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ANNUAL MEETING FOR MWCA

APRIL 3, 2010

The speaker this year was Rob Jones who had made the French Horn that many of you might remember from the show last year. He was nice enough to have made a disk for every chapter and I have included some of the pictures from it below. He is a marvelous speaker.



Rob Jones working on the lyrebird



French horn

Finished lyrebird



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello from Poland Spring

As your rookie new president, I want to thank Bob Perry for the wonderful job he did during his term in office. I cannot even begin to fill the mans' shoes. Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou Bob and the very best of luck in whatever you chose to do next.

Next i would like to thank Marcia and her team for the great job being done on the cane project. Chuck Perry and Norm Devonshire have been working with the Boy Scouts to promote carving among the young. In addition much work is being done by this team advancing goals for this years show Sept. 18th and 19th. Great job fellows.

Our association has a very busy schedule in the upcoming year, among the activities are The Willowbrook Museum, Gray Animal Farm, Downeast Woodcarvers show, Top of MaineCarvers Show, Common Ground Fair, Cumberland County Fair and there is probably more that I am not yet aware of.

As I stated at the annual meeting, I plan to visit all our chapters in the coming season. Lets see if we can make the Maine Woodcarvers Assoc. even bigger and better.

With respect to the newsletter, it is my personal opinion the if it isn't broken, don't fix it; in other words I like to see it published once per month. It is something I look forward to receiving. If postage is that big of an issue, I would not be apposed to a surcharge to cover the cost. This is a personal opinion and should not be construed as rule of the land.

In closing, I am looking for to serving you and welcome any suggestions or guidance you are willing to offer.

Chuck Friis
President
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MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Our meeting began with a discussion of the tamarack piece we were given. It's been decided we will meet at Bob Perry's house for the next meeting as this gives us a chance to look at the tamarack and give ideas to what will be done with it.

The Down East Woodcarvers is still looking for officers. If interested talk to Bob Perry.

I would like to ask those of you in our group to come up with possible names for our group entering in the show in the fall. So far it's been decided that we are going for the patriotic look. Any ideas can be brought to the meeting or e mailed to me at Justina_marie_1960@yahoo.com.

I would also like to welcome two new members to our group Robert and Matt Moreau a father and son team. A big welcome to the both of you!

Sincerely Your secretary

Justina

Carver Street Carvers

Had another month of not getting to meetings. If nothing happens will get to at least one this month. Looking forward to seeing them again. Still hoping to get some new members and had a call from a possibility recently.

Have a great month and hope I have more to tell you next month.

Barb

Coastal Carvers

Happy Spring to all! Our March meeting was held on Saturday, March 27 at D&L Printers. We discussed plans for the BIG plank, some canes being presented in April and the MWCA Annual meeting on April 3rd. For Show and Tell there were fan birds, a shorebird, a pig, some fish, wood burned duck, a bufflehead, a dove and a santa. After refreshments Fran Fedrizzi instructed us in the carving of a santa, he will return next month as we complete the project. Happy Carving! Karen Knowles



South Coast Carvers

Last night's meeting at the Woodcrafts store in Newington was a huge success with Mr. Todd Wisell giving a very informative instructional on carving a rabbit pin. Everyone went home with or almost a completed rabbit. We had a grand total of nine attendees. We welcomed two new carvers who showed an interest in joining our group and we hope to see them at our next session. We encourage all to join us at our next meeting as Mr. Wayne Preston will be giving a instructional on putting a face on a walking stick. Our new hours are from 6:30 to 8:00 plus that is PM. That is all from the South Coastal Carvers. Happy carving. Paul

.Capital Carvers

No report this month.



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Hello Hello Everyone!

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

I have to apologize to a couple of our chapter members...In the last chapter article I spelled their names wrong..so I want to make that correction right now.. Attila is really Natalia (*gee Tom ...how did I get that far off?? Hmmm!!*) and Dolard is spelled Dollard.. I will try to keep it straight in the future...I promise.

We are still busy making plans for our July 30, 31, and August 1 Woodcarving & Art Show and are also still in the process of designing our relief carving for our portion of the slab of tamarack although I think we have it pretty well decided..We should begin work on it soon. I'm afraid we got sidetracked a little.

