

# The Spirit of Wood

May-June 2008  
Newsletter

New England Woodcarvers, Inc.

## NEWC Meeting Sunday June 1st, 2008

Our most important meeting of the year! Catered luncheon, meeting and awards ceremony follow the regular

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Middlesex Community College  
(Campus Center, Building # 8)



## 2008

Regular Meeting & Carve-A-Long  
Sunday, June 1st, 9-3 pm

next meeting, after a long break ...

**Sunday, October 5th, 9-3 pm**

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calendar updates and additional details.*



The steamship Tigonderoga, above, and a native mask, pictured below, to be seen at Shelburne Museum..

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### President's Message

#### RECOGNITION –

**“Praise is like sunlight to the human spirit, we cannot flower without it”**

..... **Jess Lair**

Thirty-two years ago the “Carver of the Year” award was born. In that era the award was purchased from

a store that sold trophies. The award made of metal resembled a person holding a wreath standing on a marble base. It was 8 or 9 inches tall. Later on Benoi Deschenes who lives in St-Jean Port-Joli, Quebec was commissioned to carve the award in wood. A few were made but eventually

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Benoi decided to stop making them. In the 1980's members were asked to design and carve the award. Some three to five awards would be carved of which one or two were selected by the Executive Board. This went on for a few years. Eventually the award evolved into its present day design.

No matter the year or the

style of carving the "Carver of the Year" award represents the most prestigious accolade given by the New England Woodcarvers. Each person who receives this award has earned our highest esteem. Besides the keeper award that each recipient receives, their name is engraved on the Benoi Deschenes' Peintre-Sculpteur (painter or artist sculptor) award. This beautifully sculptured piece is symbolic

of one's pinnacle achievement and is passed on to the new recipient each year.

The nominees for this year are: Louis Dennis, Charlie Frizado, Kris Gillis, Yvette Holaday, and Warren Blessing. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!** We look forward to presenting this award at our membership luncheon on June 1, 2008.

(A Chip of History)

## Remembering the Ladies

By Phyllis Miele

Surfing through pages of NEWC club history shed new light on early activities. The aspiring woodcarvers of the day worked diligently at organizing a group, which quickly grew. Distant travel did not appear to present a problem. The desire to share their artistic Craft was the focus of the hour.

### The Ladies Were On Deck!

A few were excellent wood carvers, and stepped up to the plate. The wives of our early founders supported their husband's interest by traveling to meetings and assisting where needed on a regular basis.

Board meetings were held in homes... wives provided a warm atmosphere and set a fine table. As a result they brought color to faded pages. It appears time and space did not allow for names of all volunteers.

*A quote from early notes:*

"Because of her long period of service from April 1965 to March 1971 we mention Mrs. Chester H. Card who with the able assistance of various other volunteers, carried on the kitchen detail for six years. Credit continues to go to all who constantly bring delicious refreshments and regularly devote time to "kitchen detail" when they could more pleasurably be enjoying more of the meetings."

*Early notes:*

Rita Galvin was the original Chip Chats reporter, writing a column called "Chips From Ipswich" before 1971. She was also a member on the first Steering Committee organized (in) 1969. They later added four more names to the 9 listed. Claire Antill\* Bedford MA, and Dorothy Cotter\*, Saugus MA, represented the ladies. The second election found Claire Antill\* of Bedford, MA, elected President. Margaret Buyers, Sharon, MA, filled in as membership secretary serving several years. I recall she served as treasurer at one point. Norma Raymond served as treasurer for 25 years... she stayed on long after the demise of Bill Raymond her husband.

Jumping ahead for a moment I must recognize Ginny Greenleaf - who was our other lady President. We spoke briefly a while back. I asked if she remembered Marge Benard. We talked about her beautiful carvings. Then she asked, "Did you ever taste her apple Pie?" ... "Of course" I replied. Ginny said - "it was to die for!"

... to be continued ...

\*denotes lady carvers of the time.

Besides the Carver of the Year award NEWC wishes to recognize other members for their service and dedication in making our organization as successful as we are today. It is fitting therefore, that we present the annual Chet Card – Gene Matheson Volunteer Excellence Award and the President’s award to the outstanding recipients who have

gone above and beyond what is expected of them. New this year will be the annual Leadership Award. It will be given to the recipient who has demonstrated leadership, exemplary teamwork, and dedication to the highest standards of excellence.

