



Spirit of Wood

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**Next meeting will be held at Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA
on September 25, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.**

The guest speaker will be Leo Lambert, a long time member of NEWC and master carver.

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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

By the time you read this summer will be over and all this heat and humidity will be a thing of the past. We had a good year last year except for the snow in February where we had to cancel one meeting. The slate of officers is virtually the same except we have a New Treasurer, Ken Wagner and Scotty Arsenault, our President-Elect. We also have a New Newsletter Editor, Gay Gawron. Please welcome these volunteers with open arms and support what they are doing for NEWC. Without this type of support, we would not have a club. Our next meeting is Sunday September 25, 2016, 9:00-3:00 at Middlesex Community College Bedford MA.

Then the next thing on the agenda is the Spirit of Wood show, October 16, 2016. For those of you whom don't know what the Spirit of Wood Show, it our Annual show for the public to come and see what we are all about. We Have Wood Carving Seminars, Live Birds of Prey, Wood Carver Booths, Five levels of Judging Competition, Vendor Booths, NEWC Merchandise Sales, Raffles, Refreshments, and Ample Free Parking. It is the place to see real carvers and talk to them about the type of carvings they are doing This could be Birds, Animals, Caricature Carving, Relief Carving, Pyrography, Scroll Sawing, and much more.

To accomplish this, we need the support of as many Volunteers as we can get, some of the jobs we need to fill are as follows

- ◆ SEMINARS
- ◆ REGISTRATION/JUDGING/COMPETITION
- ◆ BUCKET RAFFLE
- ◆ ADMISSIONS
- ◆ 50/50 RAFFLE
- ◆ FOOD VENDOR
- ◆ FURNITURE SETUP
- ◆ SECURITY
- ◆ SHOW BREAKDOWN

These are only a few of the jobs that need to be filled. We need at least two people for each job to allow one to take a break. I will Have a list of these jobs at our 25th, Sept. meeting for you to sign up. This show is the big money maker to support club activities

Spirit of Wood Show 10/16/2016

**Treasurers Report
FY 2016-2017 Income and Expenses
7/1/2016 through 8/22/2016**

Opening Balances

Checking & Savings	17,943.92
Tree of Hope	<u>3,389.81</u>
Total Savings	21,333.73

Income

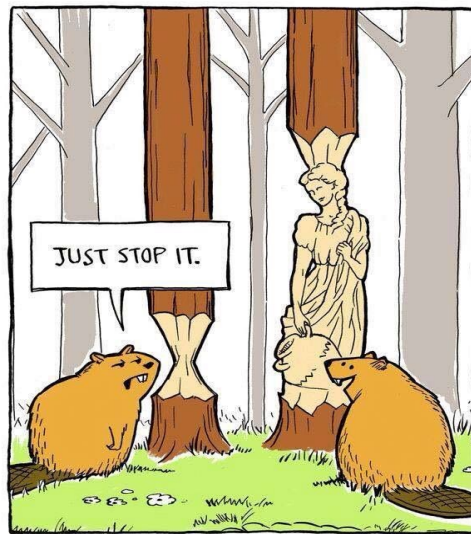
Membership News	161.00
Tree of Hope	256.00
Interest Income	<u>3.39</u> <u>420.39</u>

Expenses

Storage Fees	(166.00)
Web Expense	185.92)
Regulatory Forms	(15.00)
Misc.	<u>(2.00)</u> <u>(368.92)</u>

Adjusted Savings Balances

Checking & Savings	17,739.39
Tree of Hoop	<u>3,645.81</u>
Total Adjusted Net Savings	<u>21,385.20</u>



Woodcraft in Woburn, MA is seeking instructors in any discipline of wood working, wood burning, etc.

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Ken Wagner, Spirit of Wood Show Competition Chair

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The capstone of the New England Woodcarvers Association's 51st Anniversary will be ***The Spirit Of Wood Show*** on Sunday, October 16, 2016. This event will be held at Middlesex Community College 591 Springs Rd. Bedford, Massachusetts, 9AM-3 PM. The show will have its usual blend of wood-art by featuring woodcarving, wood-turning, scroll sawing, and furniture carving. Tom Ricardi will be returning to give his birds of prey presentations.

Entry to the show will be held at the Campus Center in Building #8 directly opposite the parking lot. As in the past, we will be utilizing nearly 10,000 square feet for club demonstrations, vendor displays, carve-a-longs, with a separate room for the carving competition.

