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**ANNUAL MEETING FOR MWCA**

**APRIL 3, 2010**

**GREAT WALL CHINESE RESTUARANT**

**1 ANTHONY WAY  
AUGUSTA, ME**



**A ballot for Vice President is on Page 7, please see President's Message for more information.**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings from Bog Haven

I am quite pleased with the way so many members have stepped forward and volunteered to fill the Team Leader positions for the 2010 Down East Show. A complete list of Team Leaders is printed further on in this issue of the newsletter.

Gary Sainio, has offered himself as a candidate for the Vice Presidents position. Be sure to cast your ballot for the one year term when Chuck Friis, the current Vice President assumes the Presidency at the annual meeting. A ballot for Vice President is printed in this issue and should be mailed to the Secretary by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Ballots will be counted on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The elected Vice President will assume his/her official duties at the annual meeting. At the Show Committee meeting Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> it was voted to add three new competition categories. They are Mythical, Intarsia / Scroll Sawing, and Wood Turning. A committee was appointed consisting of Chuck Perry, Chuck Friis, Norm Devonshire, and Bob Perry to lay out the criteria for these new categories and present it at the next Committee meeting for approval.

**The Annual Meeting will be held April 3rd at the GREAT WALL CHINESE RESTURANT** (1 Anthony Way Augusta). The meeting is held to coincide with the MAINE SPORTSMEN SHOW at the Civic Center. We will eat lunch at 12:00 noon. The meal will be from the Buffet tables. Please reserve a space for the meal if you plan to attend both the meal and the meeting. We should give the management a head count for the meal. To register for the meal contact me at [merribob@megalink.net](mailto:merribob@megalink.net) or call 207 388-2472. If you can't make the meal I hope you will attend the meeting that will begin at 1:00 PM. This years Guest speaker will be Rob Jones, he was the 2010 Down East Show "Best of Show Winner". He will give a video presentation how he creates his wonderful wooden working musical instruments. I think we may also be treated to a demonstration as he plays the se instruments.

Until next time  
Happy Carving  
Bob Perry  
President, MWCA

## DONATION TO MWCA LENDING LIBRARY

Victor Hamburger a long time member of Coastal Carvers and Maine Wood Carvers has offered his collection of carving books and related materials to the Maine Wood Carvers LENDING LIBRARY. The Board of Directors voted to accept his most generous offer at the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The bulk of the material relates to bird carving as this was Vic's main interest in carving. Several of these books retail in the \$50 range. The collection also contains material covering caricature carving, chip carving and more.

**THANKS VIC** for this wonderful gift.

## MWCA Chapter Reports

### Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

January meeting

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

Did not get to any meetings so not sure who was there. I miss the carving and hope to get back when possible.

Barb

### Coastal Carvers

Our January meeting was held at the home of Barbara and Jim Wade, and our February meeting will also be there. Everyone has been making chips, we enjoyed seeing carved ducks, fish, bark houses, a goose, loon, boot and a puppy and several eagle heads for canes. As soon as your eagle heads are done Jim will help us get the shafts complete so we can distribute them. Carvers worked on a variety of projects, eagles, penguins, and several tried turning a wooden egg into bunnies. Next month there will be wooden eggs to carve, and if you want to give golf ball carving a try there will be golf balls available. In March, Fran Fedrizzi will be instructing us in carving a nine inch Santa.

Be Well and Happy Carving

Karen Knowles

### South Coast Carvers

South Coast Carvers Club Meeting 1-28-10

It was a "dark and stormy night" on January 28<sup>th</sup> but we still had ten members present at our meeting, including one new person who has never carved until that night. We're pleased to have people of all ages (from 12 up to.....) and of all skilllevels, from beginner to expert.

The club is growing and is energized by new ideas and the variety of finished carvings that are brought to the meetings. The enclosed pictures show a few of the items displayed at this meeting. Paul Durant demonstrated and taught 'carving a boot,' which was fun to do. He has scheduled several members to continue this idea and we will have hands-on demonstrations and carving classes each month this spring.

Next month, February 25<sup>th</sup> Brian Barber will bring golf balls and will show us how to carve caricature faces on them. He carved two during this meeting to 'whet our appetites.' In our upcoming meetings we will learn how to wood burn a realistic carved feather, carve a pin and make a 'face on a stick.' We welcome anyone interested in carving, whether or not they have tried it before.

We meet from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Woodcraft Store, Newington (across from Walmart).

George Calef

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### .Capital Chapter

Last month our project was a face on the corner, practice stick. When it's done, it should have the steps to create a face in order & a couple of faces at the end. Then they'll have a 'go by' to use at a later date. So far, I've only been able to get 3 steps done.....although a few are working on step 4. I'll continue to instruct until we get it done.

Loyd



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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.

We have started our new group project (carving a Hudsonian Godwit) and are having the best time with it. Some time ago Tom approached Russell Mount of Castle Hill to see if he would present a 2-day workshop to teach us how to handcarve antique shorebird decoys and Russell agreed to do it. We are having such fun ...although..... because we don't use power tools to do the carving.... I think he thinks we do it the hard way...Still it's interesting and we are having a great time.