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## New England Woodcarvers Calendar Dates 2008



2008 YEAR CALENDAR - Middlesex Community College,  
Campus Center, Building #8

**MEETINGS** - Workshops, drawing, Show-N-Tell, GUEST SPEAKER, meeting, coffee and shared pastries/goodies.

**Carve-A-Long** - Workshops, Show-N-Tell, coffee and shared pastries/goodies

**JUNE 1**                      **MEETING 9am - 3pm**      **Frank Russell** (popular NE/Florida carver)

**OCTOBER 5**                      **MEETING 9am - 3pm**      **Floyd Radigan** (caricature carver - CCA)

November 2                      **Carve-A-Long 9am - 1pm**

**DECEMBER 7**                      **MEETING 9am - 3pm**      **Jeffrey Cooper** carver of unique  
furniture pieces as seen in Carving magazines

**2008 Spirit of Wood Show (October 19)**  
**Special Guest Carver, Bob Guge**

**Planning Committee Meetings** - to be held in the Trustees House building #5 conference room on Saturdays from 9am - noon for the **Spirit of Wood Show**.

**May 10th**  
**August 23rd**

**Board of Directors Meetings** - to be held in the Trustees House building #5 conference room on Saturdays from 9am - noon

**May 17th**  
**August 2nd**  
**September 20th**  
**November 15th**

**2008 Spirit of Wood Show** - to be held in the Campus Center, building #8 on Sunday with set-up on Saturday starting at 1:00

**October 18th (set-up)**  
**October 19 (Spirit of Wood Show?)**

**Fall Workshops** - to be held in the Visitors Center  
**Floyd Radigan** (caricature carver - CCA)

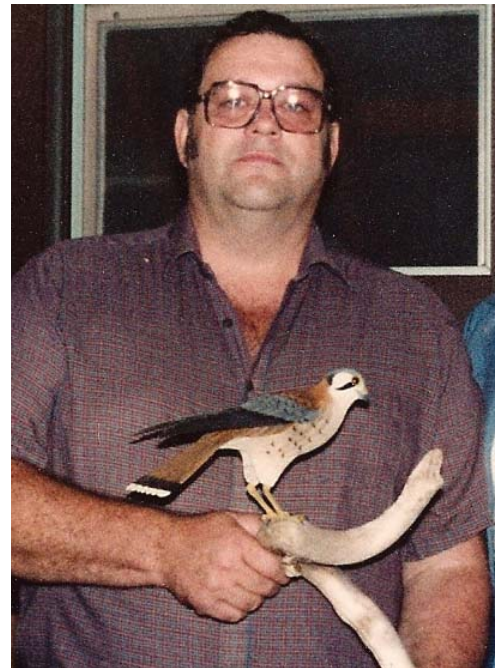
**Special Guest Carver, Bob Guge**  
**Wednesday, October 15 - Saturday, October 18th**

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morning workshops, which will be held with regular instructors. Members are invited to participate in any of the workshops, lead one or work alone on their own project. Floyd Truitt will be on hand to assist anyone working on an eagle head cane.

Besides a great deal of basswood and pine that will be raffled off at this meeting, several pieces of partially carved work from the workshop of Nathan Markowitz will be included for members who would like to complete a project.

Guest speaker for this meeting will be well known woodcarver from Vermont, **Frank Russell**, pictured right, who will demonstrate how he does his work. Frank has been our guest a few times over the years and has always been quite enlightening. Frank has written many books on power carving techniques using the foredom. Subjects vary from faces, canes, walking sticks, folk figures, animals, wildfowl and animals.



Frank C. Russell

**Examples of Frank's books can be found on Amazon.com**

Carving Wildfowl Canes And Walking Sticks With Power (Paperback)

Frank Russell's Power Carving Fur, Feathers, & Fins: How to Carve with Foredom Power Tools and Accessories (DVD)

Carving Animal Canes & Walking Sticks (Paperback)

Carving Patterns by Frank C. Russell: From the Stonegate Woodcarving School (Paperback)

Carving Folk Figures With Power (Paperback)

Carving Realistic Faces with Power (Paperback)

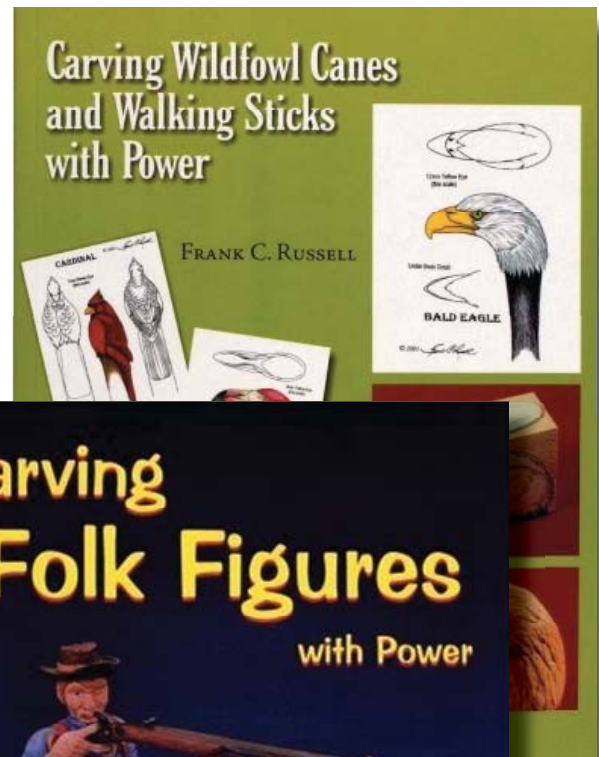
Carving Realistic Animals with Power (Paperback)



Note: some of these titles may be available from our vendors at the June meeting.

