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EAGLE CANE PROJECT NEWS

Submitted by Herb Blake, Project Manager

Cane Request Update: We were able to get 10 names off the list since the last newsletter but added 8 in that same time period. So, great news, some of the requests that went out to carvers have been on the list for over a year. We still have a backlog of 41 requests with the oldest dating back to Oct 2010 but we making some headway. Special thanks to Ed Solar and Glen Brown, both from Berlin N.H. Between them, they accounted for 9 of the 10 requests we took from the list in May.

Augusta Veterans Home, Cony Rd, Cane Presentation: The Star Riders Group asked that we provide canes to be presented to the facility so they could get them to a veteran in need of a cane. On Sat. 18 May, even though they ride Yamaha motorcycles, they let me ride with them from Topsham to Augusta. The Veteran Home opened the gate to the patio so we could park the bikes where the Vets could easily enjoy them. Prior to the cane presentation there was plenty of visiting, storytelling and the lady Riders pinned any interested Vet with their chapter pin. The weather was great and everyone had a great time. Thanks again to Dee Cote for sending two canes from his shop in Aroostook County.



Dan Oliver, Star Riders

November Cane Presentation: Clyde and I are still working with Maine Veteran Services in hopes of having a large cane presentation sometime during the week of Veterans Day. We're hoping to present as many as 25 canes to veterans during a ceremony in the Hall of Flags in the Capital Building. However, we cannot proceed beyond the planning stage until we have carvers to create their cane master pieces. I can't, in good conscience, call veterans on the list and invite



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Norma Wing

Email: normawing@fairpoint.net

"How did it get so late so soon?
Its night before its afternoon.
December is here before its June.
My goodness how the time has flew.
How did it get so late so soon?"

~ Dr. Seuss

At a time of year when you just want to sit,
read a book, garden, have a sip of tea with
a friend, or carve it seems like we are busy,
busy, busy. There doesn't appear to be enough hours
in the day.

Speaking of things to do...we must schedule
a General Meeting sometime this summer. I had
you mark your calendars for July 20, but some key
people will be unable to attend because of other
commitments. Looking at other Saturdays in July,
we come up against the same obstacle, so I am
considering sometime in early August. I will keep
you updated.

In the meantime, when you live in a climate
where winter is long, summer is a gift. It is
wonderful to be able to get outside and enjoy good
weather, sunny days, family and friends and all that
nature provides. After winter, it is refreshing to be
able to breathe in the fresh air, absorb the scent
of flowers and trees here in Maine; to see new life
spring to existence and watch the animals begin to
make their way out into the warmth for a respite
after winter's chill.

Enjoy your summer!

Norma Wing
President
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MWCA CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter meetings are open to all MWCA members (regardless of chapter affiliation) and the public. Attending other chapter meetings is a good way to meet other MWCA members and exchange ideas.

Coastal Carvers

Submitted by Karen Knowles

Coastal Carvers met on Saturday, May 25 at D & L Screenprinters. We had a brief business meeting and a few carvers had carvings to share. Kathy had carved a green-winged teal hen and a slick black duck hen. Andy had a very special "ea-gull". You had to be there to appreciate it. Gary brought in a taxidermy wood duck hen.

Carvers worked on our most recent project, a wood duck hen. Some are working on the full-size version; others on one that is about 1/3 size.

Next month will be our last meeting before our summer break. We will meet at D & L Screenprinters at 1:00 pm on June 22.

At that meeting, carvers may be at different stages in the completion of their wood duck. For those carvers who are ready to paint their finished duck, Kathy Webster will be with us to assist. We will also be ready to set eyes and heads. For those folks ready to paint their duck, please bring paint brushes and a small container for water.

McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers

Submitted by George Roy

5/1/13 Meeting started at 6:00 pm. We had 7 members in attendance. Warm weather seems to have kept everybody at home to do yard work. Steve carved and finished a Turkey and worked on a Cariature, Justina worked on a Relief Carving, Norma is reading on how to make Pine Needles, Peg is carving an Open-winged Sanderling. Thon is carving a Feather, Angel worked on a Chickadee. I worked on my Sanderling.