What a nice man Russell is...he is so knowledgeable on the subject. Everyone has enjoyed listening to him teach about the history of shorebird decoys and specifically the Hudsonian Godwit.

We had our first all day session on Saturday, January 16 and will have the second session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month to complete our projects. . We're looking forward to it.

We are in hopes that Russell will be available soon to work with us on duck decoys.....at least that's the rumor...and if it's true.....we will be learning from an expert...he's really great. *So Russell, thank you so much* for your commitment and patience and willingness to pass on your bird carving knowledge to us. We all appreciate it so much.

Everyone is still busy carving on their own projects ....Attila is working on a military emblem for her son.....Margaret finished her bear carving and is now working on a relief carving of two dogs.....John Violette and Dan Pelletier are always coming in with either a cane they've done or some other carving...I can't keep up with them...John Michaud has started a new relief carving of a barn with an old hand pump and Galen Cote has started working on a potato picking scene...complete with potato pickers, barrels and truck. And of course... everyone is still working on eagle heads for the Eagle Cane Project...we are currently working on 9 canes that we have veteran names for and hope to be able to present to them soon.

Looks like our winter carving season is going to be a very busy and enjoyable one...

Annette Tardy for  
The Top of Maine Carvers

### Central Maine Carvers

No report and the last word was that they are looking for a place to meet.

### Downeast Woodcarvers

No Report this month.

Alan Talbot

### Poland Spring Carvers

The Poland Spring Carvers meeting was held on Saturday, 23 January 2010 at the Ricker Memorial Library, 1211 Maine Street, Poland. Six members were present. The meeting began at 1:00 PM with the treasurer's report. The secretary was absent, so there were no minutes from the last meeting. Old business: Bob Grimm will begin work on the tamarack carving, New President Norman Devonshire is working on a new brochure to be used in advertizing the club meetings. We will again request to have our meeting information put on the MWCA website. We will ask the library if we can post a permanent notice of our meetings, and check the possibilities with local newspapers and town websites. The meeting adjourned with a show and tell. Bob Grimm showed a wood duck, an old squaw duck, a chickadee, a brown creeper, and a butternut moose. Chuck Friis brought a bluejay and a cardinal. Ken Grover showed a golf ball carving, a man chopping wood, and a man with a wheelbarrow full of firewood. Jim Irish had a shelf sitter sante and a nover piece of firewood. Church Perry had two ducklings and a cane goint to Afganistan with the 1136th Transportation Company, Detachment 1 of the Maine National Guard. The cane was made by the Perry brothers: Chuck, Bob, and Lute. Minutes courtesy of Norm Devonshire.

Stanley Tanner, Secretary  
The Poland Spring Carvers

## McGaffey Mountain Carvers

On January 6th the MMW had its first woodcarving meeting of the year. !! I sadly enough was not able to make.....OMG who was there to eat the cookies and coffe ?! ( ugh coffe never mind then ! ) I would guess as usual there were plenty of people carving all sorts of differant item. Whether it was a eagle head cane or an owl or some master piece yet be found in that big or little chunk of wood ! On the 20th of January we had our last meeting of the month. This Wednesday there was a small snow storm. One of those types that gives you just enough snow so that the roads are just a bit greasy but not enough to really plow. Dad and I this time were able to make it. Although there was not a ton of people there. But we still had about nine people there. And of course we had COOKIES !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I believe Brian made them. And wow they were good. There was wondering going on as we all eat his cookies.....( Did he make them ? If not who was it ? His wife ?? ) But he says it was him ! So I will take his word for it. But wow what cookies. Ok back to the wood related stuff. As we all sat there woddcarving we see Kathy sliding in and I mean sliding. Lets just say that the Driveway of the townhall was a bit greasy. Kathy brought some amzings things with her. No I am not talking about carving ! She brought wood ! She brought Tamerak and cedar. We also found out that Ed does not like Tamerak. And I quote ( You can't even use this for kindling !!! ). People attemped to give there Tamerak to Ed but to no avale. The cadar that Kathy brought in was already cut out in certain shapes. This next part is for Gordan ! We started to carve Puffins !! Sort of short small and chubby puffins. Every one got one and then we all copied Ed's so it would look like one ! I am going to complete this puffin !! Unlike some people that teacher other people how to carve !! Gordan do you know who this is ? But we all had a awesome time and once again we had cookies ! I don't believe we had show and tell. I think it was just if u brought some pruddy then hold it up ! :) Ahh well we go back to Gordan. Even though I tease him about the puffin and other things he is still a great carver. But now I have to find him. I am running out of stuff to tease him about ! If you have ever seen Gordan dress funny or did some worth telling about please send this in !!! jk But back to the meeting we all always have a great time. As we headed out like I said it was greasy and we had Beach meet snow ! Not a good combo. I thought it was pretty cool to see how far Ed's pencil went in the snow. But first we made sure he was ok then we looked for his stuff. But wow then pencil went far ! But to what I know every one made it back safe and sound. Are next meeting was the print and shipping time of this report will be on Febuary 24th at 6:30 at the Veinna townhall !