***Come June 1st, don't forget your items for the Show n' Tell and raffle table!***

M. Paul Ward



## Carving Tip of the Day

# Carving Teeth

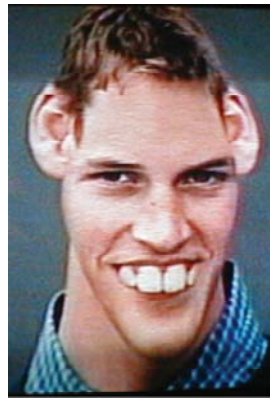
I bet you never thought there'd be an article on it but it's been on my list of subjects to write about for a while so here goes. When a painter paints a portrait, it's like an unwritten rule that you don't show teeth. This is because people look odd with their teeth



Justin Gordon  
www.ElwinDesigns.com

showing in portraits. Or, painters don't know how to paint the teeth to look nice, I'm not sure which it is. But this also fits with why teeth look so funny on carved caricatures. But please understand there's a knack to it. Too many people put too many teeth on a caricature carving and don't round them enough that it doesn't look funny. It looks like bad teeth.

The idea of a caricature is to enhance a detail to make it amusing. The head, hands, and feet are a little bigger, the wrinkles are more



pronounced, and the teeth should also be more pronounced. This means two things: First, don't make so many teeth lines that you can't see them. Just make a few teeth and highlight them well with the little triangle cutouts at the gum line, the trapezoidal shape, and maybe cut one out for the ole "take home to Ma" look. Second, make sure you round the shape of the teeth enough so they disappear into the mouth and there's a slight space between the corner of the lips and the teeth. Look at your own teeth and see how rounded they are. They're not slightly rounded. They are rounded into the back of the mouth. Try it. Future orhtodontists are counting on you.

Justin Gordon

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## June 1st WORKSHOPS

Len Hill be giving a workshop on changing head positions on block carvings.

Floyd Truitt will continue his workshop/ carve-a-long on eagle head canes for the veterans.

Kris Gillis will be on hand to enlighten carvers on her carving technique.

Ed Johnson and Gary Filiault, the dynamic duo, will have another enjoyable project.

Lorne LaGoy will be demonstrating techniques on sharpening tools.

Other groups will be forming to carve, sculpt, gouge, or paint various other projects. Bring a friend or family member for any of the sessions. Workshops may include a minimal fee for material, and vendors are on hand with supplies if you need any. See you there!

*Please keep in mind, we always have in attendance one or two vendors selling wares. If you need an item for carving or blanks to carve for various projects, chances are good that the items will be available to you!*

### Drawing

*Donations are needed for the June 1st raffle table. Please bring in any wood carving related items that may be of interest to other club members. Examples include: Knives, tools, back issues of magazines, carving books, patterns, cut-outs, wood, bases, etc.*

*Take a look at your accumulations and consider donating to the club raffle table.*

# NEWC Vermont Trip 2008

One of the stops we will make on the trip to Vermont will be the Birds of Vermont Museum.

There are hundreds of birds to be seen there, all carved by dedicated carver, Bob Spear.

The latest work he has just finished is a life size tom turkey which took him two years and 1300 hours to complete.



The Shelburne Museum has much to see in the world of carving as well as many things in realm of Americana.

Native masks, antique woodcarving tools and scrimshaw are all there.



There are over 200 carriages and wagons to see. The steamship Tigonderoga has much to see inside and out. Unique carvings as this carved and painted dog are seen.