4/15/13 Started meeting at 6:00 pm. We had 8 members in attendance. Justina is working on a Relief Carving, Steve is carving a Sleeping Moon, Ed is Working on a Hen Hooded Merganser, Norma is carving a Owl, Hariph is working on a Red Breasted Merganser, Angel is working on a Carosel Horse, Thon is burning feather on his Woodcock. He also brought in his Bellamy Eagle

and his Feather he finished. I'm still working on my Sanderling. I do more talking and taking notes. Justina brought in a Homemade Apple Pie.



Poland Spring Carvers

Submitted by Stanley Tanner

The Secahtary's Tale of the 18 May 2013 meeting of the Poland Spring Carvers

The bizness meetin' wuz called to oahdah by the boss, Bob Grimm, at two minutes of two in the aftahnoon.

The Secretary's tale wuz read 'n approved. The Treasurer's Report was also approved. Chuck Friis moved that we make a donation to the Library, which wuz agreed upon.

OLD BIZ:

Remindah of the Library event on 28 September. Deputy Boss Chuck Perry was designated to coordinate the Christmas tree ornament display for the MWCA show. He will talk with Jim Irish about the artificial tree that he has offahed 'n asks that we bring in our oahnments by the Saturday befoah so that he can check the numbahs. A goal of a dozen from each membah would be 'nuff, he thinks.

NEW BIZ:

-Note was made of the ballot that came in the latest newsletter, 'n a remindah to vote was giv'n.

(see *Chapter Reports*, page 4)

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-Norm Devonshire reported that the Shaker Village will hold an Open Fahm Day on 21 July. They have issued a request foah th' club tuh provide a display and demonstration.

The bizness meetin' dragged to a halt at twenty-one minutes aftah two. The us'al hubbub and whoop-te-do then stahted up.

Streaked Mountain Wood Carvers

Submitted by Annette Tardy

Streaked Mountain Meeting was Cancelled to pay Respect to Merle Glines.

Our next meeting is June 8th. Please bring in the items that you have ready for the Downeast show.

Keep the Knives Sharp and the Fingers BEHIND the Blade.

Top of Maine Wood Carvers

Submitted by Annette Tardy

Once again, I am supposed to let everyone know about our carving competition. Over the past years, we added new categories to our competition; woodburning and woodturning. We had a decent amount of entries for these categories and plan to include them this year as well.

One major new aspect of the competition will be the addition of adding wildlife paintings. We hope to have a great turn out of paintings for the show and know that these will accent our carvings nicely. Hope we see you all there.

Top of Maine Carving Competition and Art Show

July 26th, 27th and 28th

Northern Main Fairgrounds, Presque Isle
Forestry Building

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES: Friday, 4 pm-8 pm
 Saturday, 10 am-12 noon

ENTRY FEES: ALL LEVELS: \$5.00 for the first entry
 \$3.00 for each additional
 entry up to 3 pieces

The maximum number of entries you pay for is THREE.
Additional entries are FREE.
Chapter Booths are FREE.

CARVING: Levels of Competition:

Master: The most prestigious level for those whose work is at the highest level. Anyone who carves professionally or has won more than two blue ribbons in Open or Best of Show while competing in Open, in the year previous at any competition, will be required to enter this level.

Open: This level is for the skilled carver whose work reflects proficiency at a level beyond intermediate. If you have won a Best of Show, at this level, you are expected to advance to Master. Cast feet may not be used at the open level.

Intermediate: This level is for those who have advanced in their carving and painting skills and carve mostly for enjoyment. When you have won a Best of Show, you are expected to advance to Open. Cast feet may be used in the intermediate level.

Novice: This level is for those NEW to carving. If you have won any blue ribbons at this level, or a Best of Show, you are expected to advance to intermediate level. Cast feet may be used in the novice level.

Youth: Ages 17 and under may enter this level. Entrant's year of birth will be indicated on the entry form.

AWARDS

Best of Show will be awarded by the consensus of all judges.

Awards will be based on the following criteria utilizing a point system. A maximum of 5 points may be awarded for each criteria. A maximum of 25 points per carving may be awarded. The total points for each carving will determine the ribbon or rosette.

- ✿ Craftsmanship. (technique of carving, sculpturing, burning, and painting)
- ✿ Accuracy (conformation or anatomical correctness)
- ✿ Essence of the species (feather, fur, hair, scale pattern and/or texture)
- ✿ Artistry (Interpretation of subject)
- ✿ Degree of difficulty (scale and complexity)

Hope to see you there!!!

