



# Spirit of Wood

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Next meeting will be held at Middlesex Community College, Bedford,  
MA

on April 2, 2017 from 9:00am to 3pm

The Speaker Will Be Marcia Berkell



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## Newsletter

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The mission of the New England Woodcarvers is to educate and promote woodcarving, wood sculpturing and whittling as an art form to all its members and to the greater community

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Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *HAPPY EASTER TO ALL*

**VOTING:** Yes, it is that time again to vote again for The Member of the Year award. The nominations are all in and we have two very qualified members for the award. The ballots are attached in the newsletter along with the instructions on where to send them once you have made your selection. Please take the time to vote. If you are coming to the April 2, 2017 meeting bring your ballot and deposit in the box provided. This will be the last chance to vote. This will be our 42<sup>nd</sup> time we have voted for a person for this award. Please remember you are the ones whom vote for this award not the NEWC Board.

**ELECTIONS:** We will also be voting for officers at our June 4, 2017 Business meeting. We are currently looking for someone to take over the position of President Elect. There are also openings for Directors at Large positions. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the club this is one way to accomplish this.



Keith Oldfield

## NEWC Member of the Year Nominees

**January- March** The board, at the March meeting Approved the nominations of two qualified candidates for Member of the Year.

### March- April

1. Ballots will be published in the March-April Newsletter (below. Bring your ballot to the meeting or mail it by May 1 to: Keith Oldfield President, NEWC, Inc. P.O. Box 599, East Templeton, MA 01438. Ballots will also be available for voting at the April 2, 2017 Membership Meeting.
2. NEWC Members in Good standing are eligible to vote. One vote per Member.

### May

1. Deadline for Voting is May 1, 2017
2. Ballots will be counted by the Executive board at its May meeting.

### June

1. The award will be presented to the 2017 NEWC Member of the year by the President at the Awards luncheon on June 4, 2017.
  2. A letter of acknowledgement and appreciation will be sent to all nominees and nominators.
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## BALLOT: Two Qualified Candidates for “Member of the Year” (Check One)

## OFFICIAL NEWC 2017 BALLOT

### Two Qualified Candidates for “Member of the Year” (Check One)

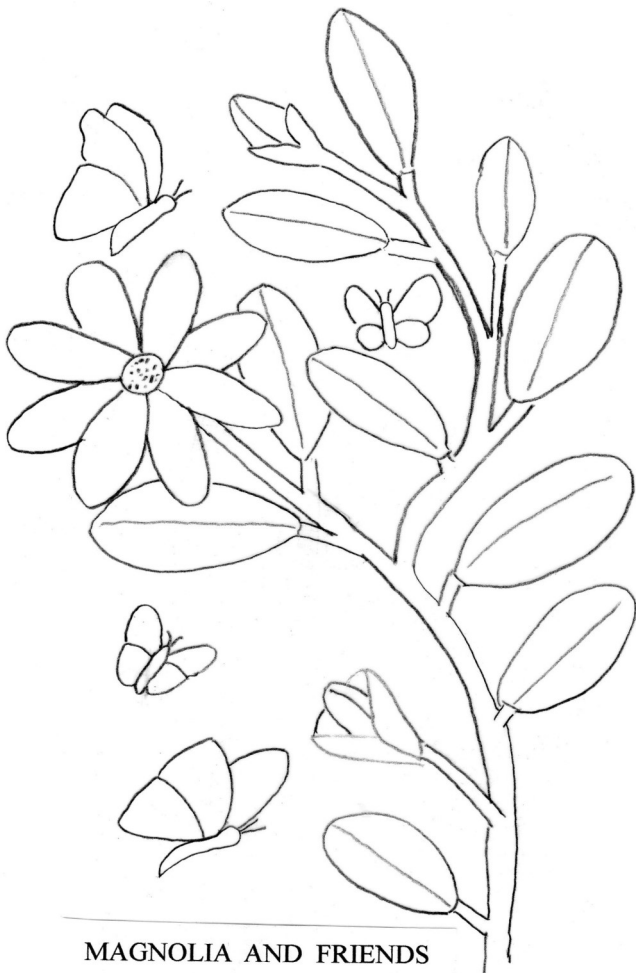
#### ☐ Robert Schmeiclel Jr. (Membership #1874) 1999