**Important, the deadline for submission of the application with a \$50 down payment is necessary by June 1. Applications and check can be mailed ASAP to Paul or Mary or brought to the June 1 meeting of NEWC.**

- Mary Chouinard

## Itinerary for the Vermont trip:

Sunday, August 10, 2008

9 a.m. Bedford, MA - Middlesex Community College

10 a.m. Concord, NH - Park'n Ride

12 noon Lunch - Birds of Vermont

2 p.m. Shelburne Museum

6 p.m. Check-in Holiday Inn, Burlington, VT

7 p.m. Dinner Restaurant near Holiday Inn

**Monday, August 11, 2008**

7-9 a.m. Breakfast at Holiday Inn (price include w room)

11 a.m. Ben & Jerry's Tour

12 Lunch - there are informal facilities at Ben & Jerry's

2 p.m. Concord, NH - Park 'n Ride

3 p.m. Bedford, MA - Middlesex Community College

# NEWC Vermont Trip 2008

## August 10 & 11, 2008

Shelburne Farm and Museum

Birds of Vermont

Ben and Jerry's

Chain Saw Carving

\*\*\*\*\* **Reservation deadline: Sunday, June 1, 2008** \*\*\*\*\*

### Application:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check:

I plan to embark on the bus from:

Bedford, MA

Concord, New Hampshire

I plan to share a room. Name of roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Address if other than above \_\_\_\_\_

Phone if other than above \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a single room.

The anticipated cost of the bus, Shelburne Museum, Birds of Vermont, dinner, Ben & Jerry's Tour and overnight accommodations is two hundred fifty dollars per person. This figure is based on 2008 room rates and double occupancy. With more than twenty people on the bus the price may decrease.

Please complete this form and send the completed form with a deposit check of fifty dollars, per person, in check :

Pay to the Order of the New England Woodcarvers, Inc. and mail to either:

M. Paul Ward  
4 Freeman Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
mpaulward@comcast.net

or

Mary Chouinard  
4 Cross Street  
Medfield, MA 02052  
crewsculler@aol.com

## April 6th Meeting, 2008

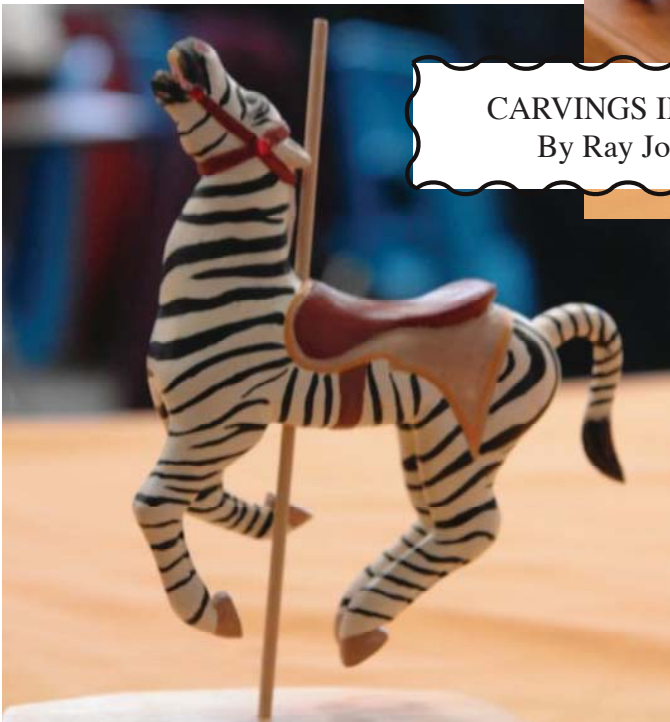


Full house! Many groups formed and held productive sessions this morning.

The show and tell table was just amazing! We love to see the talent of our members. Check out the horse drawn carriage, and zebra carousel figure. The talent, surprise, amusement and awe never ceases!



CARVINGS IN WOOD  
By Ray Johnson



Laura Till, daughter of deceased member Nathan Markowitz, has given NEWC several boxes of carving wood from his workshop. The wood was picked up and stored in our storage unit in Billerica. The wood, mostly basswood and pine, will be brought out and put on the raffle table for the next few meetings. We are thankful to Laura for her thoughtfulness.

*Thank You!*

## April 6th Guest Speaker....

Our April 6th guest speaker, Stan Neptune, enlightened and amused the audience at MCC with his knowledge and interesting history of the Wabanaki Root Clubs. Stan is a collector, creator, and his-



torian in the realm of root clubs. He explained different wood types, techniques, and finishes used in creating these war clubs.

Stan is one of only a few carvers carrying on the tradition, which he is also teaching to his son Joe. He learned the craft from master Penobscot carver Senabeh Francis, who showed him how to “find his tree” and shape the birch. “Carving a completed war club averages about 40 to 60 hours,” says Stan. “Each club requires patience and time to reveal itself to the carver.”

Big thanks to Stan for an excellent, educational demonstration.

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## May 4th Carve-A-Long 2008



Many members get one-on-one instruction. How lucky can a carver get? Left, Alberta Genetti receives instruction from Floyd Truitt on carving eagle cane heads for veterans.

The Carve-A-Long sessions are low keyed but productive, with members receiving tips and instruction, or simply enjoying each others company.

It's a no-stress environment available for our members to work on their projects, get advice, or give advice, and enjoy with others the passion for woodcarving.



