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The next meeting will be held at Middlesex College, Bedford,
MA on June 8, 2019 from 9:00am to 3pm

Annual Meeting and Awards



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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

May-June

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President's Message

Greetings fellow woodcarvers. Welcome to Springtime, time to light the wood stove again. Most of the flowers seem reluctant to poke their heads up because it's been so cold but it is warm and dry inside, just right for carving.

The Board of Directors has been busy working on updating the bylaws, among other things. At the next meeting, members will be asked to approve amending Article VII, Section 1 to read: The elected officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer. The slate of officers is still being assembled for the upcoming year so if you have a desire to serve on the Board and help the club, we are currently looking to fill the Secretary position, This past year, Mary has served as Secretary as well as doing her job as Membership Secretary and it is time to give her a break.

Joe Marshall will be stepping down as Webmaster after several years of hard work and dedication trying to keep up with all the changes of dates and personnel. The new Web-

master, Kimberly Rhault has already started to make some changes and updates even though she won't officially take the helm until June. She took the job even though her schedule prevents her from attending the board meetings so Rick Boyer will keep her informed. If you have photos of your work or other information, her contact info is (you guessed it) on the website.

The plans for the Spirit of Wood Show are moving along. Jan LeClair is working on advertisement and Laurie Farrell is wrapping up the bucket raffle. Contact John Earley to see if you can help.

The Annual Meeting will be on June 8. This is the meeting where we vote on board members and give out a few awards. Since Rick and I were nominated for the Member of the year Award, we left the room while the rest of the board counted the votes. I don't know who won but I can tell you that there was no Russian interference. Gary Fili-ault will present the award.

SOW 10/20/2019



WOODCARVERS RETREAT IN NEW ENGLAND

Hello Woodcarvers!

The Mystic Carvers Club would like to welcome you back to the “Woodcarvers Retreat in **New England,**” 54 Exeter Rd., Exeter, RI.

Dates this year are October 11th-14th, 2019 Pictures of this year’s projects, and the current registration form, can be located on the Mystic Carvers website @ www.mysticcarvers.com

Registrations are now being accepted. Class assignments are on a first come, first served basis.

Hope to see you all in October.

Meeting Dates

General Membership Meetings
Held in the Campus Center
Building 8

Saturdays from 9am-3pm

06/08/2019

09/21/2019

12/07/2019

SOW

Set up 10/19/2019

Show 10/20/2019

Board of Directors Meetings Held in the
Henderson Hall

Room 308, Building 3

Saturdays from 9am-12pm

09/07/2019

11/02/2019

Membership News

Obituary:

Notification has been received of the passing March, 2019

James Duddy

Arlington, MA

New Members:

Frank Daloia

Tewksbury, MA

Erhan Erdem

Andover, MA

David Robinson

Rye, NH



Amendment to NEWC By-Laws

An amendment to the NEWC By-Laws was passed by the Executive Board on May 11, 2019. This amendment needs to be ratified by the NEWC membership. A vote will be taken on June 8, 2019.

Article VII-Elected Officers

Section 1. The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer.



Time to Renew

NEWC Membership is \$20

Annual membership is due Oct. 1, 2019

Renewing TODAY saves you and NEWC

NEWC newsletter continues and information on upcoming events –SOW

NEWC will save on postage and mailing the renewal notice

Simply: 1. Write a check for \$20 to NEWC

2. Update info: Name, address, e-mail address and telephone number

3. Mail to: Membership Secretary, 4 Cross Street, Medfield, MA 02052

Visit us on the NEWC.org website

Thank you in advance



Tree of Hope



Well now that Spring is supposedly here, it's time the Tree of Hope is getting busy. We went to Earth Day in Townsend. It was a cold and windy day so the Tree didn't do so well. A week later we went to the Mystic show and did very well. I would like to Thank the Mystic club for the invite and special Thanks to John Earley for the great turned bowls he donated because those made the Mystic show a great success for us. (I sold all of them) so Thanks again John. As usual, I welcome all donations to be sold on or around the Tree because you are the Stars of the success of the Tree. Always remember America is "the home of the Free because of the Brave".