This is not Robert’s first time to be nominated for this award. It is the third and not by the same person, which I think shows how respected he is with the NEWC membership. Bob continues to be a devoted member of NEWC, celebrating his 24th year this year. He continually does an outstanding job taking pictures at our Membership meetings and the Spirit of Wood Show each year. These pictures are the pictures you see on our web site, [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org). He also travels to Mystic, CN to take photographs of their annual meeting. Bob is always concerned with how well the club is performing and communicates with the board of Directors on how they might improve things. Over the year’s Bob has been awarded the Volunteer Award 2006 and the President’s Award in 2009. Bob’s works have been in many issues of our Spirit of Wood Newsletter over the last 24 years. He is one member whom promotes NEWC whenever he gets a chance.

#### ☐ Kenneth Wagner (Membership #3274) 2015

Ken is a relative new member to NEWC but he has devoted a lot of support to the organization over the past couple of years. Soon after joining, he volunteered to be our Treasurer. At the same time, he volunteered to work on our Spirit of Wood enhancement committee. When this was completed he volunteered to be the head of the competition venue at the 2016 Spirit of Wood Show. To his credit and the rest of the committee, the Show was a success and moving in the right direction. Now he’s working with the SOW planning committee to enhance the operation of the Spirit of Wood Show. Ken has made himself well known to the membership by his willingness to communicate with other groups and NEWC membership with his can-do attitude.

## *Spring Carving Patterns*



MAGNOLIA AND FRIENDS





## MERCHANDISE NEWS

Make sure to stop by the Merchandise table at the April meeting. We have several items marked down for our Clearance Sale! Take advantage of these great bargains!! This does not include 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items

These items are 50% off and the sale prices are as follows: Collared Shirts: \$12, Short Sleeve T-Shirts: \$12, Long Sleeve Shirts: \$12.

### FY 2016-2017 Income & Expenses

7/1/2016 through 2/28/2017

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
<b><u>Opening Balances</u></b>		
Checking & Savings	17,943.92	
Tree of Hope	3,389.81	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,333.73</b>	
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
SOW Income - Auction/50/50/Raffle		
Registration/Admissions	3,456.00	
Membership Dues	4,024.00	
Tree of Hope	2,778.00	
Merchandise Income	809.00	
Meeting Auction Income	929.00	
Book Sales	345.00	
Misc. Income	83.19	12,424.19
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
SOW Expense	2,999.92	
Storage	664.00	
Newsletter Expense	1,194.67	
Gifts & Donations	4,000.00	
Tree of Hope	2,250.00	
Speaker/Seminar Expense	800.00	
Web Expense	271.50	
Misc. Expense	313.14	12,493.23
<b><u>Adjusted Savings Balances</u></b>		
Checking & Savings	17,346.88	
Tree of Hope	3,917.81	
<b>Balance in Savings as of 2/28/2017</b>	<b>21,264.69</b>	



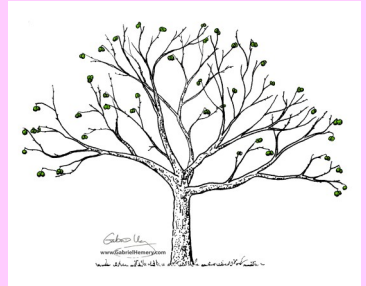
### **The VA Tree of Hope Project 2017**

The staff and residents of the Bedford VA hospital express their thanks and appreciation to the NEWC members for the wonderful monthly entertainment they have been enjoying. This year we have also donated monies to Ladies Auxiliary Legion Post #325 to be used to provide food and comfort items to Veterans who are shut-ins.

It's not too soon to be thinking about ornaments for the upcoming year. We start taking the Tree of Hope to fairs in May. Please start working early on your wonderful carvings for the tree. Donations are gratefully accepted year-round at the NEWC meetings in Bedford, MA or the Caricature Carvers of Central MA Tuesday nights at Monty Tech in Fitchburg, MA.

Thank you for your support.