## **WORLD CLASS SCULPTOR BOB GUGE**

**WILL TEACH A FOUR DAY WORKSHOP**

**\*\*\*CARVE AND PAINT A BLUE BIRD\*\*\***

**OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, 18 – 2008**

**MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 20 STUDENTS ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE ARE WELCOME WORKSHOP RUNS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION WILL BE ON A FIRST – RECEIVED BASIS STUDENTS TO USE HAND TOOLS, ROTARY MICROMOTOR PREFERRED, HAND PAINT BRUSHES, AND ACRYLIC PAINT**

***ONLY \$295.00!!!***

**FEE COVERS INSTRUCTION, WOOD MATERIAL, A BOB GUGE CAST, BEVERAGES AND FOOD ITEMS DURING EACH WORKSHOP DAY**

### ***ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR***

**BOB GUGE IS A WORLD CLASS CARVER WHO RESIDES IN SLEEPY HOLLOW, ILLINOIS. HIS CAREER AS AN ARTIST HAS SPANNED OVER THIRTY YEARS. HE IS A MUCH SOUGHT AFTER INSTRUCTOR WHO TRAVELS ACROSS THE COUNTRY GIVING CARVING AND PAINTING SEMINARS AS WELL AS HOLDING CLASSES AT HIS STUDIO-----THE INSTITUTE OF WILDLIFE ART IN GILBERTS, L. BOB HAS CO-AUTHORED SEVERAL BOOKS ON BIRD CARVING AND PAINTING. FOR MORE THAN A DECADE HE HAS WORKED ON A SERIES OF SCULPTURES FOR THE DANBURY MINT IN CONNECTICUT, AS WELL AS ORIGINAL CARVINGS FOR BIG SKY CARVERS IN MONTANA. BOB HAS CAPTURED MANY PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS INCLUDING FIVE 'BEST IN WORLD' TITLES AT THE WARD FOUNDATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND. HIS SCULPTURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENT COLLECTION OF WILDFOWL ART MUSEUM IN SALISBURY, MARYLAND, THE LEIGH YAWKEY WOODSON ART MUSEUM IN WAUSAU, WISCONSIN, AND MANY PRIVATE AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS IN THE WORLD. WHAT A DEAL-----THIS IS THE FIRST TIME BOB WILL BE TRAVELING TO NEW ENGLAND. WE ARE POSITIONED TO OFFER THIS WORKSHOP AT 40% LESS THAN WHAT IS CHARGED AT OTHER VENUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CARVE WITH ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST CARVERS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED AND WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY. PLAN ON REGISTERING EARLY!!!**





**NEW ENGLAND WOODCARVERS  
ASSOCIATION  
REGISTRATION FORM  
BOB GUGE WORKSHOP**

**OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, 18 – 2008  
\*\*\*CARVE AND PAINT A BLUE BIRD\*\*\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ONLY \$295.00!!! COVERS INSTRUCTION, WOOD MATERIAL, A BOB GUGE  
CAST, BEVERAGES AND FOOD ITEMS DURING EACH WORKSHOP DAY

**50% (\$148.00) AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

FULL AMOUNT OF \$295.00 BY THE OCTOBER 5 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

REFUND POLICY – 50% UP TO AUGUST 31, 2008

NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER – AUGUST 31, 2008

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**NEW ENGLAND WOODCARVERS**

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO:  
**LEO LAMBERT, NEWC TREASURER  
3 ELMWOOD TERRACE, WOBURN, MA 01801-2303**

REGISTRATION FORM AND FURTHER DETAILS  
FROM LOUIS DENNIS, 4 LINCOLN CIRCLE,  
PAXTON, MA 01612-1418  
TEL: 508-757-7303 E-MAIL: louisdennii@YAHOO.COM



New England Woodcarvers Balance Sheet  
As of 5/16/08

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
NEWC Checking	1,055.74
NEWC Money Mrkt	<u>4,968.01</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	6,023.75
Other Assets*	
CD1169679866	11,230.52
CD1169929099	5,639.42
CD1170349896	4,210.09
Total Other Assets	<u>21,080.03</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>27,103.78</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	0.00
Equity	<u>27,103.78</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>27,103.78</b>



Respectfully submitted, Leo Lambert  
New England Woodcarvers Treasurer

**NEWC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership is enjoyed by whittlers, wood carvers, and wood sculptors and others who work to integrate wood mediums to achieve two and three-dimension works of art. It is not limited by skill, technique or subject matter. Our members are drawn from amateur and professional carvers, teachers, students and do-it-yourselfers. A number of our members are nationally and inter-nationally recognized. Several have published one or more carving books.