That's it for now. Happy Carving...

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report MWCA
May 1, 2013 to May 31, 2013

Checking Account Beginning Balance \$3997.75

Checkbook balance \$3304.28

**Donation from American Legion to Chuck Perry for Eagle Head Cane. Division at his discretion.*

INCOME:

Donation American Legion 200.00
Pyrography Seminar 660.00

May Income 860.00

Eagle Head Cane Fund

Beginning Balance \$2190.71

Donation 50.00
Interest .47
Ending Balance \$2241.18

EXPENSES:

Albison's Printing, Inc. 158.47
Newsletter-Norma Wing 40.00
Chuck Perry * 150.00
Transfer Eagle Cane* 50.00
Armory Rental 1150.00
Service Charge 5.00

May Expenses 1553.47

Education Fund

Beginning Balance \$854.66

Interest .18
Ending Balance \$854.84

Details of any transaction is available from the Treasurer, Barbara McCutcheon

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them to an event that is not properly supported. I implore you to consider taking part in this project. If you have presented a cane in the past, you already know how much it means to the Vet and how rewarding it can be to the carver. If you haven't yet enjoyed this experience, I guarantee you will love it

Cane Project Records: Several carvers have provided cane data for us to update our records. We were able to close many requests that were being held as open. Thank you to all who participate or support our brave men and women who serve our great nation.



Dee Cote eagle



Dee Cote eagle



Herb Blake eagle

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Maine Coast Carving and Art Competition

sponsored by the Penobscot Bay Carvers and Artist's Association will be held at The Boathouse on the waterfront in Belfast, Maine. There will be signs to guide you to the site from U.S. Route 1, and there is plenty of parking available.

Friday, July 12th Sign in and registration of entries between 12 noon and 6:30pm. Not open to the general public.

Saturday, July 13th Entries will be accepted from 7-9:00am. Show open to the general public

from 9am to 5pm. Judging will begin inside at 10am with the floating decoys judged outside when the tide is best. All are welcome to view the judging.

Sunday, July 14th Show open to the general public from 9am to 4pm. Competition pieces must be picked up after the show closes between the hours of 4 and 5pm.

Entry Fee \$7.00/piece Master's Class \$12.00/piece

For more information go to <http://www.ducktrapdecoys.com/pbcaa.html>

The Top of Maine Carving Competition and Art Show

on July 26th, 27th and 28th at the Northern Main Fairgrounds, Presque Isle in the Forestry Building.

Entries will be accepted on Friday, 4 pm-8 pm and Saturday, 10 am-12 noon.

Entry fee for all levels is \$5.00 for the first entry \$3.00 for each additional entry up to 3 pieces. The maximum number of entries you pay for is 3. Additional entries are FREE. Chapter Booths are FREE.

The 2013 Downeast Wood Carving and Wildlife Art Show

presented by Maine Wood Carvers Association since 1986 on September 21th and 22th. Saturday 9 - 5, Sunday 9 - 4 at the Augusta Armory, 179 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine

Realistic Bird Carvings • Decoys • Wildlife • Caricatures
• Chip Carving • Relief Carving • Chainsaw Carving •
Wood Turning • Intarsia • More...

Featured Carver: Tom
Cote

Carving Competition •
Demonstrations • Vendor
Booths • Carving Tool
Sales • Wood Sales •
Raffles

Admission \$4.00, under
14 years is free



CELTIC TREE ASTROLOGY

Hawthorn - The Illusionist



May 13 - June 9

Hawthorn signs in Celtic tree astrology are not at all what they appear to be. Outwardly, they appear to be a certain persona, while on the inside Hawthorn's are quite different. They put the term "never judge a book by its cover" to the test. They live seemingly average lives while on the inside they carry fiery passions and inexhaustible creative flame. They are well adjusted and can adapt to most life situations well - making themselves content and comforting others at the same time. You are naturally curious, and have an interest in a broad range of topics. You are an excellent listener, and people seek you out as an outlet to release their burdens. You have a healthy sense of humor, and have a clear understanding of irony. You tend to see the big picture, and have amazing insight - although you typically won't give yourself enough credit for your observations. Hawthorn signs match up nicely with Ash and Rowan's.

