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CARVING WITH KATHY WEBSTER



On Saturday, January 21st and Sunday, January 22nd eight members of Maine Wood Carvers Association met at the Vienna Community Center for a seminar by Kathy Webster on carving and painting an antique shorebird decoy. Anyone who has taken a class

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Norma Wing

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*Vision without action is a daydream
Action without vision is a nightmare*

– Japanese proverb

In one of our very first newsletters dated October 14, 1985, there is mention of a MWCA Library. “We’ve decided to drop this idea for a while. Maybe, we’re just not ready for this yet.”

I’m happy to announce twenty-seven years later, we now have a Maine Wood Carvers Association Library. I will be sending the lending rules, along with an inventory of books to each Chapter Representative to share with their members.

It may have taken several years, but I want to thank our founding members for having the vision of having a lending library.

Having a vision of our future is absolutely necessary if we want work actively towards something that we want to achieve. Having a vision of a desired future serves several purposes:

- A vision that is clear will open our minds to the endless possibilities of the future.
- A vision will help us overcome obstacles in the way and help us hold on when times are tough.
- A vision that is well defined will help us to focus and create a purpose that becomes our measurement for success.

A vision is the capability to see beyond our current reality, creating and inventing what does not now exist and becoming what we are not right now. MWCA officers will be meeting to begin brainstorming on some long and short term goals so that we can start moving toward them. If you have any ideas, do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

*Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if
you just sit there!*

– Will Rogers

Norma Wing
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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

There were 16 carvers that gathered at Jim and Barbara Wade's for our January meeting. We had a brief meeting then we had show and tell. Kathy first shared the adventures of her decoy seminar and then showed us what not to do with a torch on your nicely carved decoy; Hariph showed us what he did right with his decoy and torch. Hey, we all learn from our/others mistakes. Kathy then shared her beautifully carved miniature eagle. Other carvings that were shared, Carol had a relief of a great blue heron. Bill carved a small scene with a hound dog chasing a raccoon up a tree, Gordon showed us a photo of his framed relief carving of a group of animals, and Jim had a few things he shared, well done everyone keep on making chips.

The Coastal Carvers exhibit for the upcoming Downeast Show is well under way thanks to Jim and now we all have our assignments and we are off and running.

Our next meeting is the fourth Saturday in February, the 25th at 1pm.

McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers

Submitted by George Roy

January 4, 2012 - We had nine adults in attendance. Thon worked on his Grebe, Norma brought in Wildfowl Carving magazines she purchased, Ed worked on his Ruffed Grouse, Justina worked on her Fairy Caricature, Norma brought in the Loon she is working on, Kathy worked on a Santa, Art is working on a State Trooper Caricature, Steve carved a Wizard, Bob brought in his Cypress Knee Santa to show, and is working on a Hillbilly Caricature. Clyde Dyar stopped in to visit. He carves Gunstocks.

January 18, 2012 - We had ten adults in attendance. Justina worked on her Fairy Caricature, Steve worked on a Bark House, Norma is working on a cane with a Loon Head for the Town of Mount Vernon, she brought in her Loon (it is all ready to be painted), she also had Eagle Cane heads done, Peg is working on an Angel, Heron and Santa, Thon is working on a Toad, Ed brought in his finished Ruffed Grouse (looks real good) he said he still has to do some fine tuning on it, Kathy brought in a real miniature Eagle mounted on a gold ball, I worked on my Heron. Clyde Dyar is a new member and so is Linda Huff. Kathy is giving a class the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of January on Antique Shore Birds. Hope to see everybody at the next meeting February 1st.



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Poland Spring Carvers

Submitted by Stanley Tanner, Secretary

Breaking News Release from the 354th (approximately) session of the Poland Spring Carvers Club held on 21 January 2012

The session was called to order by President Norman Devonshire at 1:17pm.

The secretary's tale of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was delivered and accepted. In light of what he reported, the club decided to make a \$100.00 donation to the Ricker Memorial Library. After the decision, the treasurer made the donation.

Old Business: Our president reported that the donation we made last month to the Poland Community Church Food Bank filled fifty boxes of food for persons in the Poland - Mechanic Falls area. President Devonshire also reported on plans to host a three day seminar on carving to be led by Justin White. The location will be either the Masonic Lodge or the Grange Hall. The cost will be approximately \$150 and the subject to be determined by the presenter.

New Business: The tension in the room increased dramatically when President Devonshire called to elections, and an unusually solemn silence fell over the assembly. Nominations were presented as follows: President: Charles Friis; Vice-President: William Simpson; Secretary: Stanley Tanner; Treasurer: Robert Grimm.

It was a long and hard-fought campaign that involved lots of mud-slinging, activity by super-pacs, negative advertisements, push-polling and desperate pleas for Some Body Else! ... but they elected us anyway.