*Join today!*

Mail to: Membership Secretary, 886 Salem Rd.,  
Dracut, MA 01826-1659  
\_\_1 Year \$15

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You!*

*New England  
Woodcarvers*

**New Members**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined NEWC since our last newsletter. From Massachusetts, we welcome Dale Lippert, Kevin & Merilyn Dunn, and Charles & Marilyn Heath.

*A warm WELCOME one  
and all to NEWC!*

## CCA Member Floyd Rhadigan to teach Caricature Carving

Location is Middlesex Community College in Bedford, MA  
Saturday October 4th 2008 9AM to 4PM (Lunch 12PM to 1PM)  
Price \$75.00 for the day, no lunch provided, 6 hours  
Rough outs are \$12.00 and up (not included with registration)  
Check out his Web site (on Photos)  
Class Size 15 Students



Samples of Floyd's Work

Registration Deadline – August 25, 2008  
Refund Policy – 50% Up To August 25, 2008  
Non-Refundable After – August 31, 2008

Mail Registration Form and Check To:  
**NEWC - Floyd R**  
Leo Lambert, NEWC Treasurer  
3 Elmwood Terrace  
Woburn, MA 01801-2303

Make Checks Payable To:  
New England Woodcarvers

Further Details or up-dates:  
Bob Landry, 193 Beech St.  
Fitchburg, Ma 01420-4118  
Tel: 978-342-2940  
E-Mail: [Robert\\_Landry@Comcast.net](mailto:Robert_Landry@Comcast.net)

Personal records: I sent application and payment in \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ -2008 my check number was \_\_\_\_  
Please detach and send in the lower portion. We will confirm recite of this application.



Floyd Rhadigan Seminar Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City or Town \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Request \_\_\_\_\_

# Eagle Cane Project **Update!**

5/2008

Canes delivered since last update: Sgt Earl Williams, Bear, DE, crafted by Bill Bucерrie and TSGT Eric Mitchell, NJ, crafted by Stanley Williams. I have one completed and ready to mail the week of 19 May. Two assignments were given to Kris Gillis for her students on 3/24/08 but to date I do not know the status. Please people, if you can't complete these assignments in a timely manner, let me know as we have several waiting for assignments. Thanks and keep me in the loop. I was also given 4 undecorated canes at the Monson, MA show. Please do not deliver canes to me, rather wait for an assignment as that means I have to decorate them, not that I mind, but it is not a completed cane until it has been decorated to meet the requests of the Veteran. Just make sure I know you have a completed cane ready to be personalized. If you need help decorating a cane, seek out the help of an instructor or fellow carver and tips on decorating can be found at [eaglecane.com](http://eaglecane.com).

Lately, I have been hearing a lot of criticism. This is not my project, it is a project of the New England Woodcarvers. Do I hear a volunteer wishing to take over for me as the coordinator for the Six State NE area. It has been exactly one year since we began this adventure and I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Executive Board, the many Instructors and to all the Carvers who have supported me and have made a name for NEWC around the country through the success we enjoy today.

I have been beating the bushes to get referrals but thanks to HIPPA (the military Health information Privacy Act) it is an uphill battle and discouraging when we know there are so many deserving Veterans who would love to have a Cane.

I have developed and printed elsewhere in this news letter a sample cane request form. Feel free to make copies.

Recently, I was contacted by a Mrs. Maureen

O'Gorman who had seen and read with interest my article on the front page of the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise which also appeared in the Lowell Sun. She was very impressed with the project and the dedication of the carvers. She was calling me to see if I would be willing to meet with her organization of about 100 Blue Star Mothers. By the time you read this, I will have met with them on May 21st at 7 PM at the Leominster VFW Hall. I will be passing out flyers and cane request forms to all who want them. Even if their son/daughter were not wounded, I'm sure that many of their friends have. I'll let you know how I make out at the June 1st meeting.

22 Canes confirmed delivered to date!

Floyd L Truitt  
14 Scott Road,  
West Townsend, MA 01474

(978) 5972868

Floyd Truitt



Major David Underwood received this cane from Joe Olson

Eagle Cane Project

Sample Request Form

Information for Requesting a Cane

This can be for a Veteran anywhere in the USA (we have shipped canes as far as AK)

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NR and Email OF REQUESTER\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF VETERAN\_\_\_\_\_RANK/GRADE\_\_\_\_\_HOME  
TOWN AND STATE\_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND UNIT TO WHICH ASSIGNED\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INJURY (DOI)\_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF INJURY\_\_\_\_\_HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NR\_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT LOCATION AND PHONE NR\_\_\_\_\_

PURPLE HEART Y\_\_N\_\_SPECIAL REQUESTS OF VETERAN, i.e., CIB, CAB, Div/Unit Patches,  
Any Medals such as Bronze Star,

And any thing else such as Logos, Military or Civilian. CANE LENGTH, if shorter than the standard  
37-38 inch.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_Requestor, Email\_\_\_\_\_

Mail Cane to: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail requests to: Jack Nitz, 2212 W. 91st St., Tulsa, OK 74132 thehickoryhiker@gmail.com or to me  
Floyd L Truitt, 14 Scott Rd, West Townsend, MA 01474 floydcarves@msn.com and I will see that it  
gets immediate attention

Questions ? CALL ME 978 597-2868.

