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LIVE AUCTION

Annual Meeting June 19, 2021 9am-1pm



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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

Happy Spring everyone! Along with the nice weather and black flies, we are now opening up again as folks who chose to get vaccinated, are able to do so. With the reopening comes more opportunities for us to meet again! MCC has declined our return to their campus at least through the end of 2021, so the Board has been working to find a new venue for our live September and December General membership meetings. I have even heard rumor that Santa himself may join us in December!

At this time, the September meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, but we may need to change it to Sunday the 19th. Everything will be finalized by the Annual Meeting on June 19th. We are still looking for a new, more permanent location for our meetings, so tell us if you have a site in mind!

It has been a pleasure to work with the Board over the past 2 years. In July, I will step down and Jan will lead the helm for the next 2 years (although as past president, I get to haunt the Board for 2 more years!). We are in dire need of

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Treasurer's Report

Opening Balances

Checking	Total	<u>\$14,227.05</u>
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Income

Membership Income		\$635.71
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Tree of Hope		\$335.00
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Total	<u>\$970.71</u>
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Expenses

Membership Expenses		\$160.00
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Tree of Hope		\$1,000.00
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Banking Fee		\$6.00
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Newsletter		\$143.49
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Total	<u>\$1,309.49</u>
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Ending Balance	<u>\$13,888.27</u>
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Tree of Hope	\$5,451.81
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NEWC	\$8,995.24
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members to step up and help serve on the Board at this time, so please consider it!

It has been a time of turmoil and unexpected road blocks, so THANK YOU for staying with us and having faith in the success of our wonderful club!

Please come to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 19 from 9am-1pm at Devens Commons in Devens, MA. Gary will be honoring us with his smiling face, and always enjoyable enthusiasm, as he leads our meeting's Auction. We have lots of items to sell off and the funds will help support our meetings and Spirit of Wood Show!!

See you in June!!

If you cannot attend, we are checking into the ability to join via zoom, so monitor the www.newc.org website for updates

Respectfully,

Laurie Farrell, President

SAVE THE DATE!!

Come carve again with your friends! Gary will be leading us once again in a Live Auction of all sorts of goodies! We will have our election of officers and awards! We will also have updates regarding future live meetings and the S.O.W.

There will be snacks and coffee/tea available

Directions: Deven's Common is located near Fort Devens off of Route 2 in MA. From Rt. 2, take the Jackson Rd. exit and follow signs toward Ft. Devens. Go 2.2 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Ryan's Way. The Commons is on the LEFT, connected to the Marriott Spring Hills Suites. The entrance is at the far right side of the hotel.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know! (We will need to follow any covid protocols in place by the State of MA at that time.)

Tree of Hope

By Rick Boyer



Hello Folks!! I hope you're all enjoying the warmer weather. The Tree is starting it's busier part of the year. If you are anywhere near Barre, MA on a Saturday morning stop in and see us at the Farmers Market on the Common. We are there most Saturdays until Oct. 30th. I also have a set up at Table's at the Farm, a nice little restaurant on Rt. 181 in Palmer, MA, good food, good people and great prices! When we are elsewhere I will try to get it posted on NEWC.org website. I believe we'll be in New Boston, NH in Sept. Once again I'd like to Thank CMCC Gary Filiault and Gerald Kottmann for all their donations to the Tree...It's Greatly appreciated!! If anyone has any donations you can bring them to our annual meeting (yes folks we will be meeting in person in June). Unbelievable!!! Hope to see a great turnout after all this time. "Remember All gave Some, Some gave All and Some are still Giving" God Bless our Troops and God Bless the USA.

Members of the Board of Directors

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Tree of Hope- Rick Boyer

Hospitality- Open

Workshop Coordinator- Open

Historian

Paul Ward

Tree of Hope

Rick Boyer and Scotty Arsenault

Meeting Dates 2021

All Board Meetings are Zoom Meetings

Membership Meetings are in person Meetings

(check for locations)

Board Meetings

Membership Meetings

5-7pm

9am-1pm

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 for a link to the meeting

Membership News

Obituary

Edwin Laetz

Westminster, MA

New Members

James Norton

S. Portland, ME

Lee Perron

Hubbardston, MA



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FEATURED CARVER

BERNIE SHUMAN

Bernie worked as an artist and illustrator for 35 years. After retirement he took up carving to maintain his dexterity after surgery to remove a brain tumor. He carves birds, caricatures of people and dogs.

"It has been a wonderful interest and I love all the great folks that I have met at Franklin Senior Center Carvers Group.



Sheriff and dogs



Chickadee and Titmouse



Curlew

OBITUARY

Ed Laetz 4/26/21

Westminster, MA - Edwin "Ed" "Buster" Laetz, 80, passed away April 26, 2021. Ed leaves his wife Barbara, daughters, Janice and Christine, as well as many grandchildren and his brother, Bob

Woodworking, as well as education, were important parts of his life. He started as a journeyman Carpenter and retired as the interim director of the Center for Technical Education in Leominster, MA.

Ed was an artist and musician as well. He built his first guitar just to see if he could and created hundreds of instruments out of exotic woods including mandolins, dulcimers, violins and ukuleles. Ed was a member of the Guild of American Luthiers and the New England Wood Carvers. In his spare time, Buster carved caricatures and made furniture for his daughters. Never forgetting his years as a teacher. Ed also taught other adults wood carving through the ALFA program at Fitchburg University and Westminster Senior Center. Ed will be greatly missed in central Massachusetts.