

Spirit of Wood

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**Next meeting will be held at Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA
on June 4, 2017 from 9:00am to 3pm
The Speaker Will Be the New President, Scott Arsenault**



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Newsletter

New England Woodcarvers, Inc.

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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

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Newsletter

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President's Message

Well, that two-year term really went fast (not!!). It was a lot of work and not very much time to carve, which I hope to do come July. We have made a lot of changes in the past two years - hopefully you and the club will be better off. The newsletter is all online and tied directly into the web and Facebook. This will continue to get better with Gay's and Joe's guidance, so if you can't find it in the newsletter it should be on the web. The Spirit of Wood Show is being updated, which we started last year with the changes with the Judging competition portion. This year Joe Marshall, Ken Wagner, Scott Arsenault, Gerald Kottmann, and

Myself are working on Carving Club Competition, Vendors, Bucket Raffle, and Seminar enhancements.

To all of you who have helped over the past two years, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. The Club is in much better shape now than before. You will prosper and grow more than your expectations. Remember the future is in the Club Members hands.

Thank you all and stay safe

Keith Oldfield

Past President

New England Woodcarvers

**Members Recognition &
Awards Luncheon**

June 4th

2017

Spirit of Wood Update

New features for the 2017 Spirit of Wood Show include;

Cash Prizes

For the first time winners at each level of competition will be awarded cash, or gift card, prizes. These include; Best of Show \$300, Master \$200, Open \$150, Intermediate \$100, Novice and Youth \$75 gift cards. Winners of the President's and People's Choice awards will receive \$100 each.

Club Group Project Competition

We have included a club group project this year. Our intent is to have carving clubs create a group project similar to the Caricature Carvers of America projects, but not as elaborate. Requirements of the competition include:

1. Two or more people must contribute to the project.
2. The project must be 90% wood.
3. No minimum size, maximum size is 30"x72"
4. Any finish is acceptable.
5. Judging will be done by the NEWC President, Vice President and SOW Competition Chair.
6. Winning group will receive a \$300 gift certificate for wood.

More detailed description of the group project are on the NEWC web page at www.newc.org under Meeting, Events and Seminars>Spirit of Wood Show.

Featured Carver

Our featured carver in 2017 will be Marcia Berkall.

Bucket Raffle Carvings

Our hope is that each bucket will have a vendor tool or gift card plus a carving from a NEWC member. Typically we have 30 buckets so we need 30 carvings. Please consider donating a carving, we think this will increase the amount of money we raise from the bucket raffle. Send an email to Joe Marshall at joseph.f.marshall@comcast.net to let me know you are willing to donate a carving.

Competition Rule Change

In the past carvings entered into the competition had to be carved in the last two years. We eliminating that requirement, however competition pieces that have been entered into the NEWC SOW competition in the past are now allowed.

More details about the 2017 show are on the NEWC web site.

<http://www.newc.org/>





MERCHANDISE NEWS

Make sure to stop by the Merchandise table at the June meeting. We have several items marked down for our Clearance Sale! Take advantage of these great bargains!! This does **not** include 50th Anniversary items

These items are 50% off and the sale prices are as follows: Collared Shirts: \$12, Short Sleeve T-Shirts: \$12, Long Sleeve Shirts: \$12.

Membership News

Become a NEWC member or renew your current membership.

Send a check: New England Woodcarvers, Inc., for \$20/year, to 4 Cross Street, Medfield, MA 02042. Include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address and choice of e-mail, US mail or both for newsletter. Your NEWC membership card will be sent to you when you enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope or include an additional \$.50 for postage.

Donations to NEWC are welcome at anytime.



Deceased:

Garry Montgomery North Reading, MA

Bob Whitmore Groton, MA

Passed Sept. 30, 20

Re-Instated:

Ruth Brown Bolton, MA

The VA Tree of Hope Project

The season for the Tree of Hope is beginning. We will be setting up at various Wood Carving shows and Craft Fairs around New England for the rest of the year. Please look for us and support the project by buying ornaments. The tree will be at the NEWC membership meeting in Bedford, MA on June 4, 2017.

We hope you are working on ornaments to donate to the Tree of Hope for the current season. Your creations enable us to continue to support the Veterans at the Bedford, MA VA hospital. We provide entertainment and comfort items for the veterans who are very appreciative of our efforts.