Requested\_\_\_\_\_Verified\_\_\_\_\_Carver\_\_\_\_\_

# The Tree of Hope for VA Hospital

The VA Project - Reminder to Members

We are looking for Ornament Donations for the VA Hospital Project 2008. We were so pleased with all the donations we received last year and hope we can count on you all to help us again to take care of our Veterans with your generous donations of Christmas Ornaments. Please bring them to the June or October meeting or mail them to: Maria LaGoy  
141 West Street, Leominster MA 01453



Lorne & Maria LaGoy

Thank you for your past support!  
We hope your generosity will make this project, again, a great success for the needy veterans.

Maria and Lorne LaGoy  
Carvers Plus, 141 West Street ,  
Leominster, MA 01453  
Telephone and fax #: 978-537-1805  
Carversplus@aol.com

## A Sonnet on Cottonwood Bark

I'd like to carve the bark of cottonwood  
And shape those crooked castle domiciles.  
The way most carvers show they could  
In clever, wavey, whimsical old styles.

Alas, I can't. The structures carved in strange arrays  
By new or copied plans are all laid out  
In so imperfect geometric ways.  
That's far beyond the logic I'm about.

Those windows bent, the steps that wind around,  
The total shape from base to pinnacle  
Though somewhat pleasing are profound  
In what is truly unsymmetrical.

My mind can't follow what's inanimate.  
I carve what's live. And that's unfortunate.

M.  
Paul Ward

## HATEM GOMAA'S LATEST PIECE

HELLO FOLKS, THOUGHT YOU MAY BE INTERESTED  
IN WHAT HATEM HAS BEEN UP TO  
THESE DAYS!

HELLO FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

MY DEAR BROTHER HAMDI HAS UPLOADED NEW  
IMAGES (TAKEN BY MY CLOSE FRIEND PAT) OF MY  
MOST RECENT CARVING - ONE OF MY FAVORITE  
SCULPTURES SINCE I STARTED IN THIS ART FORM  
- A WHITE PHASE ARCTIC GYRFALCON, THE GREAT  
AND RARE WHITE PREDATOR OF THE NORTH WITH  
ITS CALM DEMEANOR AND STRIKING BEAUTY MAK-  
ING IT SUCH AN ENDEARING RAPTOR. I WILL BE  
UPDATING SOME LITERATURE ON THIS PIECE IN  
THE FOLLOWING WEEKS - "BEAUTIFUL KILLER" A  
STORY OF INSPIRATION IN THE CREATION OF THIS  
SCULPTURE.

[HTTP://WWW.PBASE.COM/GOMAASCULPTURES](http://www.pbase.com/gomaasculptures)

ALSO, A PIECE FROM A FEW YEARS AGO FINALLY  
MADE IT'S WAY ONTO THE WEB SITE: "WOODS  
DASHING", A FEMALE SHARP SHINNED HAWK IN  
FLIGHT SUSPENDED BY IT'S OUTSIDE TAIL FEATHER.

ENJOY!

SINCERELY, HATEM GOMAA.

[HTTP://WWW.PBASE.COM/GOMAASCULPTURES/  
WHITE\\_PHASE\\_ARCTIC\\_GYRFALCON](http://www.pbase.com/gomaasculptures/WHITE_PHASE_ARCTIC_GYRFALCON)



“BEAUTIFUL KILLER” - A WHITE PHASE ARCTIC GYRFALCON - BY: HATEM GOMAA

## Other Club's News and Notes



Mystic Carvers Club  
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February 24 – next General Meeting  
www.ctvalleywc.com

July 5th, 2008 - The 27th Annual Woodcarver's Day, Mystic, CT (Olde Mistick Village, Apple Orchard)  
Sat. 9:30am-5pm. Rain date July 6th. Free admission - Plenty of Demonstrations.  
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### Recent Woodcarving Shows

#### The Monson Show, April 26, 2008

Bob Anderson writes:

