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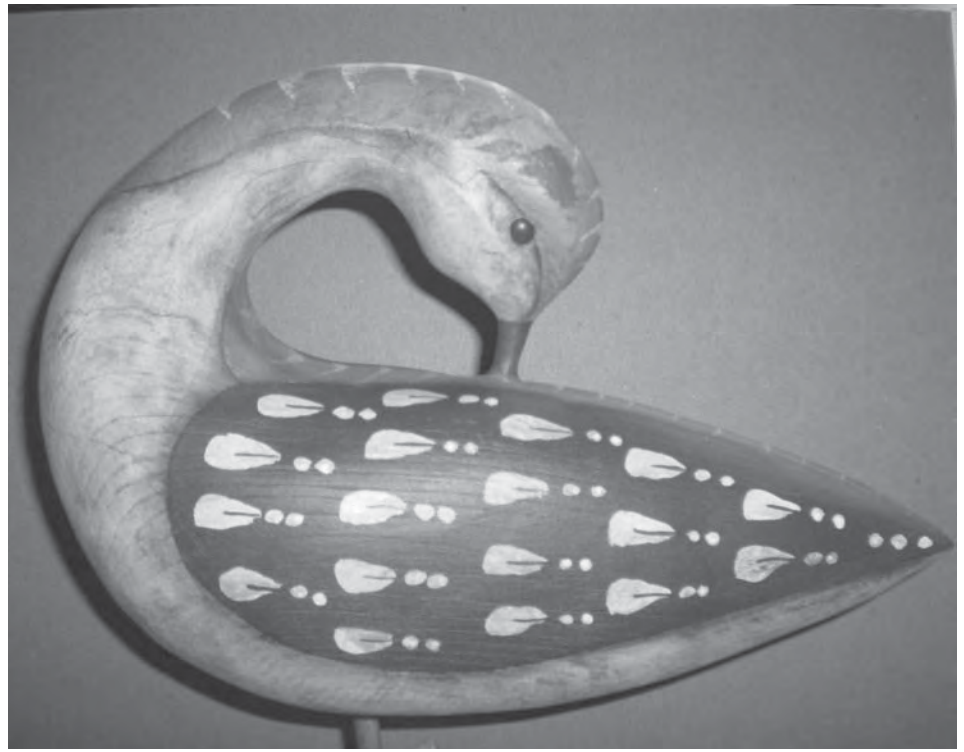
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**ANTIQUA SHOREBIRD  
DECOY SEMINAR**



**O**n Saturday, January 21st and Sunday, January 22nd Maine Wood Carvers Association will be presenting a seminar by Kathy Webster on carving and painting an antique shorebird decoy. If you haven't taken a class from Kathy, you won't want to miss this one!

Kathy began carving in 1995 when her husband Darwin enrolled her in an adult education class at a Community College in Maryland. Her first instructor was Pearl Carpenter who had learned from the well-known Jim Sprankle. That's all it took to get her hooked.

...And Kathy's enthusiasm and passion for carving and painting is contagious. She teaches with humor and insight and her students take away strategies and practical steps to improve their skills. She explains and demonstrates things clearly in ways easy to understand. She makes it carving and painting fun!

Be one of the lucky 15 people to attend this seminar!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Norma Wing

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It is my pleasure to wish you a peaceful, happy and successful New Year. As always, the turn of the year is time for reflection as well as looking forward.

2011 was a good year for Maine Wood Carvers Association (MWCA). Members elected a new slate of officers; the Newsletter Committee worked to improve the quality of the Maine Carver; members continued to participate in the Maine Eagle Cane Project; the Seminar Committee offered us Carving the Female Face by Marcia Berkall and the 1st Annual Camp and Carve Weekend sponsored by the Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers; the Show Committee pulled off a successful 25th Annual Wood Carving and Wildlife Art Show despite the unforeseen challenge of hurricane Irene and our webmaster continued to maintain our website.

My deep appreciation goes to the Board, Seminar Committee, Newsletter Committee, Show Committee, Webmaster and Members for giving so generously of their time and talents.

If we have learned any lesson from 2011, it is, indeed, that when people come together with the goal of working together, they grow because they learn something about each other through sharing of ideas and knowledge.

In 2012, MWCA will continue to work to add value for our members. The potential for improvement is great.

So, I am looking forward to the new year not just with confidence and hope, but with the resolve that we will make the most of it and make it a landmark year for MWCA.

With the year, comes new aspirations and hopes, new dreams and new resolutions. Wishing you a promising and fulfilling new year!

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*

On December 10th, Coastal Carvers enjoyed a Christmas buffet and gift swap at the home of Barbara and Jim Wade. All the food was delicious and the swap was fun and peaceful. The next CC meeting will be at the Wades home on the fourth Saturday, January 28, at 1pm. We will be working on the show project. Remember to bring a share. Happy New Year to all.

### McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers

*Submitted by George Roy*

December 7, 2011 - We had our Christmas Party with eleven adults and one teenager in attendance. Justina and Steve Hatch, Norma, Thon, Angel, Becky, Meg, Ed, Brian, Hariph, Peg and myself. Steve



worked on a flying bat. Justina worked on a snowman. Norma brought the loon and greater yellowlegs she is working on. Thon worked on his dolphins. Becky finished her Santa cariatue. We missed Kathy as her

husband had a back operation. Hope everything is fine. Ed was back. He didn't get his deer.

We had our drawing of gifts. Everybody was satified with their gifts. Everyone brought food and desserts. We had plenty to eat. We spent the rest of the evening chatting. Clyde Dyar stopped by to wish us a Merry Christmas.



Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December 21, 2011 - Meeting canceled on account of bad weather. See you next year.

### Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

*Submitted by Justina Hatch, Secretary*

This month's meeting brought us a Secret Santa

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Christmas party. Thank you to everyone who participated and brought in food.

I am still looking for the dimensions of the ark for Joe. He's interested in starting the ark soon.

Happy Holiday to all of our members and a Happy New Year. We'll meet on January 14 at 1pm at the East Sumner Church hope to see you all there.

## Top of Maine

*Submitted by Annette Tardy*

Hello Everyone!

*The Top of Maine Carvers meet every last Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. at the Artist Nook on Summit Street and all are welcome to join us.*

Happy New Year Everyone!

We hope that everyone has had a happy and joyous Christmas and New Years.

We had a great response to our Christmas ornament carving contest. We ended up with two first place winners and one second place. John Violette and myself took the first and Heather Taylor took second. It was all in good fun and put everyone into the Christmas spirit.

We held our Christmas Party on December 1 complete with yankee swap and dinner. We had a great time again this year and were, once again, very well served by the Rendezvous Restaurant. We had twenty-four people show up which we thought made for a great turn out. Many wonderful swap gifts...some bought and others home-made (always my favorite). All in all it was a fun evening.

We want to especially thank Tom's brother, Dollard, for donating to our club a sharpening system complete with leather strop and buffing wheel. I am sure we will put it to good use. So thank you, Dollard, for your gift. It was very generous of you.

Since the fire, Tom has been putting in long hours to try to get his house repaired so they can move back into it and to build a new garage. It has been stressful for him and his whole family but they are working hard to rebuild.

Tom is currently working on small scale sign

models which he is designing in order to construct and carve the actual larger sized road signs for the Acadien Congress coming up in 2014. The signs will depict Acadien life during the 1700-1800s. These signs will be posted all along the route between Van Buren and Madawaska. This is going to be a huge event and we are very proud that Tom will be a part of it. He does such wonderful work and we're happy that he will get to showcase what he loves doing.

We are all working on our individual projects. We haven't come up with a plan to do any group winter projects yet....but you never know...it could happen. Anyway, Margaret is working on a relief carving of two owls in a tree, Brian is doing a relief of a salmon fisherman standing in a lake (with a mountain background) fishing (really nice). John Violette is working on a fish project. He just completed a horse head with an Indian's face carved into the neck of the horse.

Dan is busy doing caricatures. He has finished his lumberjack guy, a Santa, Canadian Mounty and is currently working on a baker. I probably missed one or two in there but with Dan and John, they go through projects rather quickly and it's hard to keep up with them.

Ron is finishing his shell fan which he is carving to add to the top of a tri-fold mirror that he built. Ron is a wonderful finished carpenter and is becoming a really good carver as well. He loves to work with wood. I have started a relief carving of a doe and her fawn drinking water from a stream and ..unlike John and Dan, .....I might have it finished by July or August.. Miles has been carving bark houses. They are pretty interesting and he does a great job on them. He uses cottonwood bark and they are just marvelous when finished.

And the last I saw, Pat Watson and Liz were busy working on Christmas ornaments.

The chips do fly around here...always something going on and always new inspiration from watching other projects as they develop. We love shopping around for new ideas and the next new project to do.

A little new year thought to leave you with:

*Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience*

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can instill in us.

~ Hal Borland

*P.S. John's wife has been baking for us again. A lemon meringue pie and squares. We have pretty much decided she should become an honorary member. She is a wonderful cook and is spoiling us.*

Wishing everyone a great new year of carving and sharing.

