



# Spirit of Wood

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A virtual members meeting 04/10/21 at 9am

Josh Guge will be the guest speaker at 10am

Our featured carver is Ed Cusson



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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***

Hello All! Spring is close at hand and, with it, new hope as more folks are getting protected from COVID through vaccinations. Even with this, protocols for group gatherings are still changing very slowly.

We are still looking for a venue for our Annual Meeting Saturday June 19 as Middlesex is closed through the summer to any non school related programs. We should know more within a couple of weeks. We are currently looking at options of hotel conference centers and, with generous efforts from Neil Gallagher, maybe Salem or Windham high school in New Hampshire. These schools are just off I 93 over the MA border and have easy access from the highway.

By our General Meeting on Saturday April 10 (via Zoom), I hope to have our location finalized. Information

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**SOW 10/23 -10/24**

## Treasurer's Report

### Opening Balances

Checking	Total	<u>\$13,363.93</u>
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### Income

Membership Income		\$934.65
Tree of Hope		\$678.00
	Total	\$1,612.65

### Expenses

SOW Virtual Show		\$77.04
Storage		\$303.00
Banking Fee		\$6.00
Newsletter		\$143.49
	Total	\$529.53

Ending Balance		<u>\$14,447.05</u>
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<i>Tree of Hope</i>	\$5,451.81
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<i>NEWC</i>	\$8,995.24
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will also be posted on the website as we confirm everything, so keep checking!

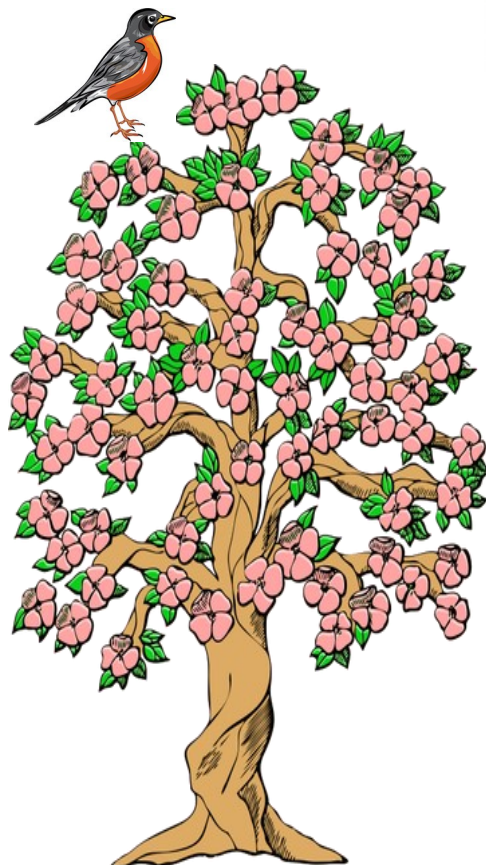
April 10 will be a membership meeting held via Zoom. Please attend and catch up with us and your carving friends! Our Guest Speaker will be Josh Guge. He will give an hour lecture and discussion on repairing mistakes in your carvings. To join this meeting or find out more, please contact Kim Rhault at [kkgrimy@yahoo.com](mailto:kkgrimy@yahoo.com)

Also, PLEASE, go to our website [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org) as soon as possible and nominate a NEWC member for member of the year! If you are unable to download this, please contact me with your nomination recommendation!

Stay well, keep carving, and hope to see you on April 10th and June 19th!

Sincerely,

Laurie Farrell, President, NEWC



## Tree of Hope

By Rick Boyer



Hello Everyone! To spite the Covid -19 pandemic the Tree has done very good. I found a little restaurant that allows me to put the tree up inside and our President, Laurie found a place in NH to sell outside every other Saturday. Between both of us we just about sold all our Ornaments. The Tree is doing good.....But my stock is almost depleted. So PLEASE if anyone has any Donations of any kind so I can sell on or around the Tree I beg you PLEASE get ahold of me I will go ANYWHERE in NEW ENGLAND to pick them up. You can E-mail me with an address at [u\\_name\\_it@charter.net](mailto:u_name_it@charter.net) or message me at 1 413 388-5968. I will get back to you to make arrangements to pick them up. I would like to Thank the Central Mass Caricature Carvers for their group project of the snowmen they made for the Tree. They challenge any other carving group to do a group project, also. It's for a good cause and don't forget I'll pick them up. "Remember some gave some, others gave all and some are still giving". God Bless our Veterans and our Troops!!!





