



## SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES TO LEAD MWCA IN 2011-2012

### *Nominating Committee*

**A**t the last meeting of Maine Wood Carvers Association, Bob Perry, Paul Durant and Chuck Perry volunteered and were appointed by President Chuck Friis to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2011. Our duty as a committee was to compile a list of candidates for the offices of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, and DIRECTOR AT LARGE for 2011 and 2012. This list to be published in the January issue of the MAINE CARVER and balloted on in February (ballot printed in February issue of The Maine Carver). It is our pleasure to present the following list of well qualified candidates as of December 31.

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1. George Roy

As in the past, it was not an easy task to find candidates willing to fill the officer positions for the upcoming year. Our faith in the membership of MWCA again has been justified. When it looked like we might not have a full slate of candidates, dedicated, able and willing members stepped forward. We are proud to present this slate of candidates for your consideration.

Don't forget to vote. Look for your ballot in the February 2011 issue of the Maine Carver

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Chuck Friis  
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Greetings from the Spring: Well, another year has come and gone successfully for the Association. This is all due to all the hard work everyone has done. The deep relief woodcarving seminar at the Mollyocket Inn was a huge success for the six participants. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Tom Cote for doing such a wonderful teaching job. He may just have another convert.

Recently I was given a 30" roughout of the Madonna and child straight from Germany. I asked the individual what he wanted me to do after the carving was complete, give it back, or donate it to a religious order. His reply was that it was now mine and to use my own judgement. Perhaps I should ask the membership?

As of now, I would like to remind the membership that it is nomination time for all the offices. The nomination committee is asking for people to fill these positions. PLEASE COMMIT! I sincerely hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season. To all, best wishes in the new year.

Chuck Friis  
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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.*

## Capital Carvers

*Submitted by Lloyd Clark*

I went to the North East Wood Carving Retreat and got to talk to Pete LeClair for awhile while he was there on Saturday. He asked me to 'get the word out' on his new website..... [www.peteleclair.com](http://www.peteleclair.com) It will have free stuff [monthly patterns, etc] and a guest carver with info. So, now you have the info.

I just got word from the Mystic Carvers newsletter that Rip Stangroom has passed away. While at the retreat, I'd heard that he was on oxygen full time. Those of you that went to the retreat know that he'd taught a class there for years and was a good friend of Peter Benson. In fact, he drove Peter Benson up here the first time we had him up to teach a seminar at Capital Carvers.

Hard to believe that we'll be in another year the next time we have another newsletter. Hope all have a very Merry Christmas & a very Happy New Year!

Keep the chips flying, your tools & wits sharp, and your fingers out of the way !

## McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers

*Submitted by George Roy*

We met at 6:00 pm on December 1st. We had 11 people in attendance. We all worked on carving toads instructed by Kathy Webster.

Kathy brought cookies.

Norma brought a kit fox she is working on, Thon brought a tree stump, Angel brought an otter, Hariph is working on a santa face, Kathy shared her deep relief carving done at the Tom Cote seminar and Ed shared a paddle he made out of spruce with a trout painted on it.

We discussed our Christmas party to be held on December 15th. It will include a Yankee Swap. Gifts should be either a carving or something carving related. Food will be pot luck.

At our December 15th meeting we had our

Christmas Party at the Vienna Community Center. There were 14 adults and 4 youths in attendance. We had our Yankee Swap. Ed drew first and got a small seal carving done by Kathy Webster and said he was going to keep it, Brian drew 2 dove cutouts and swapped Ed for his seal. At the end of all the drawings Ed had last swap and took his seal back. One of the youths got carving books and swapped with Roger, Norma's husband, who got a carving knife. In all everyone was satisfied with their gifts. Everyone had a good time. Our next meeting will be on January 5, 2011. Norma did the December 1st meeting notes as I was unable to attend.



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1. Barry McCabe opening his gift with his family and Brian Keezer looking on
2. Kathy Webster opening her gift.
3. Ed Beach swapping his gift with Brian.

## Poland Spring Carvers

Submitted by Stanley Tanner, Secretary

MINUTES of the 20 November 2010 meeting of the Poland Spring Carvers. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm by President Norm Devonshire. The minutes from the October meeting were not available. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. It shows \$148 in the library fund, and \$33.97 in the coffee fund. A receipt has been received from the Poland Community Church food pantry for our contribution of \$50.

