



# Spirit of Wood

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**Featured Carver is Jim Mitchell and Richard Chalpin**

**Member Meetings have been suspended until further notice.**

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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**

**November-December 2020**

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## *President's Message*

Welcome to Winter!! This is the time of year when I have finally wrapped up all of my home projects (raking lawns, stacking wood and shutting down the veggie gardens) and I can refocus on the enjoyment of carving. I do notice that, since I started carving, I seem to see all kinds of potential carvings in my firewood! Hmmm, to carve or stay warm!!!

I have been in contact with Middlesex Community college regarding club meetings into the year 2021 and, as expected, the school is staying remote through the Spring of 2021. I am hoping that we may still have a chance of holding our Annual meeting in June.

I am considering some Zoom meetings for the Club that would involve some sort of demo on carving, or painting, or turning: however, I need a response from YOU, the club members, before I consider moving forward with this idea. If I do not receive feedback, I will not move forward.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Opening Balance

Checking	Total     \$10,487.93
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### Income

Regular Meeting	\$ 0.00
Membership Income	\$1,072.00
Tree of Hope	\$210.00
SOW Virtual Show	\$476.21
	Total     \$1,758.21

### Expenses

Banking Fee	Paper Statements 11/7/2020	\$6.00
Membership		\$ 0.00
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Tree of Hope		\$250.00
Web and Internet		\$ .23
SOW Virtual Show		\$75.84
		Total     \$472.64

### Ending Balances

Tree of Hope available funds	\$4,808.81
NEWC available funds	\$6,964.69

## TREE OF HOPE BY RICK BOYER

Happy belated Veterans Day to all my fellow Veterans and to all family's with active members in the Military as we speak. I personally Thank You from the bottom of my heart for your service past and present. Because of you we can enjoy the freedom you gave so much for. I think of Veterans everyday and how I can make their lives just a little better. That's where the tree of hope comes in. With the pandemic we are going through it's become a little harder to accomplish that goal. Only because less things are going on for the opportunity to sell the great carving donations I receive. But I did a farmers market in Barre, MA this whole summer. Which brought in some cash to keep some of our help continuing to fund Veteran Projects. That only continues because we have a Great Carving Club who has my back. I am so grateful for every member of NEWC who makes my job a little easier! "All gave some, Some gave all and Some are still giving".

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**



## President's Message continued from page 1

Our virtual Spirit of Wood Show was a success! We learned a lot too, such as the limitations of photography in really showing how wonderful a carving really is. There is so much talent out there. Now, start preparing for our 2021 SOW! We are planning a great live event in October. Jan is heading up this project at this time and is going to need lots of help.

I hope that everyone has a peaceful Holiday Season. I look forward to hearing from you!

Until we meet again, keep carving, and, in the words of Pete LeClair, "Keep a sharp knife"!

Sincerely,  
Laurie Farrell

## Members of the Board of Directors

### Executive Board

**President- Laurie Farrell**

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### Directors at Large

**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**

## Congratulations NEW MEMBER

**Linda Parviainen**

**Westminster, MA**

### OBITUARY:

**Leonard Hill**

**Medway, MA**

Notification was received of the passing of Leonard Hill, Medway. "When it came to carving he was a great teacher and excellent carver. Lenny always took new carvers under his wing. He will be greatly missed". Lenny was awarded Member of the Year in 2013.





Haunted house by Central MA Woodcarvers

## REMINDER

### RENEWAL

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

Annual membership is due **October 1, 2020**

**SIMPLY:**

Write a check for \$20 or \$25 to have Newsletter Mailed to New England Woodcarvers, Inc.

Mail to Membership Secretary, 4 Cross St, Medfield, MA 02052

Update your information: Name, Address, E-mail address and telephone number

Include \$.50 to have a membership card mailed to you.

The next Board of Directors  
meeting via Zoom will be  
January 23, 2021 5-7pm

Membership Meetings via  
Zoom February 20, 2021  
March 13, 2021

*If members want this*

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*On the left*

**Best in Show  
Award**

**Jim Mitchell**

*Pictured below*

**President's Choice  
Award**

**Richard Chalpin**

## GREETINGS NEWC MEMBERS

October was a whirlwind of activity for as the first ever Virtual Spirit of Wood Show launched on the 1st. Having *no idea* what to expect, we breathed a great sigh of relief as entries started coming in. And what amazing entries they were! Photos of wonderful, beautiful carvings came to us from both near and far. When all was said and done, we had a total of 64 entries from as far away as Wisconsin, and we netted around \$400. There are too many notable winners to list here, so I encourage you to go to [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org) and follow the link at the top to view the Gallery of Entries. Thanks to everyone who participated, and to all of the judges and volunteers who helped to make the show a success.

**BY KIM RHAULT**

## FEATURING...

Congratulations to Jim Mitchell, Vermont carver, for winning Best in Show at the 2020 Virtual Spirit of Wood Competition. His Eurasian HOOPOE Birds had all the characteristics of a winning piece of art. He worked totally from a photograph of these birds but created a design that held the viewer's attention with the story of a mating pair of birds. Great work, Jim. To see more of Jim's work, visit the Bird Museum of Vermont in Huntington, Vermont.

Congratulations also to Richard Chalpin of Massachusetts for his President's Choice award. Richard fills his time in retirement by carving. His winning Kestrel is done in tupelo wood with a base of basswood. It also tells a story, a successful hunt to feed self and/or family. He urges our young people to give up their technology and get back to using their hands and minds to create art in whatever media they choose.

Thank you to all the competitors who submitted entries. To see all the entrants, please go to [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org)

*...Jan LeClair*