# SOW

## COVID AND CARVING COMPETITION

by Jan LeClair

NEWC, like every other organization, is in direct competition with this annoying Covid pandemic. Clubs have not been able to meet in person for at least a year. NEWC member meetings have been cancelled. The centers that have allowed our members to use them for carving sessions have closed or limit use. Is wood carving about to become another victim of Covid-19?

If we are able to hold an in person Spirit of Wood Show and Competition this October, it might be held in a public building like a school or senior center again. If that happens, there may be some restrictions relative to Covid-19. Please be prepared for this.

Many people have decided to get their vaccinations already. Moderna and Pfizer require two shots. It's at least two weeks before you can get the second shot and two weeks after that when you reach a level of immunity that is safe. Even if we are all vaccinated, we can still catch the virus and carry it to others. The facility managers of the potential SOW location may require everyone inside to be vaccinated or at least masked. To make a show and competition successful in the midst of a pandemic, everyone must be willing to comply with whatever unusual conditions we face.

Europe is currently experiencing another surge, with covid variants rampant in many countries. Help us keep this country, our carving clubs and our show and competition safe by taking all reasonable precautions now! And keep carving because, in the event we have to go virtual again in 2021, we want to have the best and biggest virtual show we can muster

## MEETING DATES 2021

ALL MEETINGS ARE ZOOM MEETINGS HELD  
ON SATURDAYS BEGINNING AT 9AM

### BOARD MEETINGS

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

5-7PM

9AM

MAY 8

APRIL 10

AUGUST 28

JUNE 19 ANNUAL

NOVEMBER 13

SEPTEMBER 18

DECEMBER 11

**SOW 2021 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Anyone wishing to join a Board Meeting should contact Kim Rhault [kkgrimy@yahoo.com](mailto:kkgrimy@yahoo.com) for a link to the meeting.



## Membership News

### Obituary

**Chris and Fred Krafton Humarock, MA**

Chris passed on February 6th and Fred passed on February 13th.

Both were active in the South Shore Woodcarvers group which met in Randolph on Wednesday Evenings.

Fred and his buddy, Bill Bucceri taught at Woodcraft in Woburn for eight years. Fred and Bill won numerous awards at the Spirit of Wood for their carving projects as: Dracula's Castle, Crashed 'n Hanger, Hill Billy Band, etc. Fred and Chris also received ribbons for their individual carvings. They will be missed.

## Members of the Board of Directors

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**Tree of Hope- Rick Boyer**

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### Tree of Hope

**Rick Boyer and Scotty Arsenault**

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# FEATURED CARVER

## Ed Cusson

I am a retired electrical engineer with 35 years at C. S. Draper Labs in Cambridge, MA. I started carving in 1987 with Keith Gaffney in Woburn. In 1990 I met Benoi Deschenes at a seminar at the Wakefield Regional Vocational School. Starting in 1994 and continuing for 15 years my wife and I went to St. Jean Port Joli for a week to study with Benoi and needless to say that was a great experience. Benoi has since shut his school down, however, we still stay in contact. He continues to carve on commission and does give seminars.

### A little story:

The nativity is a piece of Mahogany 24x24x4 a retirement gift from a co-worker. It had been in his attic for many years. I brought it home and told my wife that there was a Nativity scene in it, of course she told me that I was crazy. The following summer when we went to Canada and I told Benoi the story he sketched a nativity scene and I proceeded to carve it. I started it in Canada and finished it at home.



## World of Decoys Online Magazine

### What's new on World of Decoys Magazine

With the Covid-19 virus canceling many carving shows and carvers are still carving and not having a place for people to see and appreciate the work that the carvers are doing I decided to have a Carving Challenge. With all the carvings they have and carving clubs. I want to put a challenge to ALL CARVERS. Send in as many pictures of your carvings as you want, If you have more, good and if you only have 1 or 2 that is still good. I would like to see with ALL the carvings they have I am hoping to see as many carvers taking place in this challenge as possible. Just think of the pictures YOU would be seeing in the April issue of the magazine. It doesn't matter what type of carving you do or if you are a beginner or World Class Carver. You can be a collector, send in pictures of your collections. It can be a miniature or full-size carving, it can be any of these it doesn't matter.

Carvings can be any of these listed  
Decoys -decorative-gunners -interpretive -antique -song birds  
-humming birds -hawks -owls -eagles -boats -pirogues -  
animals -novelties -fan birds -relief carvings -caricatures—  
pins -flowers stained carvings -Santas - ornaments  
Send pictures to [decoys@viscom.net](mailto:decoys@viscom.net) to see how many carvers  
took on the challenge in the April issue.

When sending pictures have name - email address -phone  
number if you want. If you want to sell your carving put a  
price on it or you can list it as MAKE OFFER if someone is  
interested in your carvings they can contact you directly.