



**2011 Downeast Wood Carving
& Wildlife Art Show Wrap-up
Meeting
and
General Membership Meeting**

Monday, September 26th
at the 6:00 p.m.
at the SWOAM Office in
Augusta (see page 5)

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THE 25TH ANNUAL WOOD CARVING AND WILDLIFE ART SHOW

Submitted by Kathy Webster

The 25th Annual Downeast Show took place in Augusta on the 27th and 28th of August. Of course, just to add to the stress and excitement of putting on this wonderful annual event was the addition of Hurricane Irene. As I watched the weather channels and on-going up-dates, I began to be concerned about when/if this storm would ruin our well planned weekend. On Thursday I received an email from the National Guard regarding our 'contingency plan' in the event that the Guard was activated. If that happened, we would have to get out of the Armory 'at a moment's notice'. I laughed... 'What contingency plan?'" Anyway, we pressed on with the Show, notifying entrants that we would be doing the prize Award ceremony at 4 pm on Saturday vice waiting until Sunday. We had vendors that didn't make it up, folks from the South were definitely missed and our overall number of entries reflected this. But we had a good Show in spite of it all. The Show is more than about entering and winning...it's about seeing folks once a year that you truly enjoy; sharing new techniques/patterns; seeing what everyone has been up to over the past year. The National Guard Family Program again came through with a great concession stand, and MDI had one huge yard sale! We shut down on Sunday at noon, and fortunately all pieces entered where taken home by their owners. It started to pour outside Sunday morning, and by the time we were done loading MDI up and sending them on their way, we looked like a pretty bedraggled group of folks. Sincere thanks to all the folks that helped make this Show run...those behind the scenes, the ones that showed to set-up, folks that manned the Raffle table, the Admission desk, the Wood n Things booth, provided security for the entries, judged or clerked, gave a demo show casing their talent, our wonderful Featured Carver (Ed Hawkes also won Best in Show!!). It wasn't a single person's accomplishment...it was a joint effort and all involved should stand up and take a bow. Thank You All!

** Please note: The Show issue of the Maine Carver will not go out until October, to give everyone a chance to wrap-up and get their reports in.*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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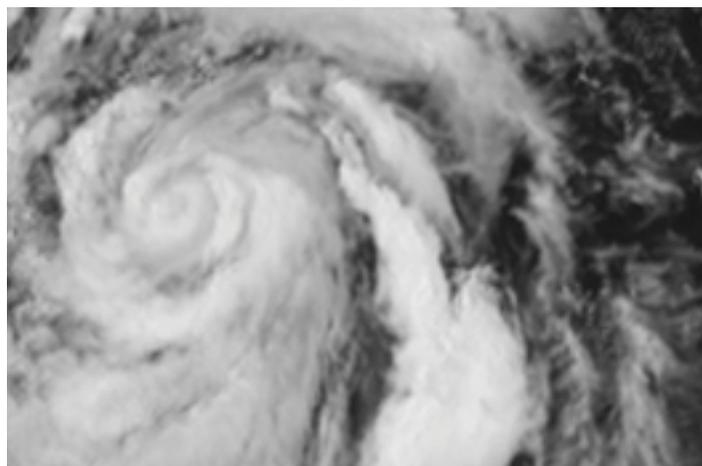
The Show Issue of the Maine Carver will not be sent out until September due to the timing. But, I want to take this opportunity to thank Kathy Webster, chair of this year's show for her diligence in making it successful, despite an unforeseen challenge named hurricane Irene.

Kathy will be holding a Wrap-up Meeting for the 25th Annual Downeast Wood Carving and Wildlife Art Show on Monday, September 26, 2011 at the SWOAM Office at the Viles Arboretum in Augusta. The purpose of the the meeting is so the Show Committee can discuss the show after the fact, so that lessons learned are captured and issues can be analyzed. The Committee can discuss this year's show experience including problems faced during the show execution. Solutions to these problems can be suggested and discussed.