The formal session was closed by action of the new President, Charles Friis, to great applause, and a return to a greater than usual level of banter and mutual harassment.

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Submitted by Justina Hatch, Secretary

January meeting - Art Chamberlin came by our meeting to say thank you to our carvers, who stopped by his high school to teach his wood carving students our techniques. He has decided to join our group. Welcome to Mr. Chamberlin.

We have voted to have a donation box to help the church with their building of a new food pantry.

We will have a Valentines Day competition in February. Please keep your carvings with the theme. I will supply first, second and third prizes.

Camp and Carve Weekend will be September 7th to 9th. It will also be our tenth anniversary to celebrate. More info will follow in the months to come. Steve H has donated money for the second porta-potty if needed.

The dimensions for the ark are as follows 18" long X 12"high X 12" wide. I will begin the back ground this month and will bring in pictures to show for any changes that might need doing over.

February - Bob P will be doing a class on characters.

March - Norm D will be doing a class on scotty dogs

We will be meeting at Dixfield High School in the work shop on February 11 at 1pm.



REMEMBERING ANDY HOYT

Submitted by Kathy Webster

Chrystine,

My name is Kathy Webster. I am a member of the Maine Wood Carvers Association. That is where I met your husband, Andy. I have a story to tell about the eagle that is included in this box. It has become a tradition (since the Wood Turners began to demonstrate at our annual carving show) to donate something that was turned during the Show to a carver. The carver was then challenged to add to the turned piece and return it to the carving show the following year, where it would go on the raffle table. It has been a fun game between the two schools of thought (turners vs carvers). And I have been the carver who has accepted that challenge each year (the first year I had help). And so, it has become a game of sorts...what will the Turners give me at the end of the Show?

At the 2010 Show, I walked up to Andy and told him of his responsibility to provide me with a turning. He, of course, thought I was kidding. I assured him I was not. He said he'd bring something over to me later in the Show. I told him it could be anything...I've received bowls, a covered box, mushrooms. It's always fun to see what the Turner comes up with. Well, when Andy strode over to my table, he seemed quite proud of what he had to donate. It was a candlestick with a little nub on the top. It stood 4 inches tall. I looked at Andy and said, "Really???" This is what you are giving me?? Couldn't you spare something a little bit bigger?" "Nope, that's what I am giving you. Let's see what you can do with that!" OK, I thought, I'll show you. Well, I sat that little turning on a shelf in my shop, and I would periodically pick it up, look at it, wracking my brain for something really spectacular that I could wave in Andy's face and say "HA! What do you think of that!" I couldn't wait to show it to him. In the early summer of 2011, I received a call from Ken Shepherd. He wasn't going to be able to be at our Show and said that he had lost his partner. I wasn't quite sure what he was talking about, and then he told me of Andy's death. I was shocked, as were many members of the MWCA who knew Andy. It was then that I told Ken about the plans for the turning that Andy had given me. And I decided then that when I finished with it, I would send it to you, Chrystine.

Believe me...I talked to Andy the whole time I was working on this piece. And when I was done with it, I held it up and said, "HA! What do you think of that Andy!"

He was a wonderful artisan and person. Thank you for sharing him with us. May this token of thanks bring you years of good memories.

Kathy Webster
Sabattus, Maine



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from Kathy knows how much fun is had, while learning new skills. No one was disappointed! Everyone went home with a completed carving in time to watch the football playoffs. What more could you ask for!



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST - A TRIBUTE

Roger R. Melanson

President of New England Woodcarvers, Inc.

Age 77

Passed away January 10, 2012



Roger Roland Melanson, 77, of Lancaster passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. He was born in Leominster to Clarence and Odile (Stebbins) Melanson. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Judith A. Melanson; their loving children: Lisa Hutter and her husband Jonathan of Scarborough, Maine, Mary Jo Fini of Gardner, Joseph Melanson and his wife Laura of Templeton, Barbara Seifert and her husband Jeff of Westford, Amy McLaughlin and her husband David of Burlington, and Kristen West and her husband Andrew of Royalston.

Roger was proud grandfather to 15 loving grandchildren: Brian, Adam, Corie, Amanda, Benjamin, Julie, Jared, Jacob (predeceased) Elizabeth, Sean, Joelle, Jack, Grace, Ryan, and Samantha. He also survived brothers Norman and Paul and sister Jeanette. He is predeceased by his parents, brother Robert, infant triplet brothers and sisters Doris and Beverly.

He started his professional career while still attending Leominster High School at Standard Tool & Die in the first apprentice program. He continued at Digital Equipment Corporation for 14 years, primarily as draftsman, and then manager of the drafting department. After leaving Digital, Roger switched his career to education. He taught drafting at Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School. He left Assabet in 1984 as the Director of Continuing Education to be the Director of the Leominster Center for Technical Education. At CTE Roger was responsible for implementing many new programs. He retired as Director of CTE in 1999.

