

May 12 – 14 Sequim, Washington
Annual Mothers Day Competition.
Steve Backus: (360) 579-3574
bigshot@whidbey.com

June 7- 10th Chetwynd, BC
Invitational competition
Chetwynd Chamber of
Commerce, 1-(250) 788-3345

June 14th – 16th Addison, PA
Echo Carving Series Qualifier
4th Annual Chainsaw Carving
Festival
Confluence Lions Club
Tom Blair(814) 395-3469
Don Winner(330) 769-2211
secretary@confluencelions.org
www.carvingfest.confluencelions.org

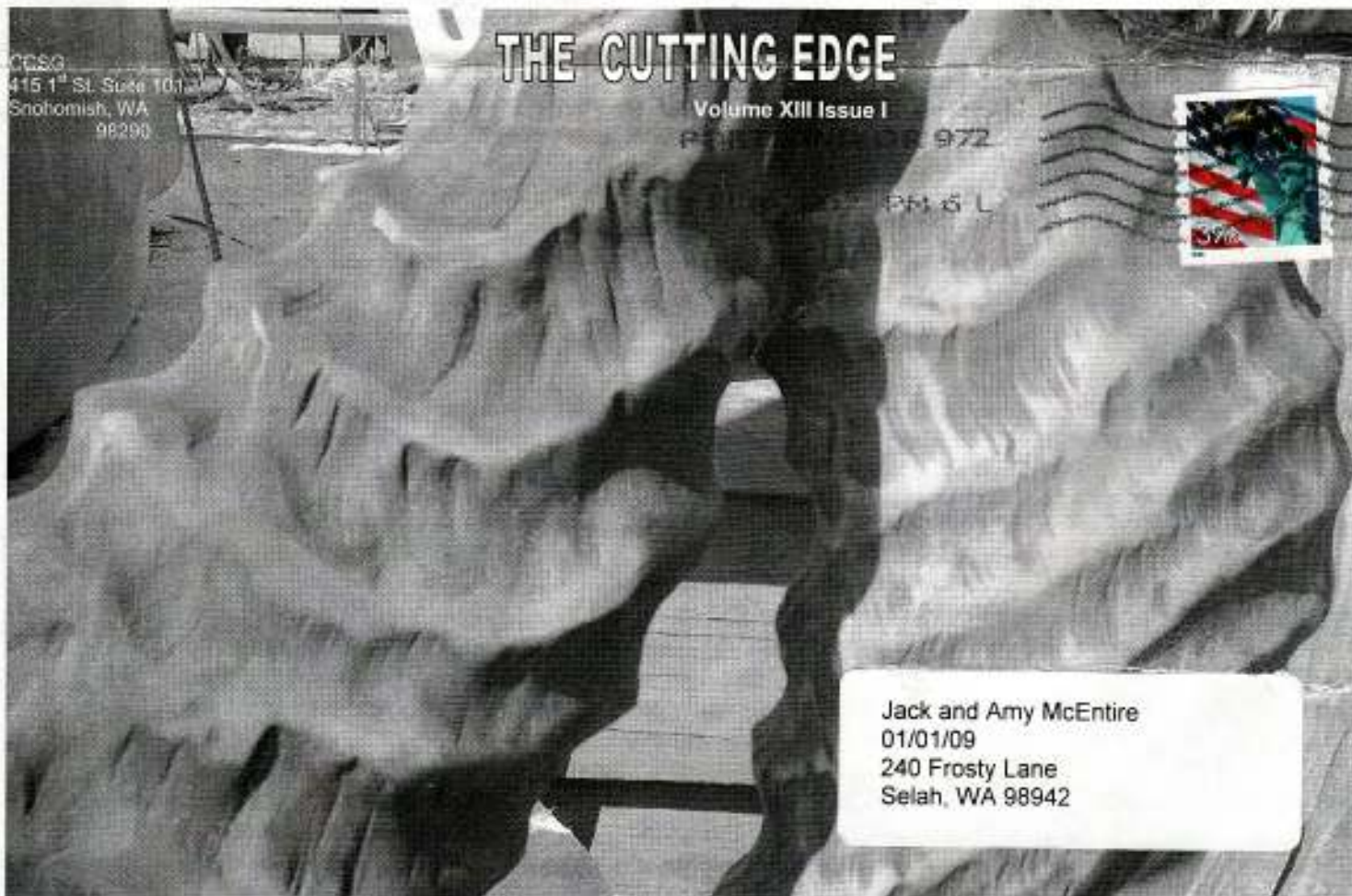
June 14 – 17, Reedsport, OR
Echo Carving Series Qualifier
Cindy King @ (253) 845-2115 or
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June 22- 24 Ocean Shores, WA
Echo Carving Series Qualifier
Sand and Sawdust Festival
Boaz Backus or Steve Backus
360-579-3574,
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**June 27 – July Campbell
River, BC**
Driftwood-Carving Competition
Pat Tomlinson
patriciaftomlinson@yahoo.com

June 23-24 Sedro Woolley WA
Loggerodeo competition
Limited Spaces
JB Bryson 1-800-8169

Sep. 28-30, Hackensack, MN
Golden Chainsaw Invitational,
AJ Lutter, 218 829 3844
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Can you guess who did this carving?