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Dates to Remember

Maine Wood Carvers Association

Annual Downeast Wood Carving and Wildlife Art Show – September 18-19 – Augusta Armory

Top of Maine Carvers

Woodcarving and Art Show – July 30-31 & August 1 – Northern Maine Fairgrounds, Presque Isle

Show Committee Meeting – Sunday, July 18 – Great Wall Buffet, Augusta



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings from the Spring, (Poland Spring) that is:

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather and the chips are flying. You know, Wood Carvers are a friendly, generous and unique group. I have not met a single person that I did not like and respect. For this reason, I was quite shocked and disappointed in the lack of turnout for the May 2nd meeting. I want to thank those who did attend as we were able to cover a lot of ground.

Now comes the hard part. My friends, each and every member of the association is very important to the wellbeing of the whole organization. It is vitally important that as many of the Board of Directors attend all meetings as is possible. How else is said board going to know what is going on. The general membership is just as much a part of our community. I don't ever want to hear these words again, "this meeting is for the Show Committee and the board has no business here".

If I have somehow hurt anyone's feelings, I do apologize. However, the membership did elect me president and these are the policies I set forth. For those of you who have been a steady core of hard workers; thank you, thank you, and thank you. We did change the meeting days to Sunday in order to make it easier for everyone to attend.

Is everyone working on their piece of Tamarac? I can testify that Poland Spring Carvers and Streaked Mountain Carvers are making steady progress. The consensus seems to be that the deeper into the wood you carve, the easier it becomes. However, don't brush away the chips with a bare hand as tiny little splinters will make your hand feel like you have been petting a porcupine.

I sincerely hope everyone has a marvelous holiday even though it will have come and gone by the time you receive this newsletter.

Feel free to contact me at any time for any additional information that you might want or need.

Your friend and fellow carver,

Chuck Friis
President
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MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

No report this mont

Carver Street Carvers

Still trying to get to join the others. Hoping to next week. Can't believe you can be retired and still so busy.

I am not sure who is working on what, I have been busy at home trying to do some canes. I am not as fast as some but do get them done.

Hope everyone is planning for the show in September.

Barb



Coastal Carvers Show 'n' Tell, May 22, 2010

Three Santa by Jim Wade; Stylized Loon, Ruddy Duck and unfinished merganser by Andy Rice; Dolphin by Carol Durgin; Wood duck head pin by Richard Nickerson; mini-yellow legs shorebird by Gary Sainio; Eagle Head (for cane) by Wilma Sarna



Coastal Carvers, Show 'n' Tell, April 24, 2010

Coastal Carvers

Coastal Carvers ended the carving season with a pot-luck picnic on Saturday, May 22. There was plenty of delicious food for all.

Following Show 'n' Tell, we had a brief meeting. Anyone wishing to help with the tamarack project, call Jim Wade at 563-8470/563-2034 or Kathy Webster at 449-6864.

We will not meet in September because of the Downeast Show. Our first meeting in the fall will be Saturday, October 23. Have a great summer and happy carving.

Karen Knowles

South Coast Carvers

No report this month

.Capital Chapter

Our chapter has now given out almost 600 eagle canes. More requests just keep coming in, as more of them are seen by other vets & the word gets out.

Three members of our Chapter were at the CCA CarveAlong East last weekend, There were 4 from ME there. It was a GREAT weekend & we learned a lot. That coupled with good food & enjoyable company made for a very worthwhile seminar. I know I worked on 5 carvings. Three of which are almost done, just some final 'detailing' left to do on them. Dennis Thorton led us in a cigar smokin' Indian.....P. J. Driscoll, a Santa.....& Kieth Morrill in a buffalo & a horse caratures. Below are pix of their projects.

Hope all have a great Summer.
Remember.....
Keep the chips flying, your tools & wits sharp,
and your fingers out of the way ! ;oD
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 are still busy making plans for our Woodcarving & Art Show which will be held:

July 30-31 & August 1.

Northern Maine Fairgrounds in Presque Isle

Forestry Building

12:00 Noon-8:00 P.M.

Delivery of Entries: Friday: 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00

Noon

Prices will be: \$5.00 for the first entry

\$3.00 for each additional entry

If you enter more than 3 pieces----- the fourth and each additional entry is free.

“Working Decoys” is a new category that we have added this year. Otherwise, the categories are the same as last year.

IMPORTANT: *If you plan to come to the show this year, please be sure to provide Tom with all names of individuals coming. Your name will be placed on a list so that you may enter the fairgrounds easier.*

We have started work on our slab of tamarack. We've taken out the back and are working on the details for now. We chose to use Seven Island Land Company's design that they use in several of their advertisements as the theme for our piece.

Thank you to all who are working on their tamaracks...we are looking forward to viewing and displaying them at the show.