Roger graduated from Leominster High School in 1953. He earned his B.S. in Education and Masters in Vocational Education at Fitchburg State College with advanced studies at UMASS Amherst.

In retirement Roger was president of New England Wood Carvers for the past 7 years. He was responsible for coordinating the yearly Spirit of Wood Show. In addition to wood carving Roger enjoyed working on his house; spending time with his family and traveling (he recently fulfilled his dream to visit Alaska).

Roger served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1956 to 1962.

Funeral Information

The funeral was held from the Wright-Roy Funeral Home 109 West St in Leominster on Tuesday January 17, 2012 with a funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church 809 Main St Lancaster. Burial followed. Visiting hours were held on Monday, January 16, 2012 from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 pm. in the funeral home.

Donations Information

Please send donations in Roger's memory to Maine Wood Carvers Association c/o Barbara McCutcheon, Treasurer - 13 Liberty Street - Fairfield, ME 04937. We will forward one check to the New England Woodcarvers, Inc.

Flowers of the Forest: The phrase goes back to much earlier times in Scotland and Ireland. It is a tribute to fallen soldiers and friends. Read more at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flowers_of_the_Forest

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report MWCA Januray 1, 2012 to January 31, 2012

Beginning Balance Checking Account \$6010.96

INCOME:

Membership 25.00
Seminar (Kathy Webster) 177.50

January Income 202.50

EXPENSES:

Albison's Printing, Inc. 94.16
Newsletter-Norma Wing 40.00
Service Charge- 10.00
Marcia Berkall Webmaster 364.38
Sales Tax 2011 10.67

January Expenses 519.21

Checkbook balance As January 2012 \$5694.25

Eagle Head Cane Fund

Beginning Balance \$1365.73

Interest .29

Ending Balance \$1366.02

Education Fund

Beginning Balance \$425.13

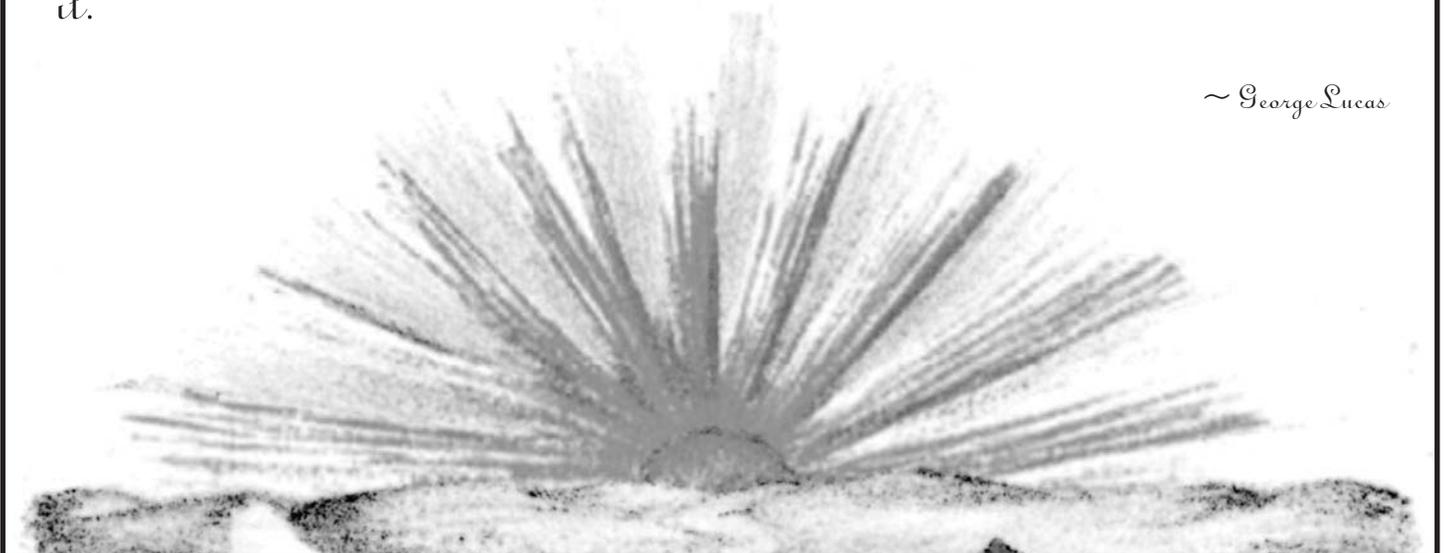
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Ending Balance \$425.22

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

"Dreams are extremely important. You can't do it unless you can imagine it."

