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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

It is amazing how life can change in just a few months. I miss visiting with club members, the carve a longs, and, of course, Mary's brownies! I hope that everyone is taking safety precautions and staying healthy. The NEWC Board has changed its venue from meeting at MCC to meetings on Zoom, thanks to Kim!

As you know, our June annual meeting is cancelled due to the pandemic. If (and it is a BIG IF) we are able to meet in September, we will have the annual meeting then, September 26th.

Everything is in limbo right now.

The NEWC Board will meet again on Saturday July 11 from 5-7 pm via Zoom. Board meetings are open to members, so if you wish to attend, please let us know as we would need to sign you up on Zoom.

Sadly, the Board has decided unanimously to cancel the October Spirit of Wood Show.

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NEWC TREASURER'S REPORT

3/7/2020-5/2/2020

OPENING BALANCES

Checking	**Total**	$12,581.60

INCOME

Regular Meeting	Refreshments	
	Auction	
	50/50 Drawing	
Membership Income		$255.50
Tree of Hope		

EXPENSES

Banking Fee	Paper Statement	3/3/2020	$3.00
By-laws Update MA	#1033	3/8/2020	$18.50
Storage (April-May)	#1034	3/17/2020	$198.00
Regular Meeting	Speaker		
	Refreshments		
Newsletter	#1035	3/20/2020	$352.48
Tree of Hope			
		TOTAL	$571.98

ENDING BALANCE **$12,265.12**

Tree of Hope Available Funds	$4,848.81
NEWC Available Funds	$7,416.31

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It is too much of a risk to our members, as well as a potential financial ruin for the club if we did move forward and had to cancel later this summer. We are researching the concept of a Virtual Show (not competition), so please stay tuned into our web site for further information come July!

Once a vaccine is developed for this coronavirus, our lives will return to a new norm. Until then, please feel free to contact us with any concerns, questions, or ideas.

Keep Carving!

Share your work with us through the Website! And, above all, please stay well. I miss all of you and am looking forward to the days when we can meet and carve together again!

Respectfully

Laurie Farrell

Meeting Dates 2020

General meetings have been suspended.

Dates will be on website once they continue.

Board of Directors Meetings on Zoom will continue:

July 11, 2020	**5-7 pm**
September 12, 2020	**5-7 pm**
November 14, 2020	**5-7 pm**

All dates and times are subject to change.

Hackers, Physhers and Scams

Hi all, I have recently been the victim of hackers and scamming. They broke through my firewall and security and stole my address book…

Please know that I will NEVER email to request money, gift cards, etc., from anyone. Do NOT respond to these emails, delete them. If you ever have any doubts, please call me! I apologize if I have caused any inconveniences to anyone.

Respectfully,

Laurie Farrell, President, NEWC

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

DANIEL LEVANGIE HOLBROOK, MA

Membership Secretary Mary Chouinard and long time member Paul Ward at December 2019 meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

TREE OF HOPE

By Rick Boyer

It is with a heavy heart I report today. Due to COVID-19 our local Soldiers Home lost 83 Veterans already with dozen more fighting this virus. My thoughts and prayers go out to those Families. I hope our Membership is fairing a lot better with the Virus. The tree is suffering with the situation our Country is in also. We are seeing cancellations one after another. Which means with no money coming in I'll have less to work with this year. But this is America and we will come out of this a lot Better and Stronger. Just a reminder, if anyone has any carving donations for the Tree they can always be brought to our meetings (when they begin again) or e-mail me an address and I will make arrangement to pick them up anywhere in New England. I am proud to mention, by word of mouth, I've been also receiving carvings and monetary donations from non-members. Which for the tree that is a big plus…….I Thank members for spreading the word, I appreciate all you do!! In Closing I would like to ask everyone to keep all the affected families of COVID-19 in your prayers!!

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