At our meeting we discussed attending the upcoming "Birding Day" scheduled for June 12. The Top of Maine Carvers plan to have a project for the younger crowd attendees to do and we will be displaying some of the bird carvings we have done. It should be educational and fun for all.

Russell Mount of Castle Hill is becoming quite a regular lately. He is still working with some of the group on their goose carvings which are turning out just beautifully. Bird decoy carving is a new item for us right now.....so it is exciting to have someone like Russell so willing to give of his time to teach us the ins and outs of decoy carving. We are very appreciative of his efforts.

The rest of the crew are hard at work on their individual carvings and trying to get their projects finished for the upcoming show. We ended our meeting with brownies that John Michaud's wife baked and sent over to us. They were delicious...didn't see anyone turn them down. I even think a couple pieces may have found their way home with a couple of folks.

Until next time.....

Annette Tardy for
The Top of Maine Carvers

Poland Spring Carvers

No report this month

McGaffey Mountain Carvers

No Report this mont

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



Downeast Woodcarvers

No Report this month.



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

INCOME:	
Memberships	00.00
Eagle Cane Project Donations	<u>43.35</u>
Income	43.35
EXPENSES:	
Albison's Printing, Inc.	153.74
Barbara McCutcheon, Editor	<u>40.00</u>
Expenses	193.74
Checkbook balance as of 5/31/10	\$7,464.90

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

Donations to the Eagle Cane Project in May
were received from:

**Norma Wing
Max Reinhardt**



Early Reminder

Just to let you know, because we may not have a
newsletter every month during the summer, that
your annual dues are due each year on
September 1.

Dues are as follows:

Individual Membership	\$15.00
Family Membership	22.50

Please send your dues check in early. This saves
your organization money that would, otherwise,
be spent mailing a reminder to you. Make your
check payable to Maine Wood Carvers
Association (or MWCA) and mail to the
Treasurer, Wilma Sarna, 336 Harpswell Islands
Road, Harpswell, ME 04079. Thank you in
advance for your cooperation.

Don't say you haven't been warned ©

W. Sarna, Treasurer



"Those who improve with age embrace the power of personal growth and personal achievement and begin to replace youth with wisdom, innocence with understanding, and lack of purpose with self-actualization."

~ Bo Bennett

Maine Eagle Cane Project News

Just around dinner time yesterday my phone started ringing with Eagle Cane requests. I figured that maybe lots of people had seen some of our canes at Memorial Day celebrations. This morning, my phone continued to ring constantly. Finally I asked one of the callers how he had heard about the project and found out that both WCSH in Portland and WLBZ in Bangor had covered the presentation of canes to veterans by Mayor Richard Stone in Bangor...and they had given my phone number. Now that was a surprise!!! You might try this link, though I don't know how long it will remain available to view: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=118461>

I have to admit, it has been a hectic day, but I have been honored to be able to share so many stories with so many veterans, all so very grateful for the canes they will be receiving.

And now, with so many requests, we desperately need canes to fill all of these requests. Anyone wanting to get involved, or to carve another cane or two, please contact me through our web site at <http://mainewoodcarvers.org/caneproject.html> or call me at 445-4280. We have patterns, tutorials, and supplies and will gladly walk you through the process.

Join us in this worthwhile cause by carving a truly unique one-of-a-kind tribute to Maine's disabled veterans. They are a wonderful personal memorial to the soldier and serves as a symbol of their self-less service to our country.

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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You can support the project:

by making a donation, send them to –
Wilma Sarna, Treasurer
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by donating through our Facebook Cause Page at
http://www.causes.com/causes/427964?recruiter_id=81668144

by purchasing items with the Maine Eagle Head Cane Project logo, go to –
<http://www.cafepress.com/maineeaglecane>



Couple of Notes

I am sorry that this newsletter does not contain more information but I guess all the chapters have gone on vacation. I sent out two reminders this month and then couldn't hold the printing any longer so have gone with the little I had.

Thanks to all of you that sent something. I will not be printing in July but will be back in August so please keep that in mind.

Also note Wilma's message that dues are due on September 1.



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Members (non professional) are permitted one free 1/8 page advertisement in any month.

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½ pg = 3.25" x 9.5" or 6.5" x 4.75"

¼ pg = 3.25" x 4.75"

⅛ pg = 3.25" x 2.25"

[A non-professional does not sell carvings]

A ⅛ page ad approximates a business size card]

Payment for advertising, made by check made out to Maine Woodcarvers Association, must be received in advance by;

Barbara McCutcheon, Editor
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Membership in the Maine Wood Carvers Assoc. runs from September 1, and ending September 1 the following year.

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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1 Carver Street, Waterville ME
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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
FMI: Chuck Friis, (207) 998-2436

SOUTH COAST CARVERS,

*4th Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
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