



Spirit of Wood

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Next meeting will be held at Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA
on June 3, 2018 from 9:00am to 12pm
Awards and BIG, REALLY BIG Auction.



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Newsletter

New England Woodcarvers, Inc.

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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

I have been experiencing some personal issues and have found it necessary to resign my position of President of New England Wood Carvers. Therefore, this is my last President's Message.

Yours truly,

Scott Arsenault

Hi this is Scott Arsenault, President of New England Woodcarvers the June meeting is fast approaching. Remember we are not having a meal at this meeting. We hoped it would bring in more people in the past but that didn't happen. If anybody has any ideas on how to get more people coming to the meetings we would welcome them. We are trying to save money so we are asking that anybody who doesn't need a hardcopy of the newsletter just receive the email version.

We are planning to have a **big ,really, big auction** so if there is anything you want to get out of your house, bring it in donate it to the club and we can auction it off. We won't take your brother in-law or mother in-law for the auction it has to be woodcarving related. Books, old rough outs, unused wood, tools, etc...

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Important Changes

Membership Renewal Changing

NEWC Membership is still \$20. Membership Renewal Date is changing to an annual renewal effective October 1, 2018.

If you have already renewed your membership prior to October 1st your annualized membership fee for 2018-2019 will be credited at \$5 per quarter.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Re-Instated Member:

Kim Bolton Orange, MA

Notification has been received of the Passing of:

Paul Stuewer of Poughkeepsie,

NY in October 2016

Arthur Meland of Castle Rock,

CO in April 2017

Francis Kaczynski of Uxbridge, MA

on Dec. 4, 2017



Odin heads for cane tops
Justin Gordon

October 14th we will be holding our Spirit of Wood Show. John Early graciously volunteered to lead the show this year, I am sure he will need some help, I am giving him my full support.

Starting in the Fall we will be meeting on **Saturday** instead of **Sundays**, the School doesn't open on Sundays usually and they are looking for ways to save money, so we asked if there was any opposition to meeting on Saturdays. We didn't hear any reason not to so it is a done deal. The first Saturday meeting will happen on September 22nd which is a Saturday.

The Tree of Hope relies on people donating carvings especially ornaments. You don't have to wait until Christmas, the earlier the better, the more the merrier. We bring the Tree of Hope to many functions, Craft Fairs and Carving Shows. All the money proceeds from the sale of these ornaments, scroll saw pieces, turnings and carvings goes to support and supply the Veteran's with some nice entertainment and donations to memorials and other needs. We all owe the Veterans!!



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This is the last meeting of the fiscal year, so we will be having elections. If you ever thought about helping New England Woodcarvers please volunteer, we can always use the help. If anybody is interested in being president of NEWC we are looking for President elect, I have a year left as president so you could see what the job entails. I'm sure anybody could be a better President than myself.

FY 2018 Income & Expenses

7/1/2017 Through 4/30/2018

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Opening Balances</u>	
Checking and Savings	15,707.29
Tree of Hope	<u>2,542.81</u>
Total Savings	18,250.10
<u>Income</u>	
Book Sales	320.00
SOW income - Auction/50/50	
Raffle/Registration/Admission	4,302.00
Membership Dues	3,811.50
Tree of Hope	3,214.00
Seminar Deposit - Al Jordan	1,800.00
Donation Income	500.00
Meeting Auction Income	309.00
Merchandise Income	184.00
Misc. Income	709.56
	<u>16,991.03</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Sow Expense_	2,978.03
Storage	886.00
Newsletter Expense	2,698.06
Tree of Hope	1,550.00
Seminar Expense - Al Jordan	2,800.00
Meeting Speaker Expense	550.00
Gifts & Donations	4,000.00
Web Expense	380.48
Insurance	439.00
Misc. Expense	709.46
<u>Balance per Savings Account</u>	
Checking & Savings	11,635.28
Tree of Hope	<u>4,206.81</u>
Total Net Savings	<u>15,842.09</u>



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“Volunteers Needed for 2018 SOW”

I am John Earley and I have volunteered to be chairperson of the 2018 SOW on Oct. 14th. In the past 7 years I have come to enjoy carving and the camaraderie this club offers. I tend to not volunteer any more than necessary because I can be quite allergic to work of any kind. BUT - I do like showing my carvings and I'm often surprised by the work I am able to do. I think a lot of you feel the same way and it would be a shame if the SOW did not go on as in the past. So I have volunteered to lead this year's show. Ken Wagner and Joe Marshall have already volunteered, and I hope if the SOW is important to you, that you will think about joining us. We need 50-60 volunteers. Many of the jobs are just small parts of a bigger picture and will not take a lot of your time. If you are willing to volunteer so that we can keep SOW alive and growing, please contact me asap at Earleyj@hotmail.com or (978) 223-0403