We invite all of our members to get involved with this wonderful and successful project for our Veterans no matter what your level of carving experience.

Thank you all for your support!

Project Coordinators:

Gail Hansche and

Rick Boyer



Membership Meetings 9:00am-3:00pm

June 4, 2017

September 24, 2017

December 3, 2017

Membership Meetings are held at Campus Center, Building #8, Middlesex Community College in Bedford, MA. Meetings include a guest speaker, workshops, drawing, Show-N-Tell, and an Auction. For directions see <http://www.newc.org>. Information about the Board of Directors Meetings can, also, be found on the website. Anyone that is interested can attend Board of Director Meetings.



FY 2016-2017 Income & Expenses

7/1/2016 through 4/30/2017

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Opening Balances</u>	
Checking & Savings	18,020.04
Tree of Hope	3,389.81
Total	21,409.85

Income

SOW Income - Auction/50/50/Raffle	
Registration/Admissions	3,456.00
Membership Dues	5,692.50
Tree of Hope	2,803.00
Merchandise Income	809.00
Meeting Auction Income	974.00
Book Sales	345.00
Misc. Income	105.99
	14,185.49

Expenses

SOW Expense	2,999.92
Storage	830.00
Newsletter Expense	2,398.70
Gifts & Donations	4,000.00
Tree of Hope	2,250.00
Speaker/Seminar Expense	950.00
Web Expense	348.50
Insurance	423.00
Misc. Expense	699.37
	14,899.49

Balances Per Savings Accounts

Checking & Savings	16,753.04
Tree of Hope	3,942.81
Total Net Savings	20,695.85

Fall Carving Classes 2017

New England Woodcarvers (NEWC)

I wanted to make all of you aware that I have been trying to put together three separate carving classes for NEWC for this fall. Unfortunately, I have not been able to lock in the venue nor the dates for these classes in time to meet the deadline for this newsletter. I am very optimistic that the venue and dates will be locked in by our June 4th meeting. Ken Wagner

The following is a brief outline of each class and who the instructors will be.

Proposed Wood Carving Classes (3)

1.) Caricature Woodcarving an 8" Clown with Edsel Johnson and Gary Filiault

Three Consecutive Wednesdays TBD 9:30-4:30 Tuition \$120 plus \$10 for a cutout. Class size minimum 8-limited to 12.

2.) Caricature Woodcarving 8"-9" Old Man in a Bathing Suit Holding a Towel with Justin Gordon

Two Consecutive Mondays or Thursdays or Fridays Beginning October 16 ? TBD 9:30-4:30 Tuition \$110 includes blank. Class size minimum 8-limited to 12.

3.) Relief Woodcarving 10" x 12" "New England Lighthouse" with Duane Farabaugh

Two Consecutive Saturdays "TBD" Oct 21,28; November 4,11,18; and December 2,9,16 TBD 9:30-4:30. Tuition \$105 includes the blank. Class size minimum 8-Limited to 12.

Check the NEWC website for updates

Editor in Chief:
Gay Gawron

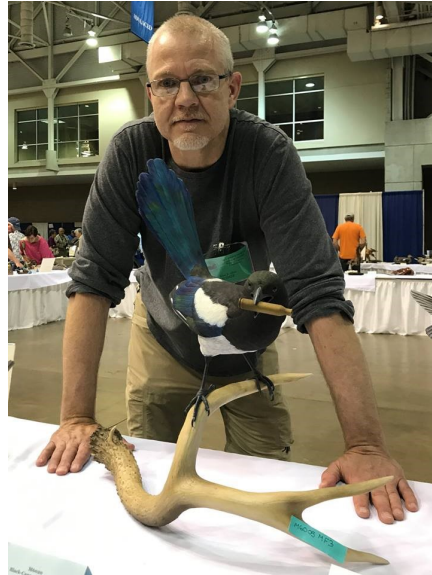
Editors Coordinators: Joe Marshall, Mary Chouinard, Gail Henschel, Louis Dennis, M. Paul Ward, Gerald & Cheryl Kottmann, Kenneth Wagner

EVENTS

I would like to invite you to join us in a great Carving Class with Master Carver Al Jordan.

