



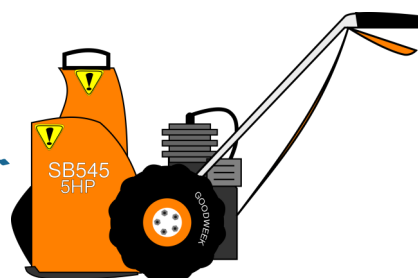
Spirit of Wood

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February 12 at 9:00 via
Zoom. Guest speaker
Betty Padden at 10:00.



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The Mission of the New England Woodcarvers, a cultural and educational organization, is to promote woodcarving, wood sculpting, pyrography, whittling and other forms of wood art to all its members and to the greater community.

Newsletter

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President's Message

Well it looks like winter has finally found us with lots of snow, wind and ice. Whoops! Please be careful out there as you get together with your carving friends for those who are meeting in person. Please also consider wearing masks to protect your cohorts. We do not want to lose any of our members to this latest version of covid. It hit very close to home for me when a family member passed away after being on a ventilator for just one week.

Link up!

On a happier note, you will see an article by your vice president, Neil Gallagher, that outlines ways for clubs to meet safely and to stay connected if you can't meet in person. Zoom has been a powerful vehicle for keeping in touch. Yet you may have members who can carve but don't have the technical savvy to put up with Zoom. Call them. See how they are doing. They can be on the phone during your Zoom meeting so they can hear the conversation. Do everything you as an individual can do to keep the folks in your carving circle connected. Don't hesitate to link up with your board members if you have concerns, ideas to share or questions. We are here for you!

February Member Meeting

Talking about Zoom, our February member meeting will be on Zoom and we will have a special guest, Betty Padden, who will show us around her studio and share a style of painting that is a little different but gives exceptional results.

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Treasurer's Report

July 01, 2020 - December 31, 2021

Income

Direct Public Support-Individual Contributions	\$230.00
Food Sold at NEWC SOW	16.00
Membership Income PayPal	\$39.21
Misc., Revenue	\$.01
Program Income-Membership Dues	\$1,068.50
Raffle Sales	\$809.00
SOW Competition Income	\$1,261.84
SOW Income	\$645.50
Sale of Woodcarving Products	\$31.00
Vendor Booth Payments	\$380.00
Tree of Hope	\$8,296.81
Total Income	<u>\$12,777.81</u>

Operating Expenses

Banking Fees	\$79.80
Office Supplies	\$104.12
Other or Non-classified Expenses	\$23.88
Printing and Reproduction	\$335.76
Reimbursement to Members	\$250.00
Rent Expense/Storage	\$1,251.00
SOW Cash to Cash Box	\$700.00
SOW Reimbursement for Hodges Badges	\$768.94
SOW Table Rentals	\$949.00
SOW Reimbursements	\$824.82
Taxes-Corporate Tax	\$18.50
Tree of Life Donations	\$2,900.00
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$7,455.82</u>
Net Profit	<u>\$5,322.05</u>

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The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. for open carving/ sharing by members. Have your tools sharpened and your wood ready! At 10 a.m. our guest speaker will join in with us. There will be time for questions after her presentation. What's New is a new feature that allows one or two members to share information about a project or event they believe is of interest to other carvers. George Ford shared a five-foot whale he carved for a family member at our last meeting. We also learned about museums that hold interest for carvers. What do you have to show and tell? Shoot me an email and we can put you on the agenda.

Stay safe and healthy so we can greet each other with handshakes and hugs (do carvers hug? I do!) in the near future.

Jan LeClair, President

Membership News

New Members

Gary Gemini	Wolcott, CT
Leo Hein	Burlington, CT

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Mary Chouinard	Laurie Farrell
Jan LeClair	Linda Parvianinen
Kim Rhault	



Tree Of Hope Project For Veterans

Please consider doing some carvings for the **Tree of Hope** to benefit programs for veterans throughout New England. While Christmas ornaments are the most popular, the Tree offers buyers an opportunity to look for something unique to give as a gift or to have as a keepsake. Miniature sweaters, Meerschaum pipes, honeybees, miniature shoes, pickle caricatures, Stetson hats or anything you can imagine will surely tickle the fancy of buyers who see quality carving done by hand. Do a club project from a single design and see the variety that results. Be sure to sign them and ship them to Rick Boyer or call him if you have a good-sized shipment that he can pick up. Our men and women who served will appreciate your generosity.

Members of the Board of Directors

Executive Board

President– Jan LeClair

Past President– Laurie Farrell

Vice President– Neil Gallagher

Secretary–Linda Parviainen

Membership Secretary– Mary Chouinard

Treasurer–Paul Crowley

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Newsletter– Gay Gawron

Webmaster– Kim Rhault

Tree of Hope– Rick Boyer

Hospitality– Open

Workshop Coordinator– Open

Historian

Paul Ward

Tree of Hope

Rick Boyer and Scotty Arsenault



NEWC MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are via Zoom at 5pm unless otherwise
announced

March 12

May 7

August 22

November 12

MEMBER MEETINGS

All meetings begin at 9am; locations to be announced

If any member would like to arrange to hold a meeting at their usual carving club location, please contact Jan LeClair, NEWC President.