## Top of Maine Carvers



## Streaked Mountain



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

INCOME:

Membership	15.00
Charles Farley, Eagle Cane Project Donation	<u>25.00</u>
Income	40.00

EXPENSES:

Marcia Berkall, Annual Stipend, Home Page Manager	240.00
State of Maine, Sales Tax	15.85
Marcia Berkall, Reimbursement Peavey Mfg., 206 Ash Eagle Cane shafts	412.00
Marcia Berkall, Reimbursement iX Web Hosting Annual Fee	104.20
Wilma Sarna, Reimbursement Office Supplies, Binder, Ledger, Dividers	21.50
Albison's Printing, Inc.	176.33
Barbara McCutcheon, Editor	<u>40.00</u>
Expenses	1,009.88

**Checkbook balance  
as of 1/31/10** **\$8,232.48**

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



Eagle Cane Project Thank You

On January 31, MWCA received a check, for \$200 from VFW Post 9935, Sanford, Maine, by way of their Post Commander, Paul J. Robie. Thank you so much for this very generous donation to our Eagle Cane Project. It is very much appreciated.



Eagle Cane Project Funds

As you can see above, our Eagle Cane Project fund recently paid out over \$400 for ash cane shafts, so funds got pretty low. Thanks to this most recent donation, we are OK again. In addition, Marcia Berkall purchased glass Eagle eyes for the project, the cost of which she has taken on as a donation to the Project. If anyone else would like to make a donation to this very worthy cause, please send your check to me. You will receive credit in this newsletter.

W. Sarna, Treasurer  
02/01/10



**2010 DOWN EAST WOOD CARVERS AND WILDLIFE ART SHOW, COMMITTEE**

**SHOW CHAIRMAN      CHUCK PERRY**

**SHOW DATES  
SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUSTA ARMORY**

**TEAM LEADERS**

PUBLICITY	Chuck Perry & Norm Devonshire
ADMISSIONS	Tom Cote (Top of Maine Carvers)
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FOOD CONCESSIONS	Dave Brown

**NEXT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUNDAY MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
12:00 NOON – 4:00PM  
GREAT WALL CHINEASE RESTURANT  
1 ANTHONY WAYAUGUSTA**



**BALLOT**

Please vote and return to the Secretary by March 1

Vice President (vote for one)

1. Gary Sainio \_\_\_\_\_
2. Write In \_\_\_\_\_

# Maine Eagle Cane Project: How You Can Help

An undertaking like the Maine Eagle Cane Project is a labor of love. Dedicated wood carvers and woodturners eagerly give their time and talents, often using their own supplies. We also rely heavily on donations to make this project happen.

There are several ways in which to help.

## **If you are a carver:**

We will gladly provide you with a kit containing a tapered, tenoned dowel, an eagle head blank, glass eyes, an adaptor, and a rubber foot, or whatever individual supplies you need. On the [Carving Instructions](#) page of the Eagle Cane Project section of the Maine Wood Carvers Association website you will find links to tutorials, patterns, and any other information you will need to complete a cane. You can also [email](#) with any questions.

## **If you are not a carver but would like to help:**

It is the spirit of volunteerism and the commitment to honor our veterans that make this work. Unfortunately, we have expenses to cover (i.e., shipping, supplies). We are grateful to [MDI Woodcarvers](#), [Peavey Manufacturing](#), and [Unique Canes](#) for their generous price reductions. We still, however, do have to pay for something of these supplies.

## **Other ways to help:**

Donations in the form of supplies (i.e., wood for blanks, adaptors) and services (i.e., bandsawing blanks, turning adaptors) are always appreciated as well.

## **For more information:**

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## **You can help to support this Project by either:**

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Wilma Sarna, Treasurer  
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336 Harpswell Islands Road  
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0.207-729-5838

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

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



## ORONO CARVING COMPETITION- 2010

Spring is on its way and again it's time to get ready for the Maine Woodcarver's Association carving shows. The Eastern Maine Sportsman Show at University of Maine, Orono is **March 12, 13, & 14**. We have a good, visible spot (the "pit" gym). Entry registration is Friday, March 12 (1-8 pm) and Sat., March 13 from 9-10:00 am at the Field House at U.M., Orono; judging starts at 10 am on Saturday, and pieces must be picked up Sunday between 3:00 and 4:00.

Competition is open to all carvers (membership not required). Remember pieces must have been completed since last year's show.

*Help us make this a terrific show, please consider placing some entries and challenge your carving buddies to do the same* – the more pieces we have, the more challenging and the more enjoyable for all!

Please contact me or Alan Talbot if you would like more information or a copy of the official Rules. *See you in Orono.*

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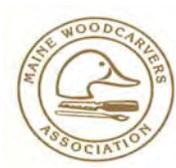
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