There has been many ideas shared already including: moving it to the springtime and/or making it a one day show.

We will be holding the Wrap-up Meeting in conjunction with a General Membership Meeting so we can make decisions about next year's show early. If you have any thoughts regarding the show, please come to the meeting and let us hear from you.

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

The Coastal Carvers will be meeting at 1pm on Saturday, September 24, at D&L Printers in Newcastle. Bring a carving you're working on or a couple of Christmas ornament blanks one to share or trade so we can get an early start on them. We will be discussing future projects for each month and ideas/plans for a display for next years Downeast Show. Congratulations Coastal Carvers for winning the Best Chapter Booth Award this year! Remember your Show and Tell for the 24th. All are welcome, see you soon.

McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers

Submitted by George Roy

8/3/11 We had nine adults in attendance, Kathy, Art, Norma, Thon, Angel, Hariph, Ed and myself. Norma worked on a Heron; Hariph brought in the fawn he carved, Angel had her skunk all finished; Peg did a bear head and paw with claws in intarsia; Hariph had a Ruddy Turnstone he is working on; Kathy brought in the Raccoon she is carving; and I brought in my Downy Woodpecker. We worked on our display for the show.

8/17/11 We had eight adults in attendance. Norma worked on Eagle Cane Heads; Thon worked on carving a Necklace; Angel worked on a Heron; Art worked on a caricature of a Sea Captain; Ed worked on a Baby Duck; Hariph brought in his small Fawn all painted; Kathy had the Raccoon she is working on; I worked on my Heron. We finished our display for the show. Thon showed a carving of three Shorebirds he carved out of butternut in a natural finish; Norma had a Heron in natural finish in butternut; Kathy had a

natural finish Shorebird. Wish everybody good luck at the show.

Poland Springs

Submitted by Stanley Tanner

AN ACCOUNT of the 20 August 2011 gathering of the Poland Spring Carvers

And it came to pass that the members and hangers-on gathered in the Community Room of the Ricker Memorial Library in the village of Poland (Maine, NOT the country!) for their usual opportunity to wield their sharp carving knives and their sharp wits.

In the absence of our fearless leader, President Norm Devonshire, who was traveling out of state at the time, our Vice-President Paul Foster called the unruly dozen or so to some sort of order. The call came at fifteen minutes after 1:00 pm. He had mediocre results.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted, with the request that future reports to the Maine Woodcarvers Association be more like a story (a true one, I think) than a formal legal document.

The Treasurer's report was given. In light of that report, the motley crew raucously agreed that the club should bestow a \$100 gift to the library. Any who might have disagreed were immediately shouted down.

The formal (ha, ha, ha!) meeting continued long enough to issue a unanimous decision to conclude the business meeting in favor of a return to general harassment and even some making of chips. The decision came quickly at twenty-three minutes after 1:00 pm, thus setting a new record for shortness of decision-making.

The cluster of clowns returned to its usual format of teasing and light-hearted banter.

Submitted in the hope that this tale will receive approval:

Stanley Tanner, Scribe

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report MWCA August 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011

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

Beginning Balance	\$7487.21
INCOME:	
Membership	622.50
Show	2127.35
Booth Rental	165.00
Misc	10.00
SM Camp & Carve	<u>150.00</u>
August Income	3074.85
EXPENSES:	
Albison's Printing, Inc.	211.38
Newsletter-Norma Wing	40.00
Insurance.	1020.00
Service Charge-	<u>15.00</u>
August Expenses	1286.38
Checkbook balance As August 31, 2011	\$9275.68

NEW MEMBERS



The following are our new MWCA members:

Elizabeth A Hathaway, Augusta
Brian Fields, Caribou
Larry Fitzgerald, Winthrop

A warm Welcome to Maine Wood Carvers Association!