Russell Mount of Castle Hill conducted a duck decoy workshop during March for the Top of Maine Carvers. We did 2/3 sized mallards...and they all turned out wonderfully well.....not that I'm biased in any way of course....We have learned so much from Russell about decoy carving.and even some tips on how to paint decoys.We hope to have him back for future workshops...that is... if he can still stand to be around us all. Lucky for us, he has a great sense of humor...and is such a dedicated and patient man to the art that you can't help but appreciate and enjoy him. So thank you again Russell.

We also want to thank those who brought donuts to share with everyone during the workshop and Pat Watson for her banana bread. Good food and good company and lots of carving....who could ask for more?

The Eagle Cane Project continues...we have been able to present several of the canes so far.....so we're pleased about that.

We will try to keep everyone informed of the upcoming carving show in July-August as we have more details.

Annette Tardy for The Top of Maine Carvers

Downeast Woodcarvers
No Report this month.

Alan Talbot

Poland Spring Carvers

Minutes of the Poland Spring Carvers Meeting held on 20 March 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1320 by President Norm Devonshire.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer reported that the coffee fund holds \$46.49; and the Library Fund stands at \$20.00. This report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Club Brochure is ready to be printed, awaiting ink for the printer. It should be ready by the next meeting.

We were reminded of the Maine Sportsman's Show 2-4 April 2010 at the Augusta Civic Center. Items to be displayed are to be delivered on Thursday afternoon, 1 April, or Friday morning, 2 April.

Chuck Friis brought a design for the tamarack plaque to be reviewed. After discussion, it was agreed that we should accept the design, and begin the carving.

Bob Grimm reported that a Facebook page has been established for the Club. The page has our meeting dates and times; and we can post our minutes, pictures, etc. on it. Simply go to Facebook.com and enter "Poland Spring Carvers."

Norm Devonshire reported on his contacts with the nearby Veterans Clinics, regarding our offering carvings instructions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Norm proposed that we not have business meetings at our Friday gathering, unless it is necessary. It was agreed to follow that policy.

The Annual Meeting of the Maine Woodcarvers Association will be held on 3 April 2010. Anyone planning to attend should contact Bob Perry beforehand.

The meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley Tanner, Secretary

McGaffey Mountain Carvers

The McGaffey MTN carvers continue to make progress on the group cane. We've got the shaft completely done and ready to be attached to the head. It really has been a super group project and pretty much everyone in the group has touched it at some point. We'll have a group presentation and hope to send a photo with the newsletter input next time. Folks are making headway on their Tamarack piece. We've cut our very warped board into 8 inch squares and everyone is doing a different scene from logging history. When we are all done, the squares will be put together like a quilt and framed. It should make an interesting presentation. Others in the group continue to plug along on their Wade otters or Robbins puffins. We have also begun the discussion of the table entry. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month at 6:15pm at the Vienna Community center. All are welcome!

Kathy Webster

We are again asking if there are members who would like to receive their newsletters via email, or go to the web for them. The cost of mailing keeps going up and we are trying to find ways to cut it back.

If you would like it via email just send this request to me at barb72@hotmail.com

**Financial Report MWCA
March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010**

INCOME:	
Membership	<u>8.00</u>
Income	8.00
EXPENSES:	
Albison's Printing, Inc.	178.83
Barbara McCutcheon, Editor	40.00
Chuck Perry, Advance for Printing	<u>350.00</u>
Expenses	568.83
Checkbook balance as of 3/31/10	\$7,620.84

*Details of any transaction are available from the
Treasurer, Wilma Sarna*



Annual Financial Report

March 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010

Total Income	\$8,913.09
Expense Breakdown	
Uncategorized	\$15.47
Cash (Show Start-Up Money)	650.00
Downeast Show Expense	4,116.78
General Business Expense	1,091.23
Insurance, Liability	500.00
Insurance, Trailer & Contents	206.00
Misc.	40.20
Misc., Bus.	42.00
Newsletter Services, Printing and Editor	2,536.04
Sales Tax	<u>15.95</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,213.57
Overall Total	-300.48

President's Report
Annual Meeting
Maine Wood Carvers Association
April 3rd, 2010

As I compose this final address, I have mixed feelings as a lame duck President of Maine Wood Carvers Association. I feel sad that I am leaving this post of honor you have entrusted to me. I feel joy that I have made so many new acquaintances, through this office. I feel relief that I will have more time for my own carving interests. Some of the goals I hoped for did not come through; the failure to achieve these goals lies solely on on me. However, success in many other areas was gratifying. The 2009 Down East Show had a rocky start, but proved to be one of the more successful shows to date. The Eagle Head Canes for Veterans has gained much success and acclaim. Over the last three years we have added three new Chapters to this organization. This being said, I deem it a privilege and have enjoyed serving as President of this great organization.

