



# Spirit of Wood

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The next meeting will be held at Middlesex College, Bedford, MA  
on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The speaker will be Bob Schwinger



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The Mission of the New England Woodcarvers, a cultural and educational organization, is to promote woodcarving, wood sculpturing, 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

The feel of Autumn is once again bringing us the crisp cool mornings and a reminder that Fall is here. With Fall comes our annual Spirit of Wood Show. John Earley and others have been working diligently since early 2019 to bring this show and competition to life. It is a year of a mixture of new and old things for the S.O.W., to be held on October 20. New is the location, the Woburn Senior Center in Woburn MA. Old, is that all of the regulars will be there-MDI, Tuckaway Timber and more! Come to the show and enter your carvings! No carving? Well then, come to see the carvings, displays and spend time with friends, old and new!

Our next Meeting is right around the corner on September 21. Have a friend interested in carving? Bring them and introduce us to them! We have a wonderful speaker, Bob Schwinger, who will be speaking on bird carving. We also have several new members, whom I hope will be there!

The last meeting of 2019 will be December 6. Speaker is still pending. We will also have our annual carving swap, so bring a wrapped carving! This is always a fun event!

I am checking into us bringing food/snacks as a sort of buffet, so dust off your favorite cookie recipe!

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**SOW 10/20/2019**

## -President's Message Continued from page 1

I wish to extend a special Thank You to Martin Truitt for taking on the responsibility of Presidency when the spot was vacated a year and a half ago. He has spent hours of his time and effort to help maintain and promote NEWC. Thank you Martin. We hope to see lots more of you before your move to Florida!

I wish to extend my condolences to Martin and his family, who recently lost Martin's father, Floyd. Floyd had been a member of NEWC for many years. My sympathies, Martin.

The Board of NEWC exists to serve YOU, the members, and to keep the club alive and active. So please, if you have any thoughts, ideas or recommendations on how to improve our meetings and events, speak up!! Let me know. I have only been a member for 3 years, but have found warmth and friendship, as well as great guidance and instruction, at every meeting. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the family.

Laurie Farrell

[doclaf@earthlink.net](mailto:doclaf@earthlink.net)

## Tree of Hope

### By Rick Boyer

Well I hope everyone survived the hot summer and are getting ready for some cooler days. This is the time of year the Tree of Hope gets a little busier and we start making some money for the **Veterans**, the part I enjoy the most. We had a kinda slow summer with the tree but hopefully we can get back on track with our fall shows. Speaking of shows, the Tree will be at the SOW show October 20th at our new venue this year in Woburn. We're looking forward to this years show. John Earley got some new stuff going on at the show. So stop and check out the Tree. We have a lot of great stuff, and the best part, the proceeds help the **Veterans**. If anyone has a legitimate Veteran Charity let me know and we'll see what we can do!! Remember our Viet Nam vets were looked down on. It is time to show them we really did care.

-Rick

## NEWC Treasurer's Report

### Opening Balances

Checking	5/11/2019	\$ 14,038.64	
		<b>Total</b>	\$14,038.64

### Income

Auction	6/8/2019	\$ 65.00	
Gifts and Donations			
F. Truitt	7/15/2019	\$ 25.00	
F. Truitt	8/27/2019	\$ 50.00	
Refreshments	6/8/2019	\$ 18.00	
Membership		\$ 932.00	
Misc. Income	4/13/2019	\$ 179.00	
Spirit of Wood (SOW)		\$ 150.00	
		<b>Total</b>	\$1,419.00

### Expenses

Banking	6/26/2019	\$ 2.00	
Insurance #779	5/10/2019	\$ 478.00	
Membership Expenses		\$ 463.28	
Newsletter#778	6/11/2019	\$ 326.18	
Spirit of Wood (SOW)		\$ 560.21	
Storage #778	4/15/2019	\$ 276.00	
#791	7/18/2019	\$ 303.00	
Tree of Hope			
Web Expense			
		<b>Total</b>	\$2,408.67

**Ending Total** \$13,048.97

(Tree of Hope Available Funds \$4,399.81)

(NEWC Available Funds \$8,649.16)