-Rick Boyer



New Carving by Ed Cusson

Treasurer's Report -5/11/2019

Opening Balances

Checking	03/02/2019	\$17,245.84
Savings CD		<u>0.00</u>
Total		\$17,245.84

Income

Auction	04/13/2019	\$133.00
Donations	04/13/2019	26.00
Earned Income		50.00
Membership		242.50
Misc. Income		0.00
Seminars		0.00
Spirit of Wood (SOW)		0.00
Tree of Hope		<u>20.00</u>
Total		\$471.50

Expenses

Gifts and Donations		0.00
Insurance	05/10/2019	478.00
Membership Expenses		63.75
Misc. Expenses		0.00
Newsletter	04/12/19	779.96
Mtg. Refreshments	03/09/19	33.00
Seminar Expense		0.00
Spirit of Wood (SOW)		0.00
Speakers		0.00
Storage (3 months)	04/15/19	276.00
Tree of Hope		525.00
Web Expense	04/13/19	189.99
	03/09/19	27.00
MCC Scholarships	04/05/19	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total		<u>4,372.70</u>

Ending Balance \$13,344.64

(Tree of Hope Available Funds \$3,984.81)

(NEWC Available Funds \$9,359.83)



SOW update

Laurie and I have been hard at work putting together the SOW show and competition for Sunday, October 20th of this year. Thanks to this years show location at the Woburn Senior Center located at 144 School Street and their desire to help us make this show a great success by opening it to their residents we should have a busy day in our future. It will give the people of Woburn the opportunity to view our work and see the beauty of our carvings and related wood working as we have been able to see it in the past. We will be able to share the beauty and excitement of this show not only between ourselves but with others who may not now realize the ability to be able to carve, but may someday be interested because of what they will see at our competition. I was able to view this show myself seven years ago and was hooked immediately. It has been a joy ever since. Because of the Woburn location this should be more easily accessible to the public than in the past. This year I intend to include a gallery of past work to display at our show. Because of this I am asking our membership to take a good look at your carvings and if you are as proud of them as I am of some of mine you could send me a picture. I could then pick and approve them as space allows to be part of the gallery. This can be done through email up and until June 30th. My email is earleyj@hotmail.com If they have been entered in past shows or have been previous prize winners this does not exclude them. I am very much looking forward to a new type of show this year. Thank you to all of you who were able to volunteer for some of the many different jobs that have needed to be filled to make this years show possible. We still do have some easy and less time consuming jobs so if you may be able to donate an hour or two on show day please let me know. I thank you in advance and I know we will have a great show. For those of you who may need to make a room reservation in Woburn we have 10 rooms set aside at the Courtyard by Marriott. The reservation phone # is 800-321-2211 or 781-93200 and you must tell them that you are part of the room block for the New England wood-carving show. It is very close to the senior center. These rooms are only available until September 27th. The price is \$156.00 per night. So call soon! You may be able to do better at other hotels however I would not count on it. It will be a busy weekend for the hotels as well.

Thank you all, John Earley

Alan Costa's woodturning bowl

Members of the Executive Board

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Featured Carver

Kimberly Rhault

Kimberly Rhault first began her carving adventures in 2013. She has always been interested in the medium, but was never sure exactly how to start. Kimberly is also an avid birder. It seemed like fate when shortly after returning from a trip to Costa Rica to stalk a flock of Scarlet Macaws, she read an advertisement in the Audubon Newsletter for a bird carving class taught by Bob Schwinger. Bob introduced Kimberly to the tools of the craft, offered countless resources and instruction, and has been a wonderful teacher and mentor since then.

Although her first bird carving was the opposite of spectacular (a bobble-headed bluebird), she loved the experience, and has been carving birds ever since as an official member of the Granite State Woodcarvers. In 2015, she decided to enter some birds into the Spirit of Wood Show and after receiving some valuable critiques, she worked hard to improve her carving techniques.

In 2017, she went to Ocean City, Maryland to compete in the Ward World Wildfowl Carving Competition, and has gone to the show each year since. In April of this year, Kimberly was very happy and excited when she won 1st place for her Rose-breasted Grosbeak in the Novice Songbird category at the Ward World Competition. She also placed 2nd and received an Honorable Mention for her other carvings.

Recently, Kimberly has volunteered to take over for Joe Marshall as Webmaster for the New England Woodcarvers. After some training and consultation, Joe has officially passed the torch to Kimberly, and she has begun the process of refreshing the NEWC website. Go to NEWC.org to see the new look. She is glad to find a way to contribute to the organization in spite of her busy schedule, and believes the website is an important part of the NEWC mission to educate and promote woodcarving. She invites the members of NEWC to contribute with feedback on the site, photos of your work, or advice for new carvers. You can email her at kkgrimy@yahoo.com or text to 603 438-7482.