Gail Hansche Godin  
Maria LaGoy  
Project Coordinators



## Membership News

Become a NEWC member or renew your current membership. Send a check: New England Woodcarvers, Inc. for \$20/ year, to 4 Cross St., Medfield, MA 02052. Include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address and choice of e-mail, US mail or both for newsletter. Your NEWC membership card will be sent to you when you enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope or include an additional \$.50 for postage.

### **Donations to NEWC are welcome anytime**



Deceased                      Hugh Blake, Royalston, MA

Passed February 15, 2017 at the age of 94

New Members              Marcia Chisholm, Buzzards Bay, MA

Marcus Ferrell, Ft. Myers, FL

Re-instated Member      James Batten, Concord, NH



## Spirit of Wood Show

With the passing of Jim Hayden, who managed the annual Spirit of Wood show all by himself, the board of directors has created a four person team to make sure NEWC continues our tradition of putting on an excellent show on October 15, 2017 and beyond. Yours truly accepted the position as the team lead and the responsibility for show advertising. Ken Wagner will head up the competition, Keith Oldfield is responsible for all facilities related needs and Scotty Arsenault will work with vendors and carving clubs. Each person listed above is responsible to ensure their area of responsibility is completed. Board members have agreed to help, in addition to the board we will need help from the membership. You can expect to be asked to help out in some tasks and I hope you will agree. The more people participate the less work it is for any one individual.

I will include updates and more information in future newsletters as the process moves forward.

Thank you,  
Joe Marshall

### NEWC Woodcarvers Dates

Middlesex Community College, Campus Center Building #8

Please DO NOT assume the Meeting(s) will fall on the first Sunday of the month. Check the schedule below for accuracy of meeting dates and times.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** Workshops, drawing, Show-N-Tell, Guest speaker, meetings, Sundays, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

**April 2, 2017**

**June 4, 2017**

**September 24, 2017**

**December 3, 2017**

**Board of Directors Meetings** Trustees House Building #4 conference room on Saturday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Anyone that is interested is welcome to attend Board Meetings. Check <http://www.NEWC.org> for dates.

## EVENTS

### WOOD CARVING CLASSES

PETE LECLAIR AHS AGREED TO DO ANOTHER CLASS THIS YEAR. THE CLASS WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 19TH, 6:00 - 9:00 PM AND SATURDAY, MAY 20TH AND SUNDAY MAY 21ST 8:00AM-5:00PM, 2017. THE CLASS WILL BE HELD AT LOUIS DENNIS'S BASEMENT, 4 LINCOLN CIRCLE, PAXTON, MA 01612. FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO THE NEWC WEBSITE OF CALL LOUIS AT 508-757-7303.

### Monson Woodwackers Club Presents

### Annual Wood Carving Show

Competition, Exhibit and Sales

Sponsored by

**Monson Park and Recreation Dept.**

**And Monson Savings Bank**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

**8:00am-3:00pm**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**At Monson Memorial Town Hall**

**Main St. (Route 32) Monson, MA**

**Old Location**

**Competition Levels Welcome:**

**Youth-Novice-Intermediate and Open Show**

**Early Entries: by mail only to :Barbara Mackintosh**

**131 Wales Rd. Monson, MA 01057**

**Entries, day of Show: 8am-10am**

**For Information Call: Wes Harnois 413-267-3322**

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Wagner**



## Marcia Berkell

### Featured Carver

Marcia's interest in wood carving and sculpture started back in the '80's with an Adult Education drawing class. Over the years she has witnessed her own transformation from "only wanting to carve Santa's to welcoming the variety and challenges associated with accepting commission work.

It is the love for the arts, along with support from family and friends that helped get her through some recent trying times. Finding carving difficult during that time she delved into other forms of art and expression, particularly encaustics and pastel painting and these have now been added to her repertoire.

Marcia recently moved "back home" to MA, sharing a house in Athol with her sister and brother-in-law. We have a crazy house, full of musical instruments, art supplies, bits of yarn and birds.

Marcia has enjoyed teaching carving for over 20 years and her "Carving From the Heart" articles are featured in Carving-Magazine. Her work can be found in galleries and private collection across the country and beyond.