Some new things this year! In an effort to make this the best show ever and our biggest fundraiser of the year, we have streamlined the number of competition categories and updated competition rules. These changes are on the NEWC website WWW.NEWC.ORG>Meetings,Events and Seminars>Spirit of Wood Show. We are offering non-cash gifts/gift cards for prizes, and also for the first time, a \$200 Gift Card for the best demonstration by a club that engages the public. We hope this will bring in more interest and active participation from our 31 affiliated New England Clubs. There will also be non-cash raffles for entrants in competition, prizes for best of each level, a bucket raffle and 50/50. For those who do not want to rent an entire table, there will be some space for a few items that you may want to sell.

Registration will begin on Saturday, October 15 from 4-7PM and re-open on Sunday from 8-9AM.

Currently we have 390 members with last year's attendance at 197. We are putting more focused effort in getting the word out to existing members, non-members and artists and we would like you to spread the word to anyone who may be interested in attending.

Without a doubt your participation has always made ***Spirit of the Wood*** a resounding success. ***Do come back!*** Together we can make this show better than ever.

NEWC Meeting

September 25, 2016 9:00-3:00

Joy Richard from the Bedford Minuteman Newspaper will be coming to the meeting along with a photographer. She will be writing about NEWC and SOW. She has agreed to add SOW to the calendar and to send the information along to the other New England newspapers that are in their network. *Please*, bring with you some of your carvings along with a project you are working on now. The photographer will want to have some interesting photos for the paper. Joy will be talking to people about NEWC and what happens at the meetings. She will, also, be asking about the SOW.

The speaker for this meeting is Master Carver Leo Lambert, an active member for the past 30 years. In his talk he will be sharing the information he has been using to create his own award winning work. The first part of his talk will be about the history and tradition of carving. The second part will be about the fundamentals of carving; the things you ignore or have forgotten. Bring your lunch as this will begin at noon time.

Gary and Edsel will be available in the morning to give carving lessons for a small materials fee and will follow that with an auction. A great way to add to your collection of tools and supplies and to contribute to NEWC at the same time.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Deceased

Rita Galvin of Reading, MA

Passed away March 2, 2016 at the age of 97.

Rita was the first woman member of New England Woodcarvers and she was a life member

New Members

Edgar Chartier, Tyngsboro, MA

David McCann, Bethel, CT

Ronald Roth, Westminster, MA

Your Help Is Needed!

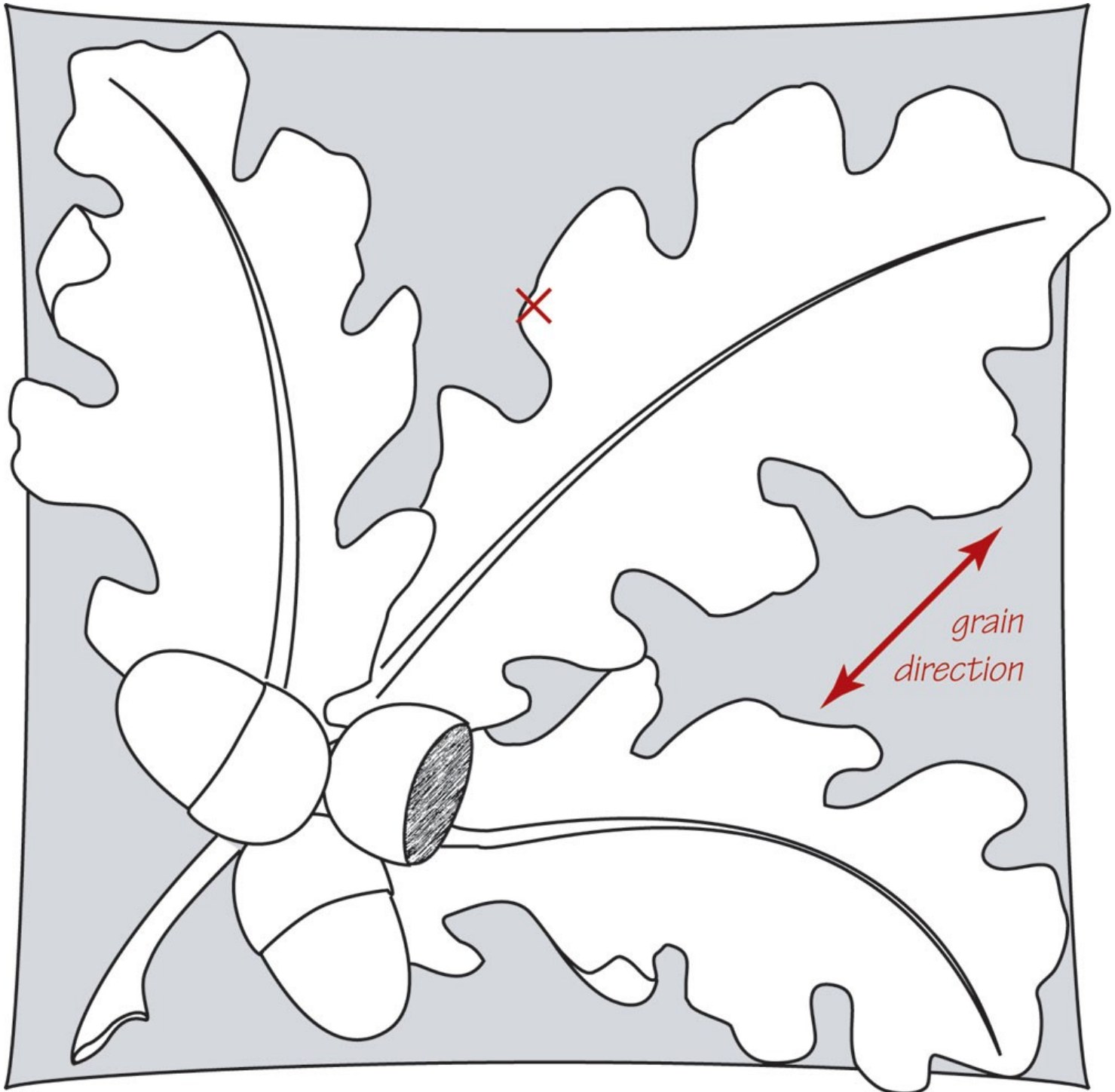
Your Board of Directors and SOW committee need your help. The SOW is not the board's or committee's show, it is the members' show. NEWC has the largest and best show in New England, pulling that off takes a committed group of people. If our plans are to be successful we need your help. Jim Hayden is the SOW Chair and Ken Wagner has signed on to be the Competition Chair, we still need a Co-Chair plus many others to help set up and tear down, provide security, assist in registration and check out at the end of the show, and many other tasks. If members do not step up we may not be able to implement all of the planned enhancements. In fact without your help we may see the SOW slowly wither away. That would be a tragedy for us all. So when you are asked to help say, sure how can I help make the SOW successful. It will not happen without you!