We have had some tough situations confront us during this time. With courage and and commitment from the membership we were able to overcome them and move forward. Teamwork is the answer; it always has been and always will be . When new ideas are presented and accepted, new voices heard and respected and willingness to accept change, only good can come from it. I believe we have done that that and will continue to do so. Fortunately the good times outnumber the rough times. A very successful competition sponsored by the TOP OF MAINE CARVERS was a great success and lots of fun. Carving Day at the Maine Wild Life Park coninues to draw attention. Participation at the Common Ground Fair is always interesting and fun. Many of our members participate and represent Maine Wood Carvers at other carving events such as New England Wood Carvers, Green Mountain Wood Carvers, Carve along East, New England Wood Carvers retreat, Penobscott Bay Carvers, Ward World Competition, and more. Our own Down East Show is a wonderful event and the largest of its kind in the state. You the members of Maine Wood Carvers are what makes all this possible. I thank you for all you do and the support you have shown me over the past three years. I thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President. And now it is time to turn the reigns over to new leadership I congratulate Churck Friis as he moves from the Vice Presidency to the Presidents chair. I wish him much success and urge you to support him as you have suppoted me and all our past Presidents.

Robert(Bob) Perry
President, Maine Wood Carvers Association

Help Wanted for the Eagle Cane Project

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES: The Eagle Cane Project is looking for a member from each chapter to manage requests from Eagle Canes in their area. Responsibilities include:

- Requesting and keeping track of supplies for your chapter,
- Screening requests from the project coordinator (letting the coordinator know if your chapter has canes in progress or nearing completion that are not yet spoken for or if you have members willing to carve canes)
- Keeping a record of who received canes from your chapter

The Eagle Cane Project coordinator will be available to help you if you have any questions. Feel free to call or email Marcia Berkall at 207-445-4280 or eaglecane@mainewoodcarvers.org if you have any questions or problems.

CRAFTSMEN: Immediate opening for craftsmen to cut out eagle head blanks and drill holes for tenon and eye placement. Barb McCutcheon has a whole lot of rough sawn basswood that she would like to donate to the Project for eagle heads. If you have a band saw or a drill press and would be willing to cut out eagle head blanks or drill holes, it would be a huge help. The Project will supply the patterns! For more information contact Marcia Berkall at 207-445-4280 or eaglecane@mainewoodcarvers.org.

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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To support the project:

by making a donation, send them to –

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by purchasing items with the Maine Eagle Head
Cane Project logo, go to –

<http://www.cafepress.com/maineeglecane>

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SEMINAR INFORMATION

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BRING A SACK LUNCH AND ANY COLD DRINK
COFFEE ALL DAY AND ROLLS IN THE MORNING WILL BE SERVED
Or go out to eat at a place of your choice

There was information sent concerning these seminars, but it was 4 pages long and I did not have room so you can either go online under the New England Wood Carvers, email the above or call. I will keep the information here and if you are interested you can email me and I will forward the entire 4 pages.



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All members receive a newsletter, *The Maine Carver*, on a monthly basis. However, occasionally a double month issue is printed, e.g., during the summer when there is little news or the post-show issue. If you do not receive the newsletter, contact our Newsletter Editor, Barbara McCutcheon at 13 Liberty Street, Fairfield, ME 04937 or call (207) 453-6048 or email barb72@hotmail.com

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COASTAL CARVERS

*4th Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
D & L Printers, Route 1, Newcastle ME,
FMI: Jim Wade, (207) 563-2034

McGAFFEY MOUNTAIN WOODCARVERS

*1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Vienna Community Center
FMI: Norma Wing (207)293-3725

POLAND SPRING CARVERS

1st Friday&3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Richer Memorial Library
Main Street, Poland ME
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*4th Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
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**Check for possible changes in schedule.*

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