**Old Business:** The only item was a reminder that we have cancelled the 18 December meeting.

**New Business:** We gather next for a work meeting on 3 December.

The library fund was discussed at length. Eventually it was decided to offer \$150 to the library for some special project that they wish to accomplish. It was noted that the library staff would like to have the sawhorse workbench removed. Norm Devonshire agreed to take it back to Chuck Friis.

The business meeting adjourned at 1:45pm. We then moved to a presentation by Jan Oliver on lettering.

## Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Submitted by Justina Hatch, Secretary

We had a great time at our Christmas party, thank you to those who brought gifts for the exchange and the wonderful food. I also want to thank all the members who came and made this a fun time.

Show and tell held many wonderful items of, animals for an ark, wood turned items, whimsical Santa and man, a grinch and Santa Claus, scrooge, Santa moon, walking stick and an eagle cane.

March and April Bob will be teaching bark house classes at Levitt Area High School in Turner, Maine held on Wednesday 6-8pm. This is open to all but can only hold a class of 8 people. If interested call the high school for a seat. Class is \$60.00 plus bark.

Bob is willing to teach a class in caricature faces. He is also willing to teach bark houses starting February at our meeting, you will need to purchase the bark, ranging from \$3.00-\$8.00 depending on size.

January will hold officers for The Maine Woodcarvers most offices are open. Contact Bob Perry if your interested in an office. Any one interested in a seat will have help on hand guiding you in each office by past officers.

In March our meeting will also hold officers of all except, secretary. I will be happy to continue in this position unless someone else wants the position.

I would like to update all emails and home addresses for our newsletter. If you wish to withdraw your name from our list please contact me before March.

Next meeting is held on January 8th at 1PM at the East Sumner Church in East Sumner.



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1. Santa Moon by a Streaked Mountain carver

2. More carvings from Streaked Mountain
3. Streaked Mountain group
4. More Show and Tell carvings from Streaked Mountain

## The Top of Maine Carvers

Submitted by Annette Tardy

Hello Everyone!

The Top of Maine Carvers meet every last Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to join us.

Well, it has been a busy two months. We had our first Christmas Party instead of a meeting in December. Many thanks to everyone at the Rendezvous Restaurant for their outstanding service. There was good company and good food. We had a great turn out with roughly twenty folks showing up. We had a yankee swap. The big hit of the evening was a large cedar piece brought in by Russell Mount that will be used to carve a decoy. Margaret ended up with it by the end of the evening and is now making plans on which decoy she wants to do.

I have to say my husband and I were very pleased with the winter snow scene that was burned and painted by Heather. She did an outstanding job on her piece and it now sits proudly on my shelf at home. Very nice job, Heather. Her fiancé also did a woodburning and his turned out great too..although, I don't remember who ended up with it. Dan brought in some cottonwood bark and a magazine of woodburning patterns. Of course Mr. Ron ended up with that one...(I'm still mad at you).....not really..... just kidding—just kidding Ron!! You are loved and appreciated....really!!!.....There were gift certificates and homemade candies and just some wonderful gifts. A great time was had by all.

Christmas is such a wonderful season. We have some who are carving Santa faces, snowmen and doing some Christmas ornaments. Tom is working on a nutcracker for his granddaughter. It stands about 2 feet high and she has given him very specific details on how she wants her nutcracker to look like. Good luck with that, Tom. We are all busy but it's fun to do projects that promote the Christmas spirit. We're having fun and that's what's important.

Margaret finished her eagle head cane and presented it to her Uncle Louis. I have sent along a picture of her presenting the cane. It turned out so nice and by the look on his face, we can tell he was

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very pleased to receive it. Margaret put a lot of time and effort in to it and tried to make it personal for him. Great job, Margaret!!



Tom came back from his seminar/workshop downstate and reported how pleased he was with the turn out and how well the projects all turned out. By the stories he told, we could tell how much he enjoyed working with everyone who attended. And of course, we got to see all the pictures taken that weekend. He is looking forward to doing more of this type of workshop in the future. As a matter of fact, Tom has a weekend carving workshop in New Brunswick coming up in January. They will be working on small owls carved out of butternut. Should be nice. (I tried one of those one time and we won't say how that turned out. Well, let's just say the little fellow will stay hidden for some time to come).

Tom's brother, Dollard Cote is now doing carving workshops at his shop located on Rt.1 in Littleton. They are meeting on Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:00 p.m. If you are in the vicinity, stop by and say hi.

Tom tells me they are working on Santa faces and are having a good time of it.

We are currently discussing some future projects to do. In the works are moose and wolf heads, moose reliefs and maybe a loon decoy. Russell might help with that one if we are very, very nice to him. Maybe... ..I think we have thought of enough carvings to keep us all busy for a few months.