Jim has announced that this will be his last show (after 5 years) as SOW chairman, so we do need to get some extra help.

AUTUMN INSPIRED LEAF CARVING PATTERN

For detailed instructions follow the
link for this relief carving.

[http://
www.woodworkersinstitute.com/
page.asp?p=547](http://www.woodworkersinstitute.com/page.asp?p=547)



The VA Tree of Hope Project 2016

It is time again to raise funds for the Tree of Hope Project for the Veterans Hospital in Bedford MA. We count on our members to make this project successful by donating ornaments for the Tree to raise money for the Veterans. Early donations of ornaments as well as money for items sold by the producers have gotten the project off to a good start. We hope you bring your unique creations to the September meeting so we can price them for the Spirit of Wood show as well as Fall venues. You can also contact us to arrange pick-up.

Thank you for your efforts to fund this important project!

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NEWC Woodcarvers Dates

Middlesex Community College, Campus Center,
Building #8

Please note 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 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

September 25, 2016

December 4, 2016

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS Trustees House Building #4 conference room on Saturday from 9:00 AM - NOON

September 10, 2016

November 5, 2016

SPIRIT of WOOD SHOW Campus Center, Building # 8 on Sunday.

Set-up on Saturday, October 15, from 1:00 PM– 6:00 PM Carving Registration from 4:00 - 6:00 PM

The show is held on Sunday, October 16, carving registration is from 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM no carvings will be accepted after 8:45 AM. General Public admission is 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MERCHANDISE NEWS

*Make sure to stop by the Merchandise table at the September meeting. We have several items marked down for our End of Summer Sale! Take advantage of these great bargains!! This does **not** include 50th Anniversary items*

These items are 50% off and the sale prices are as follows: Vests: \$23, Collared Shirts: \$12, Sweatshirts: \$15, Long Sleeve Shirts: \$12.



Merchandise Coordinators Sheryl & Gerald Kottman

FEATURED CARVER

JIM CLEMENO



Relief, in the round, walking sticks, caricatures, you name it and Jim has done it. Ever since his retirement in 2002 Jim has spent much of his time carving. He carves with Leo Lambert's group in Woburn. Not only does he know a lot about carving, he helps those of us that need his expertise. Before retiring Jim worked as a lutier, carpenter and pattern maker. His background has transitioned nicely into his skills as a woodcarver.



Carving at a
NEWC meeting