## NEW YEAR'S WORD SEARCH

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# ANTIQUÉ SHOREBIRD DECOY SEMINAR

with  
Kathy Webster and Others

Date: Saturday, January 21 and Sunday January 22, 2012  
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 on Sunday  
Cost: \$35 for MWCA Members, \$50 for all others  
Class limit: 15 people  
Location: Vienna Community Center (attached to the fire station)  
Kimball Pond Road, Vienna, ME

This is not a repeat of the October 2010 Seminar, but just as much fun. If you missed that one, here's your chance to get in on the excitement.

The seminar fee includes:

- Cedar blank
- Eyes
- Stick
- Temporary Base (make your own fancy one later)
- Paint
- Coffee

It is a class that is well suited to all levels of carvers. We had a blast the last time...I am sure this one will be equally as entertaining. A list of items to bring will be sent to those folks that sign up. It will be hand tools only.

A non-refundable deposit for 50% is required at the time you sign up to hold your spot. Please send your check made out to MWCA along with your name and contact info to:

Barbara McCutcheon  
13 Liberty Street  
Fairfield, ME 04937

There will be coffee available during the seminar, and there is a little sandwich shop not far from the Center. Feel free to bring a bag lunch if you want.

It should be a fun event!

**Antique Shorebird Decoy Seminar**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Ms Wing,

My partner, Rhonda Welcome and I, Chuck Kniffen are forming a new business (Turtle Dance LLC) which will be producing and marketing nautically themed figurines. We are currently researching artist contracts and seeking two or three woodcarving artists to do original pieces who would be willing to have their work reproduced. Our company will be utilizing a good deal of recycled content in the resin mixtures used for these reproductions and a portion of the profits we receive will go to ocean and beach clean-up efforts.

The types of figurines we are interested in would be simple, sleek, dynamic whole body works of such subjects as, for example, a whale, a sea-turtle, a mermaid (already in hand), perhaps a seal or otter and other such animal totems. They would be small in size, perhaps six to eight inches long and two to three inches in depth.

Besides the price of the originals and an agreed upon royalty, the artist would get publicity (if they chose) from our marketing efforts and also we would gladly refer any potential customer to the original artist if they chose a wood figurine rather than one of our molded products.

We are still very much in the fledgling portion of our development and I cannot offer too much more information at this time. If you have any experience in formulating such contracts, know of anyone who might be interested or if you could provide a list of your woodcarving association members, we would very much appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank You and Sincerely,  
Chuck Kniffen  
ckniffen12@gmail.com

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Hello Maine Woodcarvers,

I've just gotten hold of five sticks of clear black walnut, 18"-22" in diameter and 6'6" long. I'm planning to saw them into 4 1/2" live edge cants in a week or so, but if there are any carvers out there who might need different thicknesses and can offer a decent price per board foot, I can custom cut. I realize that the price of walnut in large dimensions is very steep, but this is green wood, I'm a woodworker, and if I can make my expenses and keep a little lumber, that's fine. I can email pictures, or you can contact me at 549-5794 (Whitefield, Me.) or here at g-mail.

Happy holidays,  
Richard Curewitz  
barbara.gothictile.vanderbilt@gmail.com

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Hello,

My name is Daniel Frappier and I live in Orono, Maine. I am a disabled veteran and I want to learn the craft of wood carving. I use to whittle when I was a kid but it didn't go any farther than that. My email is daniel.frappier@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you, thank you and have a happy holidays.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Frappier



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Financial Report MWCA December 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

Beginning Balance Checking Account      \$6300.95

### INCOME:

Membership                                      30.00

December Income                                      30.00

### EXPENSES:

Albison's Printing, Inc.                      274.99

Newsletter-Norma Wing                      40.00

Service Charge-                                      5.00

December Expenses                                      319.99

Checkbook balance As December 2011      \$6010.96

## Eagle Head Cane Fund

Beginning Balance                                      \$1365.32

Interest    .41

Ending Balance    \$1365.73

## Education Fund

Beginning Balance                                      \$425.00

Interest    .13

Ending Balance    \$425.13

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

*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called "Opportunity" and its first chapter is New Year's Day."*



*~ Edith Lovejoy Pierce*



# MAINE EAGLE CANE PROJECT

The following canes have been presented:

## VETERAN

**Willard H. Youtz**, Vista, CA  
**Morris E. Tucker**, Buckfield  
**Noel J. Swift**, Yarmouth  
**Roy Norton**, Alfred  
**Alden Gile**, Alfred  
**Bob Liberty**, Alfred  
**Bruce Gile**, Alfred  
**Fredrick Maitland**, Cumberland  
**Rodman W. Wilson**, Wares, NH  
**William Simpson**, Standish  
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**Bernie Kohn**, Farmingdale  
**Fr. Robert Reagan**, Greenville  
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**Tommy Adkins**, Orland  
**David Smith**, Hope  
**Bill Costello**, Albany Twsp  
**Aber Johnson**, Skowhegan  
**Gerald Peters**, West Baldwin  
**Bertram ?**, Colombia Falls