John Michaud is now working nights for the school department so we are missing him at our carving sessions. We miss you John...Hope you will get a day off sometime and be able to join us again. We haven't forgotten you..hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas this year.

Well that's it for now...Hope everyone has had a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

## South Coastal Carvers

*Submitted by Paul Durant*

Good morning, Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The South Coast Carvers want to wish all of their carving friends a Happy and exciting New year.

We had nine attendees meeting on Thursday night the 23rd of December. Having this many carvers attend was a very pleasant surprise for this time of year a goodly number of people are still shopping as the parking lot in Wal-Mart's directly across from us was jammed We welcomed two new carvers and hope they join us again next month. Tom brought a relief carved boat and Walt a Sunfish for display. Both were very well done. Our project for the evening was carving a simple tooth pick holder in the shape of a boot. I am not sure there was any master pieces created but there was a lot of laughter and camaraderie. This coming year we have some exciting projects planned. to start with Todd will show us how to carve a heart with an arrow through it, all one piece. This is really neat. It is made from aromatic cedar. He has plenty of kits to share with all that attend. The following month Michael will give us a lesson in carving a duck head on a golf club, once again the material is being furnished. This is all exciting stuff. The year 2011 is going to start with a bang. We are receptive to any project and ideas to improve our chapter so feel free to offer up new and better ways. Until next time Happy carving.

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## Coastal Carvers

*Submitted by Karen Knowles*

Coastal Carvers first meeting of 2011 will be the fourth Saturday, January 22 at 1pm. We will be carving bark houses. Please note we will be at a new location. We will meet at Schooner Cove in Damariscotta where Phyl and Dick Baldwin live. Directions: Drive through town turn right on to Rt. 129 go a short distance to the blinking light- turn right, then take an immediate left to Schooner Cove, park in lot go in front entrance someone will be there to greet you. Any questions I can be reached at 443-3262. Happy New Year.

*“Then sing, young hearts that are full  
of cheer, with never a thought of sorrow;  
the old goes out, but the glad young year  
comes merrily in tomorrow.”*

*- Emily Miller*



## GOOD WILL-HINKLEY FESTIVAL OF TREES

*Submitted by Dave Brown*

The final Maine 'carver' event for 2010 ... the Goodwill-Hinkley School Festival of Trees was a moderate success this year. We placed fifty-nine wooden ornaments carved by our volunteers on the tree this year. Thirty-five of the ornaments were carved by our good friend 'Scotty'. Lowest bid on the ornaments came in at \$5 and the highest at \$50! In total we raised just over \$600 for the school. Attendance (1500) as well as the bid amount total was down a bit this year. Many reasons, Good Will-Hinkley had financial difficulties and closed down a significant part of its operation in July, the school didn't decide to hold a Festival of Trees until past the usual time of decision, we didn't let our carvers know about the festival until quite late, not a lot of 'loose change' this year to bid with, attendance was down (cost of travel?), etc. The organizations that participated in the Christmas event were the same ones as usual. All in all a darned good showing by the Maine woodcarvers

for a darned good cause. Thank you, one in all ... carvers, setup and breakdown crew and Lisa McGowan, Good Will-Hinkley organizer.



*Front row: Barbara McCutcheon and Shelia Maxwell  
Back row: Dave Brown, Ron Maxwell and Norman Scott*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Workshops sponsored by New England Woodcarvers Association:

### Carving Class by Louis Dennis

Dates: February 21 - 25, 2011  
Cost: \$150 includes; instruction, wood blank, eyes, feet and paint.  
Class limit: 12 Participants  
Location: Doyle Conservation Center, 325 Lindell Avenue Leominster, MA 01453  
Phone: 978-840-4446  
Registration: Will be on first come – first receive basis

Louis Dennis to teach a knife/chisel and/or power carving Class.

### Pete LeClair Character Carving Workshop

Dates: April 22 -24, 2011  
Times: Friday 6:00 - 9:00 pm and Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Cost: \$120 includes; instruction, two cutouts, a CD disc with 300 files and paint material  
Class limit: 12 Participants  
Location: Doyle Conservation Center, 325 Lindell Avenue Leominster, MA 01453  
Phone: (978) 840-4446  
Registration: Will be on first come – first receive basis

Coffee all day, rolls in morning. Bring your own food and cold drinks. We have a microwave, and refrigerator in the kitchenette. Pete says to bring your lunch so we can get a full day of carving fun.

