

## **Spirit of Wood**

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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

I hope that everyone is staying healthy, both physically and mentally, during these strange times.

The NEWC Board has been brainstorming on a couple of events to help not being together as a club, hopefully, a little less depressing!

First of all we need to hold our Annual Meeting. Due to COVID, this will not be possible in person. Thanks to our brilliant Technology Director, Kim, we will be going virtual. We plan to hold a ZOOM meeting on our regularly planned September General meeting. This is Saturday September 26. We will open up ZOOM at 9:00 am for anyone wanting to visit, carve, learn how to manipulate the site, etc. The Business Meeting will start at 10:00 am. Kim (kkgrimy@yahoo.com) will send out an email with the ZOOM link about 2 weeks prior to September 26, and a follow up reminder a couple of days prior to the meeting. PLEASE RSVP, so she can get an idea of how many will attend. If we do not have your email, please send it to MARY at crewsculler@aol.com so she can add your email to our member list. Our featured September Speaker will be Joe Marshall, who will give a presentation on how to photograph your artwork. Thank you, Joe!

This leads me to our next venture, the Spirit of Wood Show. Sadly, an "in person" show will not be possible this year,

(Disclosure: These figures represent a summary of the large total income and expenditure categories that NEWC has incurred during that period. Not all funds may be included due to small values).

#### Income

| Donations              | \$150.00   |
|------------------------|------------|
| Membership Dues        | \$3,342.00 |
| Regular Meeting Income | \$276.00   |
| SOW                    | \$4,231.00 |
| Tree of Hope           | \$3,444.00 |
| Misc.                  | \$0.00     |

### **Total Income \$11,443.00**

### **Expenses**

| Banking Expenses         | \$36.00    |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Insurance                | \$496.00   |
| Membership               | \$341.28   |
| Middlesex College        | \$2,000.00 |
| Meeting Speakers         | \$150.00   |
| Newsletter               | \$2,129.42 |
| Postage                  | \$252.00   |
| Regular Meeting Expenses | \$41.42    |
| SOW                      | \$3,480.56 |
| Storage                  | \$1,228.00 |
| Tree of Hope             | \$1,800.00 |
| Misc.                    | \$0.00     |

## Total Expenses \$11,954.68

## 7/1/2020 Opening Balances

| NEWC         | \$6,340.32 |
|--------------|------------|
| Tree of Hope | \$4,848.81 |

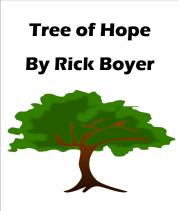
BUT, as an alternative, we will be holding a Virtual Show and Competition, complete with judging and ribbons! We feel that this will be a wonderful opportunity for you talented carvers, turners and burners to show us all the special artwork that you have created during this past year. We are still tweaking some specifics, so please check out Jan's S.O.W. Virtual Show blog in this newsletter!!

Lastly, as we have been forced into the internet world this year, those who receive "paper newsletter copies only" may not be kept up with regarding all of our ongoing ventures, including the ZOOM link and other email bursts that Kim may send out. If you folks have email addresses, please get them to our Membership Secretary, Mary (<a href="mailto:crewsculler@aol.com">crewsculler@aol.com</a>). Thank you!

Our next NEWC Board Meeting will be via zoom on Saturday September 12 from 5-7 pm, where we will be finalizing Annual Meeting and SOW material. The New England Woodcarvers is a wonderful club that belongs to ALL of us, so, we want to hear from you if you have any suggestions or ideas that could make it better! This year will pass, and a new year will, hopefully, bring us all back together in person once again. I miss all of you!!

Respectfully, Laurie Farrell, President NEWC





I hope everyone is staying healthy and doing well. It seems like forever since we all got to meet together. Hopefully the college will open soon so we can get back to some kind of normalcy so we can all meet again. The tree is doing alright under these shutdowns, Fortunately there is a farmers market in Barre, MA that the tree visits every Saturday from 9am till 12:30pm. If you're ever in the area stop in and give us a visit. Our President, Laurie, also is at a farmers market some weeks on Saturday in Bradford, NH. Give her a visit as well. Thank you Laurie. You're the best. Thank You also to CMCC and Gerald Kottmann for covering the cost of the Barre farmers market. One more Thank You goes out to Joe Marshall for the box of carvings he sent me and his continued support for the tree. I really appreciate all the support I get from the membership, for such a great cause!!! "Always remember Some gave Some, Others gave all and Some are still giving"

# **Membership News**





**Mary Ann Dennis** 

Paxton, MA

Notification was received of the passing of Mary Ann Dennis on July 19, 2020. Mary Ann was the wife of Louis Dennis.