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 Chuck Perry, Norm Devonshire & Bill Simpson  
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 Jim Wade  
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To learn more about the Eagle Cane Project, to make in-kind donations, or if anyone has a completed cane contact:

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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](mailto:normawing@fairpoint.net). We'll make sure it's included in the next newsletter.*

# REPORT FROM CURATOR OF BIRDS

*Submitted by Kathy Webster*

**T**here have been a few additions to the Bird Collection. We have a young Male Pileated woodpecker, a Ring Billed Gull wing (outstretched), Bobwhite Quail, duck mounts to include:

- Pintail drake
- Wood duck (drake and hen)
- Green wing teal drake
- Mallard (drake and hen)
- Flying wood duck drake

Castings donated by Bill and Louise Alley:

- American Merganser Drake
- Blue wing teal drake
- Cedar waxwing
- Spoonbill drake and hen
- Lifesize full body castings: Woodcock, Bluebird

Castings donated by Lauriston Browne:

- Body castings:
- Bobwhite
- Black duck (full size, 3/4 size)
- Wood duck drake
- Cinnamon Teal hen
- Hooded Merganser drake
- Loon 1/2 half size, 1/2 side carved (great instruction piece)
- Chickadee

Bill castings:

- Kestrel
- 2 Bald Eagle (one is a Miller, one is a Taxidermy)
- Mallard/Black drake (Taxidermy)
- Gold eagle
- 2 Red Tailed Hawk (one is Miller, one is Taxidermy)
- 3 Loon (2 closed bill, one open)
- Bobwhite Quail
- Whistling Swan
- 2 Canada Goose drake (open and closed)
- Black duck drake
- Green wing teal drake and hen
- Blue wing teal drake
- Pintail drake
- Cinnamon teal hen



These are available for loan just like the birds in the collection. Contact me by phone or email if you'd like to borrow something. Loans are on a 3 month basis.

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## CELTIC TREE ASTROLOGY

### Birch - The Achiever



*December 24 – January 20*

If you were born under the energy of the Birch you can be highly driven, and often motivate others they become easily caught in your zeal, drive and ambition. You are always reaching for more, seeking better horizons and obtaining higher aspirations. The Druids attributed this to your time of birth, which is a time of year shrouded by darkness, so consequently you are always stretching out to find the light. Birch signs (just like the tree) are tolerant, tough, and resilient. You are cool-headed and are natural-born rulers, often taking command when a situation calls for leadership. When in touch with your softer side, you also bring beauty in otherwise barren spaces, brightening up a room with you guile, and charming crowds with you quick wit. Celtic tree astrology Birch signs are compatible with Vine signs and Willow signs.

**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*

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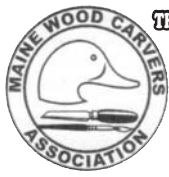
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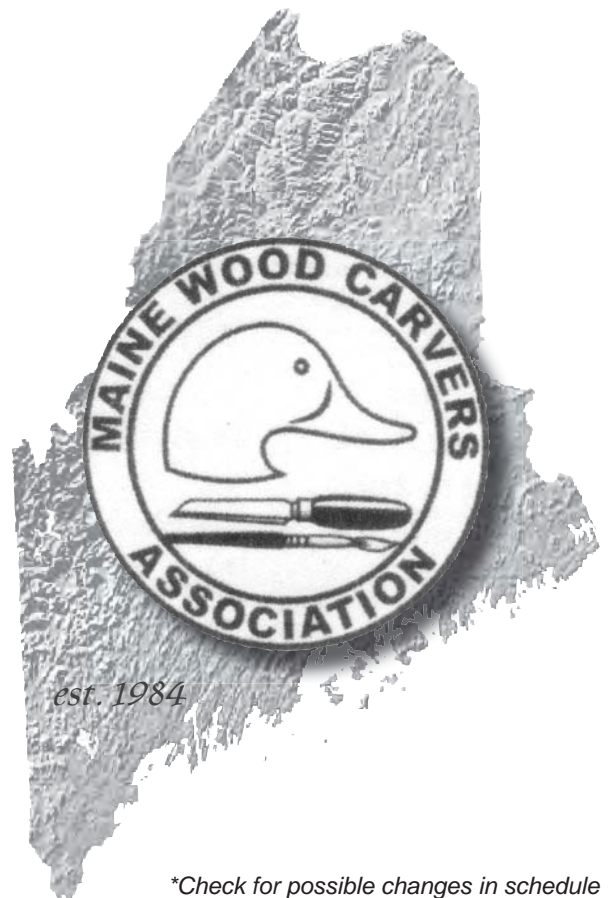
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