~ George Lucas



MAINE EAGLE CANE PROJECT

The following canes have been presented:

VETERAN

Scott Keith, Freeport
D. Vic Carroll, Lansdale, PA
Stephen Tessier, Effingham, NH
Donald C. Keene, Buckfield

CARVER

Norm Devonshire
Norm Devonshire
Ed Solar
Chuck & Bob Perry

To learn more about the Eagle Cane Project, to make in-kind donations, or if anyone has a completed cane contact:

Marcia Berkall, Project Coordinator
165 Rockwood Dr.
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eaglecane@mainewoodcarvers.org

To support the project:

by making a donation, send them to –

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If you have carved and presented a cane, but it's not listed, please contact Norma Wing at (207) 293-3725 or normawing@fairpoint.net. We'll make sure it's included in the next newsletter.



CELTIC TREE ASTROLOGY

Rowan - The Thinker



January 21 – February 17

Celtic tree astrology recognizes Rowan signs as the philosophical minds within the zodiac. If you were born under the Rowan energy, you are likely a keen-minded visionary, with high ideals. Your thoughts are original and creative, so much so, that other's often misunderstand from where you are coming. This sometimes makes you aloof when interacting with others as you feel they wouldn't understand where you are coming from anyway. Nevertheless, although you may appear to have a cool exterior, you are burning within from your passionate ideals. This inner passion provides inner motivation for you as you make your way through life. You have a natural ability to transform situations and people around you by your mere presence. You are highly influential in a quiet way and others look to you for your unique perspectives. Rowan pairs well with Ivy and Hawthorn signs.

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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

CELTIC TREE ASTROLOGY

Ash - The Enchanter



February 18 – March 17

Those born under the Celtic tree astrology sign of the Ash are free thinkers. Imaginative, intuitive, and naturally artistic, you see the world in watercolor purity. You have a tendency to moody and withdrawn at times, but that's only because your inner landscape is in constant motion. You are in touch with your muse, and you are easily inspired by nature. Likewise, you inspire all that you associate with and people seek you out for your enchanting personality. Art, writing (especially poetry), science, and theology (spiritual matters) are areas that strongly interest you. Others may think you are reclusive, but in all honesty, you are simply immersed in your own world of fantastic vision and design. You are in a constant state of self-renewal and you rarely place a value on what others think about you. Ash signs partner well with Willow and Reed signs.

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Whittlin'

Gosh, there ain't no greater fun
 At the end of the day when work is done
 Then sittin' in the settin' sun
 Just whittlin'

Grandkids gone, been here all day,
 Love 'em more than i can say,
 But now I can attention pay
 To my whittlin'

Towser's layin' by my knee,
 Thumpin' tail and eyes on me.
 The world's as right as right can be
 When I'm whittlin'

When I git too old to work
 And will have my chores to shirk,
 In my heart no cares will lurk
 'Cause I'll be whittlin'.



~Edith Royce Miller

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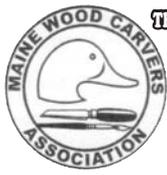
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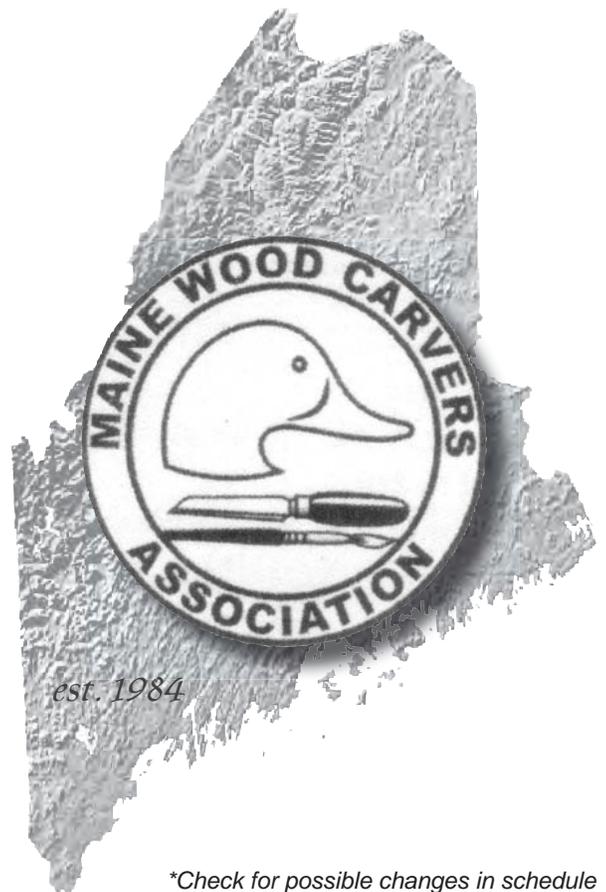
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