The show at the Monson Memorial Town Hall was well attended with entries from Mass, Ct. Vt. RI. and even Pennsylvania. Our judges Joe Olsen, Ernie Hill, Ed Ertel and Larry Appelton really had their work cut out for them, but they did an excellent job as was expected from such learned men. The Monson girl scouts again provided food on premises and as usual the home made chili was a big hit. Thanks to our very generous sponsor The Monson Savings Bank we were able to provide some very nice cash awards. \$35.00 each was awarded to best in novice, Intermediate and open divisions. The novice division was won by new carver Donald Stevenson with a carving of Moses. The Intermediate award went

to Mathew Ellis who carved a very well executed Chickadee. and the winner in open was Wayne Smith with a beautiful carving of Santa. Wayne also went on to win overall Best of Show with a carving of an Indian with horse. Best of show paid \$125.00. A cash award of \$100.00 was paid for peoples choice and was won for the third year in a row by Roland Ledoux for his carving of a life size eagle landing with outstretched wings. This year we had a special cash award of \$100.00 for the most realistic bird in open and intermediate divisions combined, that was won by Robert Stak for a beautiful open winged Sanderling. We are one of the few shows that pay such cash awards and that money can be won by anyone, so keep an eye out for our fifth annual show at a date in April of 09. The cash is just waiting for you.

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## *16th Annual Wildlife Art & Carving Competition Expo*

NEW LOCATION: NEWBURY, MA

*(Route. 95, Exit 57, 113 East to Historic Newburyport, 3.5 Miles on Left, Behind Newbury Town Hall)*

NEW DATE: OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Competitive Levels:** *Youth division (all entries) Novice, Intermediate and Open Divisions in Life-size Wildfowl, Miniature Wildfowl and Floating Decorative Decoys.*

**Open to All Categories:** *Traditional Decoys, Contemporary Decoys, Antique Repro Decoys, Antique Repro Shore Birds, Contemporary Shore Birds, Decorative Birds. Bench Carving, Photography, Flat Art.*

**Fees:** \$15 first entry, \$5 each additional -- Youth \$5 each entry **Registration:** Friday, - 2pm to 7pm / Saturday - 8am to 10am

### Massachusetts State Championship

Best of Bird Competition (OPEN) - \$1000, Second Place - \$200, Third Place - \$100

Best of Bench Competition - \$100, Second Place - \$50, Third Place - \$25

Best of Wildlife Art Award - \$50 Best of Wildlife Photography Award - \$50

Information -- Jim White - 978-768-7218, Sharon Teska: teskastudio@sbcglobal.net,

Mail-in Entries - Paul O'Brien - 781-334-5193 Please call ahead for exact shipping instructions.

## Upcoming woodcarving events

**June 7, 2008** - Connecticut Wood Carver's Annual Wood Carving Show & Sale, 10am-4pm.  
New England Carousel Museum, 95 Riverside Ave., Bristol, CT.

### June 20-22, 2008

The Mystic Carver's Club will sponsor a weekend with Bob Stadlander.  
The primary focus will be a relief carving of your choice.  
Check out Bob's work at [www.stadlandercarvings.com](http://www.stadlandercarvings.com)

Don't forget to check  
out the all-new  
better-than-ever  
[www.NEWC.org](http://www.NEWC.org)

### July 5, 2008 (Rain date: July 6, 2008)

27th Annual Woodcarver's Day, 9:30am-4pm. Outdoor show in the Apple Orchard. Free Admission.  
Location: Mystic Connecticut (Olde Mistick Village).

**October 10-13, 2008** - Woodcarvers Retreat in New England - Sponsored by the Mystic Carver's Club.  
Come to New England during the beautiful fall foliage and spend the weekend carving.

Hi All,

I met a woman at a crafts event that paints turned bowls and is in need of a supplier. Her name is Patricia Harrington. She lives in Rochester, VT. Her number is 802-767-4589 and her email is [pch431@mymailstation.com](mailto:pch431@mymailstation.com)

Good luck.  
Justin

Also, check out:

North East Woodcarvers Roundup  
<http://www.geocities.com/gareinfried/>

## Obituaries

PEABODY — Stefania (Prochowska) Kaminski, 95, beloved wife of the late Jozef Kaminski, died Friday evening, May 16, 2008 at the Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport following a brief illness. Our heartfelt sorrow goes out to NEWC member Kris Gillis, daughter of Sefania Kamanski.

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Chief Roy Grayden passed away on April 26, 2008.

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*Our warmest regards and renewed sympathy to  
their family and friends.*

If you should come across news of a NEWC member who has passed on, kindly send notice to the NEWC Membership Secretary. *Thank you*



May/June 2008



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Next meeting ...  
June 1st, MCC Bedford MA

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*That's the Spirit!*



*This comical caricature created by NEWC member: Robert Ward*



*Carver of the Year Award created by NEWC member Floyd Truitt*

**Awards Meeting**



**June 1st, 2008  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

**Luncheon to be served.  
Members are invited to  
bring a morning snack  
or beverage to share  
with the group.**

**As always,  
we'll bring  
the coffee!**



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