February 12 via Zoom

September 17

April 9

October SOW

June 18 Annual Meeting date and place to be announced

December 10 Holiday Meeting

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL COVID REQUIREMENTS



FEATURED CARVER

Louis Dennis

By Laurie Farrell

I had the pleasure this weekend of going down to Louis Dennis's home to visit and pick up a couple of his beautiful bird ornaments that he makes each year to raise money for the Tree of Hope. This year's bird is an Olive Warbler. Louis will cut out, carve, burn and paint about 100 ornaments!!

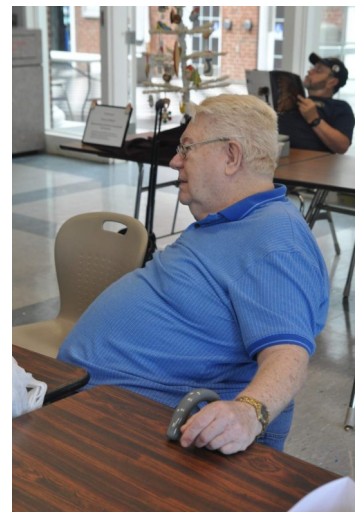
Louis has been an active member of NEWC since 1996. Louis is a Life Member. Fellow members, Lorne and Maria LaGoy started the Tree of Hope for Veterans and in 2006, Louis carved and donated 36 cardinals. He was still working full time then as well! For several years he continued to carve 36 ornaments, but demand grew, so he went up to 50 a year. He used only hand tools until back surgery forced him to transition, with the help of Maria, to power carving.

Louis has been donating about 100 carved ornaments every year for many years now. Some he gives directly to the Steward of the Tree of Hope –now Rick Boyer. Others, neighbors and florists take in turn for donations to the Tree of Hope. Louis's birds have become collector's items for many people, who try to get a new dated and signed ornament every year!

Now more than ever, Veterans need our support. Louis has been, and continues to be, a shining beacon of light, helping those who have given so much to keep us free.

Thank you, Louie, for being an ongoing inspiration to so many.

Also, Louie has donated a full size carving for the tree of Hope. If you would like to make a donation for a chance to get the carving, be sure to come to our next in person meeting!



Message from the Vice President

The Spirit of Wood Show for 2022 is in the planning stages. The dates have been set for October 22 - 23, but the location has not been secured. We are looking for a place with 1500 –3000 square feet with adjacent rooms for meetings, seminars and demonstrations. It must have ample parking and easy access. Our goal is to hold the show within the Lowell –Worcester corridor so it will be easily accessible to members from all over New England. Currently, we are trying to establish a long-term partnership with a school or college for NEWC.

If you can suggest a venue location, please contact Neil Gallagher at our website, www.newc.org. Cost is a major consideration. Prime locations are too expensive, but we believe somewhere there will be a great affordable location for the SOW show. We should have a location to announce at the end of April or sooner.

This year we are working on making personal contact with every group of carvers in NEWC. We need to come out of the isolation forced on us by Covid these past two years. We'll start with an inventory of our active groups and ask each one to appoint a contact person to let us know what is going on in your group for a small newsletter article which will also appear on the NEWC website with any photos you submit. You can write the article and submit it with photos. Or we can take down the information and write it for you. After all, the purpose of NEWC is to share carving skills and experiences and put on an annual show and competition. Contact Jan LeClair or Laurie Farrell on the website, www.newc.org, click on Home then Leadership if you already have or can appoint a contact person to get us going on the project.

We would also like to try using Zoom for open carving sessions. My group, The Granite State Carvers, has used Zoom to meet and carve. After some chitchat we get lost in our carving, but it is nice to share a comment or two, ask a question or opinion on our project and be together for two to three hours carving. Of course, it is not as good as face to face, but it keeps us carving at a regular time slot and keeps us connected. Being connected is at the heart of NEWC. We would have to work out some guidelines and limit participants at first. It may be possible for non-participants to watch and listen in on the group sessions. We will only know how this will work when we try it. If you wish to start an open Zoom carving session, contact Jan LeClair or Kim Rhault on the website at www.newc.org.

Perhaps we can have a quarterly Show and Tell Zoom meeting where a group can host a presentation of what they are doing and something they learned over the years or at a class or semi-

nar they attended. We are interesting people who practice a skill everyone admires. We need to be proud of our accomplishments and share. Contact Jan LeClair, President of NEWC at www.newc.org to work out a presentation date.

If you or your group would like to share on Zoom or produce a short video to share on the website, please contact us. There are a lot of good ideas and talented carvers in NEWC. We can help you get it done. Also, there are people in your group, neighborhood, family, or local school who can teach you how to use the technology. Together, using our resources we, NEWC, can carve out a future in the digital age.

Everyone loves a story. At the SOW Show this year carvers told us about their entry and why they chose to enter the particular work. It was interesting to listen and examine the carving knowing what they had said. Now these carvings are featured on the website, but the story behind the carving is lost except to few. When you go to an art museum the exhibits have plaques with information on the artwork. They also have guides or audio headsets to give you background information on the artist and the piece. This year we'll make a strong effort to supply more information for each entry and the carver(s).

2022 will be about strengthening connections and growing membership. Each member and group can help us achieve our goals. Take advantage of the opportunities coming your way this year through NEWC.

Neil Gallagher, Vice President



Joe Marshall

1st Place Holiday Figure