The Class will be held at Louis Dennis's Studio in Paxton, MA

Class date is Monday thru Friday, October 23rd thru October, 27th 2017.



Al has agreed to do a 1/4 size Red Tail Hawk Power Carving Class and painted with brush or air brush if you have one. The class will be kept to a small group so that everyone will get plenty of Al's personal instruction. This class will fill up fast so sign up early to make sure you don't miss it. The class cost is \$350.00 total cost with a \$50.00 deposit at sign-up to save your seat. Balance Due by September 1, 2017.

Make checks out to New England Woodcarvers and mail to:

Louis Dennis

4 Lincoln Circle

Paxton, MA 01612

louisdenisii@yahoo.com

508 757-7303

Please include your contact information

Name: _____

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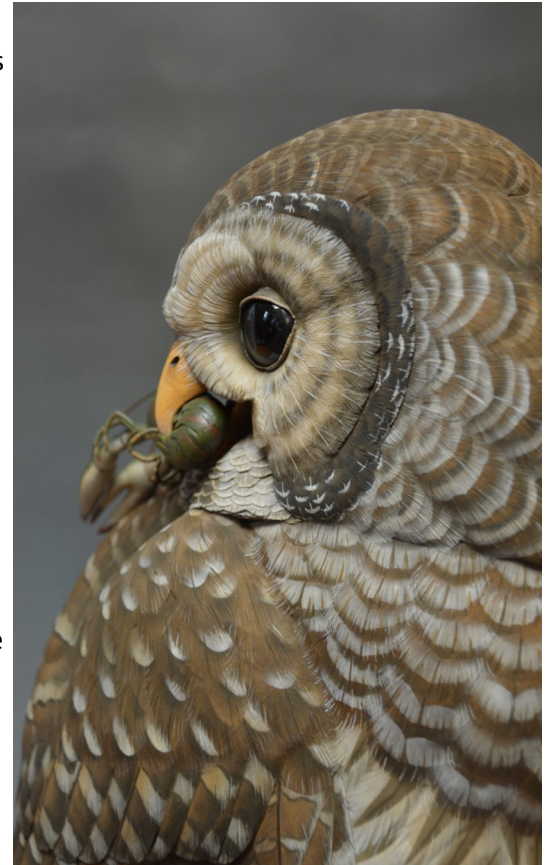
AL JORDAN

Featured Carver

Realistic bird carvings by woodcarver Al Jordan © 2017 by Al Jordan.
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Al has been studying and enjoying birds his entire life. While growing up, he spent many hours with his father watching birds at local Audubon facilities and many hawk migration points including Hawk Mountain in Pennsylvania, the south shore of Lake Erie in New York, and Hawk Cliff in Ontario, Canada. Al briefly wandered away from birds to pursue a career in the art of cooking, graduation from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in 1983. During his stint at the CIA, he managed to return to nature spending a year as a chef for a research team in Ant-

While working in the food service industry he began his career in bird sculpture. Al's first creation, a Bufflehead decoy, won every competition it entered. It was then that his love for the art form exploded. Subsequent successes enabled him to retire from the Chef world in 2006 to pursue his love of bird sculpture fulltime. In 2004, after spending many hours working in a raptor banding station, Al dove into the world of Falconry. He has since attained the acclaimed status of Master Falconer and is recognized as one of the most successful falconers on the east coast.



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As a result, Al is viewed as one of the country's leading experts in raptors. That said, he maintains an interest and ability to capture all orders of birds in his lifelike sculptures. Hawks, owls, shorebirds, and songbirds have all been subjects of his highly sought after pieces.

Al is a gifted teacher and many of his students have gone on to win awards at the local and national level. He is willing to share all his "secrets" and techniques. His intimate knowledge of bird anatomy make his classes' lessons in both art and nature.



He is the author of one of **Stackpole's** best selling workshop guides, *Half-Sized Osprey*. Al regularly writes articles for **Wildfowl Carving and Collecting Magazine**. His articles include: *Carving a Screech Owl*, *Carving a Downey Woodpecker*, *Painting a Downey Woodpecker*, *Carving a Saw-whet Owl*, and *Painting a Saw-whet Owl*.