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Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Submitted by Justina Hatch, Secretary

I want to thank all of you who will be helping me man our booth on August 27th and 28th. If you have carvings to display, please bring them on Friday if possible or Saturday morning. Friday is registration for judging from noon til 8.

Kate Chesley would like a meeting covering study sticks.

Our president Bob may have a space to hold seminars on power carving. More info at a later date.

Jay-Livermore is holding it's annual apple pumpkin festival on September 24. They have tables available for the woodcarvers or groups to rent. Check with Bonnie Perkins for prices at 897-6755.

Rebecca in Bethel has a basswood tree for anyone interested. Call at 357-4717 and mention Kate Chesley.

Northern Maine Forest Reserve Educational Center will be displaying our Tamarac table at various fairs through out Maine. It will be housed at the Seven

Island Land Corp.

Our first annual Camp and Carve is on September 9th-11th. Bob Perry is taking registrations for this event which includes, camping for our carvers, bean hole supper and classes. For prices and camper/tent registration please contact Bob Perry at 388-2472. Registration ends August 28th.



Carvings by Streaked Mountain Wood Carvers

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9, 10 & 11, 2011 the **1st Annual Maine Wood Carvers Association Camp and Carve Weekend** sponsored by Streaked Mountain Wood Carvers to be held at 50 Main Street, East Sumner, Maine 04292 (East Sumner Congregational Church). Camper Trailers, Motor Homes, Tents, what ever your camping equipment. There is a large field for parking campers and setting up tents. A large open air covered pavilion and room for other canopies to be set up is available for carving classes with talented Maine carvers. There are no utility hookups for campers, potable water is available. Friday and Saturday evenings there will be campfires and community sing-alongs. Saturday evening the church will host a Bean Hole Supper. Face Painting, soap carving and games for kids. Adults \$15.00 each, children under 16 free. Bring folding lawn chairs and something to share at the pot luck supper Friday evening. For more information contact Bob Perry 207 388-2472 or merribob@megalink.net or Justina Hatch 207 320-1622 justine_maine_1960@yahoo.com (find attached application). *Note: At the Camp and Carve location, cell phone service is not great.*

September 16,17,18, 2011 **The Lake Placid Woodcarving Experience - Session One** this will be an annual event of Woodcarving Classes held at the Historic Hotel Northwoods Inn at Lake Placid, New York. New this year will be two distinct session to give for most carvers enough time to complete and paint or put a finish coat on the projects without feeling "rushed". All classes are expected to have a low student to instructor ratio for maximum individual attention. Each class is priced differently and you pay the instructor directly when you arrive. Instructors are Eldon Humphreys, Carl Borst, Pete LeClair and Jim O'Dea. For general information on classes contact Jim at jeodea@aol.com or call 941-697-2002 for go to <http://lake-placid-woodcarving.webs.com/>

September 20, 21, 22, 2011 **The Lake Placid Woodcarving Experience - Session Two** this will be an annual event of Woodcarving Classes held at the Historic Hotel Northwoods Inn at Lake Placid, New York. New this year will be two distinct session to give for most carvers enough time to complete and paint or put a finish coat on the projects without feeling "rushed". Each class is priced differently and you pay the instructor directly when you arrive. Instructors are Leah Goddard and Chris Howard, Ross Oar, Barbara Mann, Tony Erickson, abd Sally and David Nye. Jim O'Dea For general information on classes contact Jim at jeodea@aol.com or call 941-697-2002 for go to <http://lake-placid-woodcarving.webs.com/>

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October 7-10, 2011 **Columbus Day Woodcarvers Retreat** Three days of woodcarving classes over Columbus Day Weekend in October of each year. W. Alton Jones Campus, URI, 401 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, Rhode Island 02817. Cost is \$215 for the 3 days which includes room, board and instruction but not the class blank fee which you will pay directly to the instructor. Refund Policy: Full refund if we are notified by 26 September. After that date a refund should not be expected, but some portion may be able to be refunded depending on our finding someone to take your place. A registration form can be printed off from <http://www.woodcarvers-retreat.webs.com/>. For more information contact Ray Johnson at 860- 848-8194, wcvray@hotmail.com or write to his attention Mystic Carvers Club, PO Box 71, Mystic, CT 06355 or e-mail Jim O'Dea at jeodea@aol.com.