Francis J. Scheri

Tewksbuy, MA

Francis J. Scheri passed away on April 8, 2020

**Congratulations New Member** 

**Denny Kayser** 

Chelmsford, MA



# Virtual NEWC Spirit of Wood Show 2020

The excitement is growing as plans for the 2020 Spirit of Wood Show and Competition come together. Be prepared for some changes as we are going **virtual!** Many thanks to Kim Rhault, NEWC Director of Technology, for taking on the technical aspects of the project. She's doing a yeoman's job and doing it perfectly. Early guidelines for creating the best photographs possible are online so you can get started with carvings you hope to submit for the competition. Please do not submit anything yet: just read the guidelines online and have in mind how you will be setting up to take those perfect pictures. Further instructions for submitting your entries will follow soon. Entries can be submitted between October 1st and October 25th, online only. Judging will take place the following week and winners will be announced November1, 2020. NEWC members as well as non-members may enter.

How would you like to be a virtual judge? All judging can be done from home in your own living room the last week of October. Read the rules for judging that are/will be posted on the NEWC website. New judges will be paired with an experienced person: you will have to make your decisions together on each item in the category/categories you are assigned to judge, which can be done via Zoom. If you are interested in volunteering for this adventure in the virtual competition world, please send a brief paragraph describing your experience and why you would like to be a judge to jmlsings@yahoo.com

Because there are added costs to creating the virtual platform for this event, there will be some changes in the entry fees. It won't be much, most likely only a dollar per item. We want you to know ahead of time so you won't be surprised by the new fee structure when you see it. Payments may also change and become online. That is still being worked on but if you've used something like PayPal, it will be similar. And having an email address is going to be critical to the process as well. If you don't have one, you should get one.

The pandemic has changed the way we do just about everything these days. It is, however, exciting to try to do some of our routine activities in new ways.

Jan LeClair-Vice President

# **Meeting Dates 2020**

General meetings have been suspended

Dates will be on website once they continue.

Board of Directors Meetins on Zoom will continue:

September 12, 2020 5-7pm November 14,2020 5-7pm

General Membership Meeting on Zoom

September 26, 2020 starting at 9am





## **BOARD OF DIREC-**

#### **Executive Board:**

President-Laurie Farrell
Past (acting) President- Martin Truitt
Vice President- Jan LeClair
Secretary-Open

Membership Secretary- Mary Chouinard

Treasurer-Gary Filiault

#### **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



# How to Join a Virtual Meeting AKA What the Heck

## is This Zoom Everyone's Talking About?!

Welcome to the pandemic and the age of "virtual" everything! I am sure that many of you have already had cause to dive right into Zoom for meetings, or to maintain contact with family and friends. This article is for the rest of you who haven't used Zoom and feel skeptical about even trying it. Don't you dare tell me that you can't figure it out, because it's easy, and I'm going to help you!

First of all, what the heck is Zoom? It is just a fancy word for a conference call using a computer, smart phone, or just a regular old telephone. Webcams and microphones can be used but are not required to participate.

I will post a Troubleshooting guide on NEWC.org with some of the issues people have encountered

If you want to try it out before the day of the meeting, shoot me an email or leave me a voicemail and we can schedule a quick practice session.

I will be available by phone on the day of the meeting from 9am, to try helping anyone who still can't get on.

## Join by Computer

- Click the Zoom link that will be sent to you in an email, and Zoom should automatically and quickly download to your computer.
- In Downloads on your computer, click Zoom\_launcher.exe. Zoom should direct you to this with a large orange flag.
- Once Zoom has launched, a screen should pop up asking for your name. This
  will identify you during the meeting. You'll also have to enter the password.
- If it is after 9am, you should now be part of the meeting. Click the green button that says "Join Audio By Computer".
- If you have a webcam, you can click on the camera icon to turn video on, or leave it off if you prefer. Click the microphone icon to mute or unmute yourself.

## Join by Tablet or Smartphone

- If you choose to use your tablet or smartphone, be sure to download the app ahead of time. It's called "Zoom Cloud Meetings"
- Once you have downloaded the Zoom app, follow the "join by computer" instructions above.

#### Join by Telephone

 First, dial the phone number provided in the Zoom email. Don't have email? Call me a week before the meeting to get the phone number to dial into the meeting. My number is (603)438-7482. Leave a message and I'll call you back.

I can't wait to see (or hear) you all there!

Kimberly Rhault - Friendly Neighborhood Tech Support