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The Next Meeting Will Be Held at
Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA
On SATURDAY September, 22, 2018
Guest Speaker TBA



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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

President's Message

Greetings fellow woodcarvers, I'd like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it is to belong to NEWC. Where else can you have access to such a diverse and talented group? We have had some problems in the past, and some continue to tax our patience and our abilities. One of the main priorities of the Board of Directors is to fill vacant board positions. Strong leadership is the key to carry the club into the future. I am only acting President until someone is found with the time and ability to lead the club properly. Now is the time to step forward. NEWC NEEDS YOU! Also, another Member at Large is needed. This is a voting position. The main duty will be to find speakers for our membership meetings. We could always use more area representatives, to keep us informed about local activities. One of our largest problems is financial. Many may not be aware of the largest "cost" to NEWC, an annual donation to Middlesex Community

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Membership News

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 Oct. 1, 2018 your annualized membership fee for 2018-2019 will be credited @ \$5 per quarter.

We have not changed the membership fee in several years but need to reduce the administrative costs that support the financial well being of our organization.



Members of the Executive Board of Directors

Acting President - Martin Truitt

President Elect - John Earley

Secretary – Martin Truitt

Membership Secretary-Mary Chouinard

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Member at Large

Tree of Hope-Rick Boyer

Hospitality-Gerald Kottman

Social-Open

Consultant

Sumner Misenheimer

Historian- Paul Ward

Tree of Hope- Rick Boyer &

Scott Arsenault



**All Merchandise will be
Discounted at the
September 22, 2018
Member's Meeting**



Featured Carver

Wildlife Artisan

Sumner Misenheimer



What is “*FOUND*” Wood

So many people have asked about the woods I work in. By far my favorite is that wood that has lain dead for decades in remote areas, undisturbed. The tree has fallen victim to storms or disease only to be re-born into my art. The wood must be completely dried to its ambient surroundings. In nature this process may take many years, even decades. During this natural aging process, weather, insects, bacteria and sunlight transform the once live tree into a very stable mass full of twists and turns with grain characteristics and color not found in any processed lumber. In the case of Eastern Cedar this process will also remove the "sap" wood (white) since it is subject to decay. The remaining "heart" wood is hard, stable and has a wonderful deep burgundy color.

It is impossible not to feel a sense of respect for this material throughout the sculpting process. The subject of my carving is preplanned in most cases. As I reveal more and more of the wood, my initial design gives way to what the wood allows. What some might consider a defect I find a quality and include it as part of the finished piece. Cracking may become a feather or harsh expression as with "Scarface". Complete voids only provide an opportunity for the mind's eye to complete the shape, bringing the viewer intimately into the sculpture.

WWW.Wildlifeartisan.net

I began carving over 30 years ago. “found wood” as my medium gives me the opportunity to “evolve” the sculpture using Nature’s art and form. I am often asked if I see the sculpture in the wood or find the wood for the sculpture. Correct in both cases but the wood guides my hand and tools.



My home is in the Northeast Coastal town of

Byfield, Massachusetts and surrounded by Federal Reserve land. It is a treasure trove of protected wildlife and an endless resource of inspiration, possibilities and materials.



TREE OF HOPE

BY RICK BOYER



Hello everyone. I hope you had a great summer even though the weather wasn't that great. But fall is just around the corner and it's time to get back to making Wood Chip as a group. It will be a pleasure to see you all once again. Back in June it was my pleasure to receive on behalf of NEWC a spot on the Post #325 Women's Axillary Plaque "For Going the Extra Mile". This couldn't be possible without the sales of all

the Ornament Donations from the members. I, from the bottom of my HEART, thank everyone who has donated over the years. It means so much to the veterans that benefit from what we can do for them. Now that we have sold so many ornaments it is time to replenish our stock with more donations. Thank you everyone. "It is just a little....For those that gave so much". Keep up the good work!!!



2018 MEETING DATES FOR NEWC, Inc.

Middlesex Community College, Bedford Campus

General Membership Meetings

Held in the Campus Center
Building 8
Saturdays from 9am-3pm

Saturday September 22, 2018

Saturday December 1, 2018

Board of Directors Meetings

Held in the Henderson Hall
Room 308 Building 3
Saturdays from 9am-12pm

Saturday November 3, 2018

Board meetings are open to all members. If you are considering one of the open positions it would be helpful to attend a meeting to find out what goes on.