October 16, 2011 **New England Woodcarver's 12th Annual Spirit of Wood Exhibit and Sale**, presented by New England Woodcarvers, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. at the Middlesex Community College Campus Center, Building #8, Springs Road, Bedford, MA.



Bird Collection

Maine Wood Carvers Association now has American Robin, Pine Siskin, Philadelphia Warbler and White-winged Crossbill mounts. If members find a bird specimen that we do not have in our collection, wrap **JUST THE LEGS/FEET** in a wet paper towel, place the specimen in a plastic bag and remove as much air as possible from the bag before freezing. If you have a vacuum sealer, that works even better!. Then let me know you have the specimen, and I'll arrange for a pick-up. Freezer burned specimens cannot be made into mounts.

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We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once.

~ Calvin Coolidge

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CELTIC TREE ASTROLOGY

Hazel - The Knower



August 5 – September 1

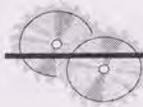
If you are born under the energy of the Hazel, you are highly intelligent, organized and efficient. Like the Holly, you are naturally gifted in academia, and excel in the classroom. You also have the ability to retain information and can recall, recite and expound on subjects you've memorized with amazing accuracy. You know your facts, and you are always well informed. This sometimes makes you appear like a know-it-all to others, but you can't help that; you're genuinely smart and usually know the right course of action because of your impressive knowledge base. You have an eye for detail, and like things to be "just so." Sometimes this need for order and control can lead to compulsive behaviors if left unchecked. You have a knack for numbers, science and things that utilize your analytical skills. You like rules, although you are typically making them rather than playing by them. The Celtic tree astrology sign of Hazel joins harmoniously with Hawthorn 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
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Vienna Community Ctr., Kimball Pond Rd, Vienna, ME

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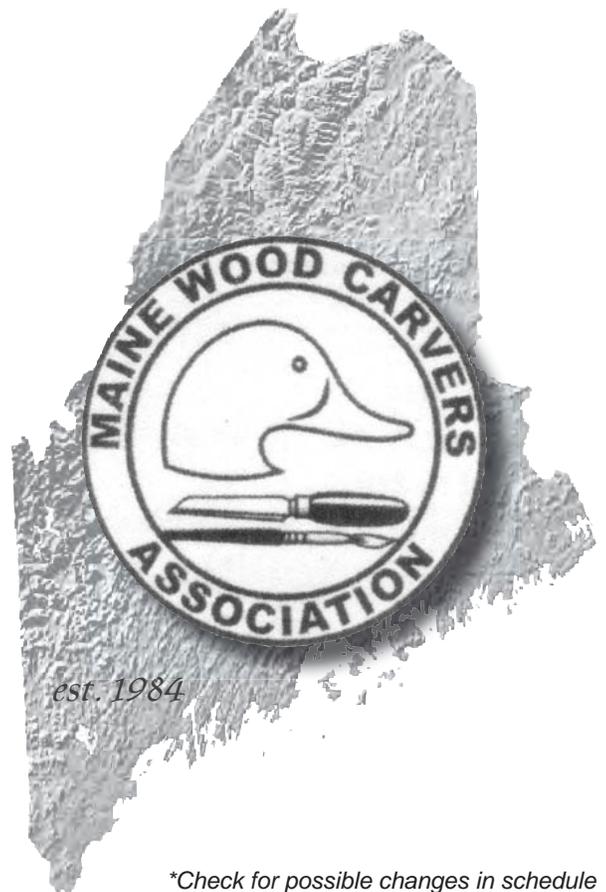
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