Birch - The Achiever December 24 - January 20
Rowan - The Thinker January 21 - February 17
Ash - The Enchanter February 18 - March 17
Alder - The Trailblazer March 18 - April 14
Willow - The Observer April 15 - May 12
Hawthorn - The Illusionist May 13 - June 9
Oak - The Stabilizer June 10 - July 7
Holly - The Ruler July 8 - August 4
Hazel - The Knower August 5 - September 1
Vine - The Equalizer September 2 - September 29
Ivy - The Survivor September 30 - October 27
Reed - The Inquisitor October 28 - November 24
Elder - The Seeker November 25 - December 23

Source: www.whats-your-sign.com

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ALL other advertisements are charged according to the following schedule:

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(1/2 pg is approx. 3.5" x 9.5" or 7.5" x 4.75")
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*A non-professional does not sell carvings

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Membership Benefits!

- ★ A voice in running the organization through your vote, attending meetings and running for office
- ★ The opportunity to network with other Maine wood carvers
- ★ A free Carver Profile on MWCA's website and a link to your website
- ★ Information through your free subscription to MWCA's monthly newsletter "The Maine Carver"
- ★ One free business card size ad per year in "The Maine Carver"
- ★ Lower registration fees for MWCA Seminars
- ★ Bird and Study Collection available for loan through MWCA's Curator of Birds
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Join Today!

MWCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Renew

Dues Schedule, payable by September 1, each year

Individual membership	\$15.00
Family membership	22.50
Junior member, age 12 to 16	10.00

Please return completed application, with your check made payable to "Maine Wood Carvers Association" or "MWCA" to:

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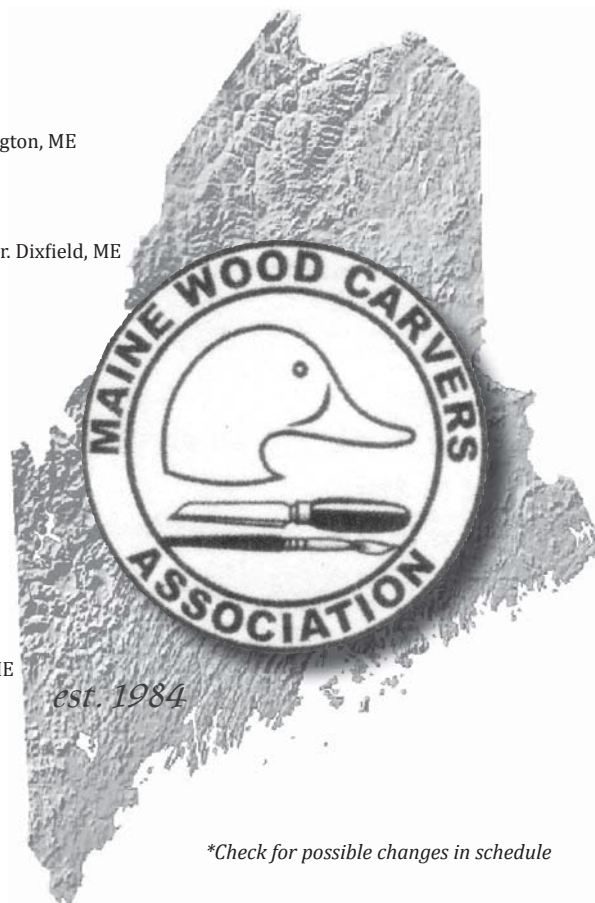
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Evening hours TBA
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4th Saturday, 1 PM
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McGAFFEY MOUNTAIN WOOD CARVERS

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 6-8:30 PM
(207) 377-6002, Hariph Smith
Vienna Community Ctr., Kimball Pond Rd, Vienna, ME

POLAND SPRINGS

1st Friday & 3rd Saturday, 1:00 PM
(207) 655-2563, Robert Grimm
Ricker Memorial Library, Main St., Poland, ME

SOUTH COAST CARVERS

4th Thursday, 7-8:30 PM
(603) 603-332-3247, Paul Durant
Woodcrafts, 25 Fox Run Road, Newington, NH

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2nd Saturday, 1:00 PM
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East Sumner Congregational Church, East Sumner, ME

TOP OF MAINE

Last Thursday of each month, 6:00 PM
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