### Frank Russell Power Carving Class

Dates: September 12 -16, 2011  
Cost: \$295  
Class limit: 14 Participants  
Location: Doyle Conservation Center, 325 Lindell Avenue Leominster, MA 01453  
Phone: (978) 840-4446  
Registration: Will be on first come– first receive basis

Frank has agreed to teach another Power Carving class. We will be doing a Red Fox. Frank will also teach Air Brush painting of the Fox. Bring your own Air brush or we will have units for you to use.

For more information contact: Louis Dennis, Seminar Chairman at (508) 757-7303 or louisdennisii@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to: Jerald Grimes, NEWC Treasurer, 39 Wellington Road, Templeton, MA 01468

Lodging arrangements: Super 8 Motel, 482 North Main St. Leominster, MA 01452. Phone: (978) 537-2880.  
Cost for room is \$62.00 via internet and \$69.00 when calling the motel.

# CHERYL DOW SEMINAR

Carol H. Durgin

I had the good fortune to attend Cheryl Dow's woodburning demonstration at the New England Woodcarvers, Inc. - 2010 Spirit of Wood Show in Bedford, Massachusetts. I have admired her work and welcomed a chance to see it first hand. Her work is exquisite and the detail of fur, feathers, trees and rocks is astounding. She worked many years as a wildlife rescue person so she knows the natural fur flow patterns. Cheryl is retiring from traveling and teaching and will be devoting more time to her own works. I was able to purchase a 4" x 4" eagle head burning - a treasure.

Below are some tips straight from Cheryl:

1. Be sure to do a quality job of sanding before you do any burning. Use a tack cloth to remove any fine particles. Cheryl always uses a "buddy board" because it's easier to get the temperature setting correct and to know how the strokes look. Practice helps imbue you with confidence. She did hundreds of ears, eyes, noses and mouths. Practice is her mantra.
2. Watch your line, NOT your pen, especially on straight lines.
3. When transferring a pattern, be sure to use graphite paper because the lines are easier to remove. Make your mistakes before transferring your design to the wood.
4. Use your bent shader on the side to depress the line and create a 3D effect.
5. When doing fur, bring the fur down, then turn the piece and bring fur up into lines already there. Be sure to follow the natural fur pattern.
6. To avoid a heavy look on the base of bird tails, be sure to pull the pen up on end stroke and keep a light touch. Pen should be moving from beginning to end of stroke.
7. Pieces need to be sealed on edges and backs with lacquer. She sprays finished work with the Deft semi-gloss. This will help retard the fading process as well as being sure to keep piece out of direct sunlight.



*"In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is."*

- Yogi Berra



## Bird Collection

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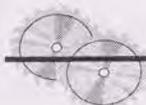
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Vienna Community Ctr., Kimball Pond Rd, Vienna, ME

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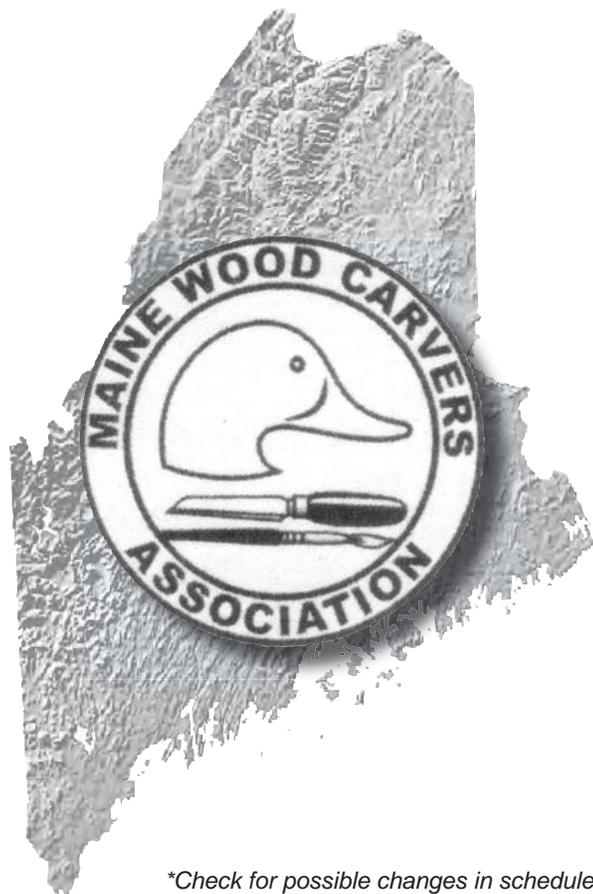
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*\*Check for possible changes in schedule*