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# Time to Renew



**NEWC Membership is \$20 or \$25 with mailed Newsletter**

**Annual membership is due Oct. 1, 2019**

**Renewing TODAY saves you and NEWC**

**NEWC newsletter continues and information on upcoming events-SOW**

**NEWC will save on postage and mailing the renewal notice**

**Simply: 1. Write a check for \$20 or (\$25 to have Newsletter mailed) to NEWC**

**2. Update info: Name, address, e-mail address and telephone number**

**3. Mail to: Membership Secretary, 4 Cross Street, Medfield, MA 02052**

## WOODCARVERS RETREAT IN NEW ENGLAND

*Hello Woodcarvers!*

The Mystic Carvers Club would like to welcome you back to the **"Woodcarvers Retreat in New England,"**

54 Exeter Rd., Exeter, RI

Dates this year are October 11th-14th, 2019

Pictures of this year's projects, and the current registration form, can be located on the Mystic Carvers website

[@www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)

Registrations are now being accepted. Class assignments are on a first come, first served basis.

***Hurry before it is too late!***

Josh Guge will be coming to Paxton, MA Monday, October 21 through 25 to



teach a 5 day carving class. The subject is a bluebird, a challenging carving! Josh is a world class carver and instructor, following in the footsteps of his Dad, Bob Guge. There are still 1-2 spots vacant if anyone is interested. The cost is \$380 plus about \$20 for supplies. If interested, please contact Laurie Farrell at: [doclaf@earthlink.net](mailto:doclaf@earthlink.net) or call me 603 938-2226.



Carved by Laura Doyle

## MEETING DATES

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE CAMPUS CENTER BUILDING 8 SATURDAY FROM 9AM-3PM

9/21/2019

12/07/2019



## SOW

SET UP

SHOW

10/19/2019

10/20/2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS HELD IN THE HENDERSON HALL ROOM 308, BUILDING 3 SATURDAYS FROM 9AM-12PM

11/02/2019







## Membership News

### Obituary

Notification has been received of the passing in Summer of 2019

**Charles Frizado Somerset, MA**

**Floyd Truitt Townsend, MA**

### New Members

**Eric Baldelli Barre, MA**

**Joan Berthold Sutton, MA**

**Ellen Landerman Sutton, MA**

**Bill Mayer Worcester, MA**

**Ann Marie Miller New Paltz, NY**

### RE-Instated:

**William Sarni Hingham, MA**



## Help Wanted

Immediate Opening for

### Secretary

NEWC Board of Directors

New England Woodcarvers, Inc. seeks an individual dedicated to the mission and purpose of the organization. The person must be a NEWC member in good standing and able to attend the five meetings per year of the Board of Directors. Additional duties include:

- ◆ Record the minutes of NEWC Board of Directors meetings and of Executive Board meetings;
- ◆ Prepare documents, as directed by the President, for distribution to Board members'
- ◆ Handle official correspondence of NEWC when necessary.

Want to help make NEWC an even better organization for the members? Want to get to know what NEWC is all about? This position is the best and easiest way to do that. Share your time and talent and the rewards will be immeasurable. You'll also get to know some really terrific people!

Contact Laurie Farrell at [doclaf@earthlink.net](mailto:doclaf@earthlink.net) to express your interest.

## Wood Collection

I am a retired wood sculptor. I have a large collection of seasoned wood, looking for a younger artist! I live an hour out of NYC and have been collecting for 30 years. The collection is about 120 well seasoned pieces including black walnut, black cherry, maple, elm, chestnut, etc. in a variety of sizes up to 4' long. I am looking to dispose of the collection as a whole, at no charge to any art school, sculptor or carver. If you want to pick and choose \$20 each.

Shayne Haysom (845) 986-3073

18 Blooms Corners Rd., Warwick, NY

## Floyd Truitt

Floyd Truitt was a member of the New England Woodcarvers, Inc. since 1987. He passed away on June 30, 2019. Floyd was an active member of NEWC. Yearly, Floyd carved the "Member of the Year" plaque. The Member of the Year recipient is voted on by the NEWC membership and is presented the plaque at the Annual Meeting by the President. Floyd was instrumental in creating the Can project. NEWC carvers, under Floyd's direction made canes for veterans of the Iraq War.

