



# Spirit of Wood

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Next meeting will be held at Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA

on February 9, 2019 from 9:00am to 3pm

The guest speaker will be John Earley



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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

## Newsletter

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## President's Message



Greetings fellow woodcarvers, and other artists. Happy New Year. Can you believe 2018 is behind us already? Soon it will be February. In an effort to keep October from sneaking up on us, Our SOW Chairman, John Earley, is already working on organizing the show. He can't and shouldn't do it himself. He needs people to pitch in and help take a piece of the load. One of the hardest jobs is to find people to help. If there is anything that you can do, please speak up now. Don't wait to be asked. People from all over, members and non-members, have expressed their disappointment in the cancellation of the last show. We don't want to see that happen again, but it could if we don't get the help we need. It doesn't matter where you live, because much of the planning can be done at home, on the phone and by e-mail. As you know, the Spirit of Wood Show is a major part of NEWC. We rely on it for income, but more importantly, it is the best way to showcase the club and present it to the public.

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# NEWC Treasurer's Report

11/3/18 to 1/5/19

## Opening Balances

Checking	\$18,862.42
Savings CD	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$18,862.42

## Income

Auction	\$0.00
Donations	\$17.00
Earned Income	\$55.00
Membership	\$305.50
Misc. Income	\$0.00
Seminars	\$0.00
Spirit of Wood (SOW)	\$0.00
Tree of Hope	\$1,163.00
<b>Total</b>	\$1,540.50

## Expenses

Gifts and Donations		\$0.00
Insurance		\$0.00
Non-Profit MA Tax	#764	\$18.50
Membership Expenses		\$0.00
Misc. Expenses		\$0.00
News Letter (Nov.-Dec.)	#758	\$436.72
Seminar Expense 12/01/18		
Handouts	#760	\$44.00
Handouts	#763	\$47.98
Refreshments	#762	\$32.42
Speaker	#761	\$200.00
Spirit of Wood (SOW)		\$0.00
Storage	#757	\$272.00
Tree of Hope	#759	\$1,050.00
Web Expense		\$0.00
MCC Scholarships		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		\$2,101.62

## Ending Balance

\$18,301.30



Tree of Hope Available Funds

\$5,189.81

NEWC Available Funds

\$13,111.49

## Membership News

### New Members

Edward Cumming Northborough, MA

Jan LeClair Westminister, MA

Thomas Mikulis Merrimack, NH



## Members of the Executive Board of Directors

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Scott Arsenault

SOW-John Earley



## Featured Carver

### John Earley

I have been carving for the last 6 going on 7 years. I have found it to be both relaxing and very frustrating. I can't draw and I'm not even a very neat writer. These traits are all fairly common complaints which we tend to hear from many carvers. It seems not to be very inspiring but, all in all it doesn't tend to matter. Most of my carvings come out well. I certainly have a long way to go, however, and that is the hard part. I tend to want everything to be completed quickly and come out perfect. To struggle is not my favorite thing. For some reason though I'm still trying. I want to learn how to flow and find out how to relax. I want to be able to get lost into the work. I want to be surprised in the end. I know we all try to work toward this goal, to reach it and be in the moment. That would be a beautiful place to be. Come and listen! I think there is a little of me in all of us.





## TREE OF HOPE BY RICK BOYER

*We Give So Little for Those That Gave So Much*

Hello Everyone!!! I hope Everyone's New Year went well. The Tree of Hope did pretty well in 2018. We were able to donate to more organizations that help in Veterans needs. This year I'm looking into an organization that trains dogs from shelters to become comfort dogs for our Veterans with PTSD. To me it's a win-win situation—save a dog, comfort a Veteran. On behalf of all the Veterans that benefit from your donations I would like to THANK everyone of you who donated to fill the Tree of Hope through out the year. I don't always remember your names but I appreciate every single one of you. There are a couple names I do remember and I do want to recognize them. Jackie and Gary Filiault host us a couple times a year in New Boston, NH, which happens to be our most profitable show of the Year.....Thank You. This other member I feel we don't Thank enough is Louis Dennis. When ever the club needs a donation Louie is right there with a carving for a raffle, the Tree of Hope or an auction. He carves, I think, about 80 birds a year. He gives some to the Tree....and the rest he sells with all proceeds going to the Tree. With his donations over the years he sold over \$20,000 worth of birds and that is just for the Tree of Hope. I know I don't Thank You enough Louis....But you make my job so much easier. I really believe I couldn't do it without YOU. THANK YOU, Louis.



### MEMBERS MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2019

- \* Auction
- \* Gary Filiault will give a 20-30 minute demonstration of knife sharpening
- \* Pete LeClair is offering a class for 6-8 people "Carving on the Corner" for a charge of \$2.00.
- \* Speaker— John Earley

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 23, 2019

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE PRINTED  
FROM THE NEWC WEBSITE

[http://www.newc.org/NEWC\\_HOME/AWARDS](http://www.newc.org/NEWC_HOME/AWARDS)

### Meeting Dates

02/09/2019	General Membership Meetings
04/13/2019	Held in the Campus Center
06/08/2019	Building 8
09/21/2019	Saturdays from 9am-3pm
12/07/2019	



03/02/2019	Board of Directors Meetings
05/04/2019	Held in the Henderson Hall
09/07/2019	Room 308 Building 3
11/02/2019	Saturdays from 9am-12pm

### SOW

10/06/2019

Set Up

10/05/2019

Board Meetings are open to all Members. If you are considering one of the open positions it would be helpful to attend a meeting to find what is going on and how you can help.



### **Editor in Chief**

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**Gary Filiault**

**John Earley**

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## **SOW update**

At this point we have gone one and one half years since our last Spirit of Wood Show. It just doesn't seem that long ago, however. With all that is happening each day, time has been moving right along. I and your board have been planning for a new and hopefully different show for 2019. There are a fair amount of possible changes and ideas in motion and some of these appear to be within reach. We are all hoping for a good spring and summer for our club. This will lead to a new Spirit of Wood Show with more involvement and enthusiasm from us all. Let us know what you would like to see. All ideas are welcome. See you all at the upcoming meeting.

John Earley



### **President's Message** *continued from page 1*

The next meeting will be February 9. Come carve with your friends and make new ones. Gary Filiault will be talking and demonstrating sharpening techniques. He won't sharpen all your tools, but he can teach you how. We will be collecting nomination forms for the Member of the Year which are due February 23. If you have carving related stuff that you would like to donate to the club, we will add them to the auction along with the remaining SOW bucket raffle items. The speaker will be John Earley.

We are always looking for ways to encourage people to try carving and promote NEWC. To that end, Rick Boyer and I attended the Hobby Fair in Dracut on Nov. 13. Rick and I also manned a table at The Woodworker Show at the Big E in Springfield for three days from Jan 11 – 13. The Mystic Carvers Club graciously shared space in their booth. We made many new friends as they had about fifteen people taking shifts all weekend. The Connecticut Woodcarvers were also well represented.

In an effort to make NEWC a better club and understand the needs and wants of our members, I would like to ask you to please take just a few minutes to tell me ( [trumar@rocketmail.com](mailto:trumar@rocketmail.com) ) what you would like NEWC to be, what you want and expect from the club, and what you may be able to do for it. It may also be helpful to know what kind of carving, types of wood or other material, how much carving time, age, number of meetings attended per year and distance traveling to meetings, etc.

Thanks for your continuing interest and support for NEWC.

Martin Truitt, Acting President

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