Thanks John Earley



Tree Of Hope



As summer comes soon and fall not far behind, It becomes the busiest time of the year for the Tree of Hope. Once again I am looking for donations of Ornaments for the tree. We didn't use to beg as much as we do nowBut in the past the smaller clubs used to have a group project once or twice a year to make ornaments for the tree but for some reason that practice went by the wayside. I will even pick them up from you just send Me an E-mail at u_name_it@charter.net with an address and I'll pick them up Or bring them to the tree if you like.....We will be out with the Tree on **JUNE 23nd** at a Art show in Westminster, MA. **JULY 14th** at the VFW for a Bike rally in Pepperell, MA. **JULY 21st** we'll be at a Craft fair in Templeton, UG. we will be at a Farmers Market in New Boston, NH. So the tree is on the move more now then in the past We'd like you to stop and say "Hello" if you can make any of the dates. For those of you that don't know what the Tree of Hope is all about we sell the donated Ornaments we get at these functions and all the proceeds go to various ligament Veterans organizations.....It is *REALLY* for a great Cause..... They gave..... It's our way of giving back !!!

Thank You in advance for your consideration

Rick Boyer

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Scott Arsenault, President

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Gerald & Cheryl Kottman,

Merchandise



By

Ron Tausevich



A Man and His Dog by
Master Carver
Ed Cusson



Make Auctions Great Again!



Time to clean out your attic, basement, bookshelves, garage, shed, workshop and bring all unwanted, carving related items to the June 3rd Annual Meeting to be auctioned off. Tools, wood, books and anything that is helpful with carving or woodworking make good donations. This is a good source of revenue for NEWC so I hope everyone will do their part in making this BIG, I MEAN REALLY BIG, AUCTION GREAT AGAIN!

NEWC Meeting:

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News from the

Board of Directors

Ken Wagner has completed his two year term as Treasurer of NEWC and Gary Filiault a member of NEWC since 1991 will replace him as Treasurer on July 1. Many of you already know Gary as the club's auctioneer.

2018 Meeting Dates for NEWC, Inc.

Middlesex Community College,

Bedford Campus

**General Membership Meetings
held in the Campus Center,
Building 8 on Saturdays from
9am-3pm**

June 3, 2018 Annual Meeting held
on Sunday.

Saturday September 22, 2018

**Board of Directors Meetings
Held in the Henderson Hall
Room 308 Building 3. Satur-
days from 9am-12pm**

September 8, 2018

November 3, 2018

Spirit of Wood Show

Held in Campus Center Building 8

October 13, 2018

Saturday Set Up

October 14, 2018

Sunday Show

Edsel and Gary



Featured Carver

Gary Filiault ORIAB

My carvings are signed ORIAB. Oriana and Abbey are two wonderful daughters that have been proud of my attempts at caricature carving. Jacki, the most supportive friend a carver could have, rounds out the family.

W. Pete LeClair was one of the most influential in my growth as a carver. He was one of the instructors at Henry's Place in Fitchburg, MA. During a carver's weekend set up by Central Mass Caricature Club under the direction of Scottie Arseneault, Pete's workshop changed my carving experience. Taught by Pete how to see the carving in the wood and how to go through the steps to create that carving, showed me a path to obtaining some proficiency.

After that workshop, I became a regular at CMCC meetings. All are invited to the Monty tech on Tuesdays, 6-8:30pm in Fitchburg, MA.

Members loan equipment and offer instructions for free! No dues. Since then I have attended the RI retreat every year except when my oldest daughter planned her wedding on the wrong date. Also, I have attended the CCA East events all three venues. Having had instruction from over half the CCA members, has greatly improved the learning curve.

During all these adventures I have had the pleasure of two friends that have supplied fun times along the way. Edsel Johnson has been my shotgun-rider and bunkmate during road trips, while Ken St. Vincent has often joined us as our "ideas man". We all met in Ludlow, VT at the Fletcher Farm School. For twelve years we carved for a week during the summer with Harley Refsal, learning flat plane caricature carving. Together at many retreats, we have spent long days and early evenings carving but never went to bed without sitting down for refreshments and laughs. That is one of the real reasons that carving has been special. Without this fulfilling hobby, the friendships it offers, and pride in finished carvings, life would not be as rewarding.