Conservatively, hundreds of canes were made and many had elaborate designs with the person's regiment and company logos.

Floyd served as a Director at large on the Board of Directors for many years. Floyd carved the city seal for Leominster and made reproductions in hydrocal. Floyd was the recipient of many awards.

Donations may be made in Floyd's memory to the New England Woodcarvers, Inc.



Sand sculpture by Justin Gordon

# SOW

This year the Spirit of Wood Show will be targeting the public as well as our own carvers. We all want as many people as possible to see our work. Any show location will solve some problems and create others. There were many good reasons for choosing the Woburn Senior Center. The Massachusetts highway system favors Woburn and Woburn has a population which will hopefully be just right for us. The Woburn Senior Center has always supported one of our larger carving groups run by Leo Lambert and now they are extending that support to us.

**Volunteers:** In the immediate weeks before the show we will be trying to contact all volunteers to make sure they know the times they will be needed and their job expectations. If you have not already volunteered but would like to do so please contact John Earley. (978-922-0168 or [earleyj@hotmail.com](mailto:earleyj@hotmail.com))

**Set-Up:** Set-up will begin **Saturday, October 19th** at 8:00 am.

**Registration: Saturday 19th** competition registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will run till 2:30 p.m. **Sunday 20th** registration will be between 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. only. For competition registration you must be in line by 9:15 a.m. Pieces for the Previous Work Gallery will, also, be accepted and receipted on both days. The show will be open to clubs and vendors for unloading and setup during these times.

**Parking:** The Woburn Senior Center has about 125 spaces in front of the building. On Saturday you may park where you like. On Sunday we ask that our people park out back on the grass or as directed. There are 10-15 convenient handicap spaces for those with placards. We will have 3 groups of 3 people each directing parking. These groups will be deployed as necessary.

**Sunday Seminars:** The seminars will start at 10:00 with Allison Greenberg (chip carving) and Murray Newton (scroll sawing). The 11:00 seminars will be Edsel Johnson (painting your work) and Joe Marshall (photographing your work). The two seminar rooms will be off the long 100ft corridor after entering and toward the outside wall. They will be marked.

**Lunch:** Bring your lunch. Food trucks are busy in Boston on the show weekend. If we do attract a lot of residential interest, with a short walk out to School St., turn left and there are a number of fast food restaurants within a 20 minute walk. This could ease congestion and be a good break at midday without relinquishing a parking space. There will be restaurant information at the ticketing table.

**After Show Cleanup:** It will be our job to leave the senior center as we found it. We have a good number of volunteers, however the more helpers we have the quicker the cleanup will be.

**Thank you for your willingness to help.**

**John Earley**

# Featured Carver

## Bob Schwinger

Bob started carving over 20 years ago, after retiring as President of Sunbeam Oster in Canada, and moving to NH. Interested in woodworking, he signed up for a course called U Halfmodel Design and Carving at the Wooden Boat School in Brooklin, Maine

Enjoying the process, Bob took a second and third course in Letter Carving and Marine Carving. This encouraged him to take additional courses:

Decoy Carving.....Rich Smoker  
 Shorebird Carving.....Dell Hebert  
 Songbird Carving (2 classes).....Josh Guge  
 Power Carving.....Frank Russell

After becoming an avid carver, Bob taught decoy carving at the Wooden Boat School for five years. He later taught 3 years of Songbird Carving for the NH Audubon Society and teaches individual students in his studio on an ongoing basis. Bob is a member of the Guild of NH Woodworkers and demos power carving every year at the league of NH Craftsman Fair at Mt. Sunapee. He hosts the Granite State Woodcarvers in his studio and is looking for new members! Bob sells his work in a Gallery in Portsmouth, NH and also takes on commission work.

Bob will be the guest speaker at the September 21st members meeting. Please, come to meet him and see his impressive body of work.

### Congratulations John Earley

John won everything at the Poland Maine Carving Show!!! He took Best in Category, Best in Level, Best in Show and People's Choice award!



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