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Remember Loved Ones



Remember Memorial Day

I do not usually use the front page to remember a holiday, but every month when I receive the pictures of our Veterans receiving their very special canes, I remember my trip to deliver the Wreaths Across America to Arlington, DC in December and listening to the Gold Star Mothers talk. Their biggest fear is that people will not remember the sacrifice that their children made. I only wish they know that all of us as members of the Maine Woodcarvers do remember our Veterans and all they have done to let us live our lives in freedom.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello from Poland Spring

I can't believe that April is almost over. Time surely does fly. Which is our biggest obstacle in preparing for the Maine Woodcarvers show on September 18th and 19th. I hope that all team leaders will have positive results to report to Show Chairman, Chuck Perry, at the May 2nd meeting at the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant in Augusta.

I recently attended the Poland Spring Chapter meeting at Ricker Memorial Library. A great crowd was on hand to "roast" me on general principles. President Norm Devonshire has assigned carvers to work on the Tamarac plaque which is coming along nicely.

Jim Irish receives a newsletter from the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, which is the same size as ours. Their newsletter goes out with a Nonprofit organization postage permit. I will be researching this possibility for us. Thank you Jim for bringing this to my attention.

To all you chapter presidents, please keep me informed via telephone or E-Mail about any new happenings in your respective chapters. It is getting pretty lonely here at the top. By the way, I have a new "Tom-Tom" so that I will be able to find your meeting places. Look out, people, Big Daddy will be looking over your shoulders. And, of course, I like my coffee strong.

In giving much thought to the goals I want to achieve during my term of office; the foremost is recruitment of junior carvers. Once the interest is sparked, a whole new generation of carvers is born. Go get'm people, they can be a whole lot of fun.

Chuck Friis
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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

Worked at the nursng home for the month of April so no meetings for me. I did see Sister Paulette who used to carve with us and had moved away and she is back and coming back to join us.

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

Before our April 1pm meeting got started, five Coastal Carvers had the honor of presenting their eagle canes with certificates to Veterans who live at Schooner Cove in Damariscotta .

The five Veterans were very appreciative and proud to receive an eagle cane. We thank Phyl and Dick Baldwin for organizing the presentations. A special thanks to Jim Wade for his

expertise and guidance in carving the eagle heads and the canes. Jim has carved over 20 canes for Veterans in Maine.

To start things off we had a brief meeting then enjoyed some wonderful carvings from members; mallard ducks, ruddy ducks, ruffed grouse, fan birds, covered bridge in an egg,

Santas, caricature head and a loon cane. Fran was back again to help us with our Santas, thank you Fran. Please take note, the May 22 meeting will start at 12:00 with a picnic

then carvers will work on the tamarack or their own projects. Please remember to bring a dish to share, thank you. Happy Carving!

Karen Knowles

Jim Wade & Andy Rice Tamarack Project



South Coast Carvers

Our monthly meeting was very informative and entertaining. Mr. Wayne Preston gave a highly informative presentation on the art of carving a face in a stick. His drawings and handouts were extremely beneficial in completing the carvings. We had a low turn out as several of our members ventured to the Wards Championships and one had a singing engagement. We had a new person interested in joining us and seemed to enjoy the evening. We also had a carver dye his carving a bright red, however there was no need to call 911. At our next scheduled meeting Mr. George Calef will give us a demonstration on the art of wood burning bird feathers. This should be an evening that no one wants to miss. We hope to see all of our members there and please bring a friend. Paul Durant 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 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 sending a special invite to John Violette's wife who makes

us the most wonderful desserts...Yummy!!
They are so goooooood!!!
Definitely no mud pies from her!!!

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..

Russell Mount of Castle Hill has been coming in to work with some of our members on various bird decoys. I think some of them have caught the decoy bug.....they are having lots of fun and learning from one of the best. Their latest project was a goose...will be interesting to see them done.

The rest of the crew are working on their individual carvings and trying to get their projects finished for the upcoming show.

The Eagle Cane Project continues...we have been able to present several of the canes so far. Right now, John Michaud and Margaret are working on their canes.

Pat Watson is finishing her lighthouse and Puffin project. Galen is working on a potato truck carving which I think he's doing for someone special. Elizabeth is working on her fork and spoon for the bowl that she just finished carving.

Everyone is pretty busy right now...we never seem to run out of ideas and are growing all the time...never a dull moment!

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 Club meeting held on 17 April 2010 at the Ricker Memorial Library, Poland, Maine

The meeting was called to order at 1:13pm by President Norm Devonshire.

The Secretary's report was read, and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Jim Irish. There is \$51.49 in the coffee fund and \$26.00 in the Library Fund. This report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

There has been no further action on the Veterans Clinics inquiry.

The Show Committee for the Maine Wood Carvers Association will meet on May 2 at the Great Wall Restaurant in Augusta.

The tamarack plaque has been wood-burned by Chuck Perry, and carving will begin today.

President Norm distributed copies of the brochures to members of the club for us to use in spreading word about the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

We welcomed Rebecca Mullins as a guest.

It was noted that the members of the club that presented their work at the Maine Sportsman's Show did very well in the judging.

It was agreed that we would have a table at the MWCA Show. Our theme will be to show the progress of a carving from blank to finish. It was agreed that we would put a sign on the table saying that items may be touched. We will also make a sign for the table giving the club name.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Tanner, Secretary

PRESENT: N. Devonshire, S. Tanner, C. Friis, C. Perry, D. Peatfield, C. French, B. Fournier, J. Irish, R. Pelletier, J. Barth, P. Foster, B. Grimm and guest R. Mullins

McGaffey Mountain Carvers

McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers missed Kathy Webster this month. She was at the 40th Annual Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition and Art Festival at Salisbury University in Ocean City, Maryland. It's the largest and most prestigious event for wildfowl carvers with over 1,500 bird carvings in 38 different categories of competition, including decorative life-size and **miniature**, decorative waterfowl pair and interpretive wood sculpture, as well as several categories of hunting decoys. We can't wait to hear stories about Kathy's experience!

The group effort on the eagle cane for a disabled veteran from Farmington, who has earned three purple hearts, has come to fruition. We hope to present it at our first meeting in May.

The Tamarack Project is coming along slowly. Thon Palmer is the first to finish his quilt piece. It is the first relief carving he has done. Good job, Thon! You've given the rest of us hope!

We would like to extend a warm and hearty *welcome* to the new carvers who joined us this month and a *thank-you* too to those **members** who continue to support our group with their attendance.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. All are welcome!

Norma Wing

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
April 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010**

INCOME:	
Memberships	45.00
Eagle Cane Project Donations	<u>200.00</u>
Income	245.00
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*Details of any transaction are available from the
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**COASTAL CARVERS CHAPTER presents
FIVE EAGLE CANES to VETS at SCHOONER COVE on April
24, 2010**

Pictured , l to rt, are carvers:

Andy Rice, Karen Knowles,
Beverly Nickerson, Bob
Schiesser and Jim Wade.

Also attending were Barbara
Wade, Wilma Sarna, Dick
Nickerson, Phyllis and Dick
Baldwin The Baldwin's served
wonderful refreshments in their
apartment to the carvers.



Unfortunately, this photo of Karen Knowles presenting her carved Eagle Head Cane to Al Wehlitz a veteran of the Korean Conflict, is the only photo I could reproduce.

Bob Schiesser sent me photos that he took of his recipient, Joe Gray, a veteran of WWII and Korea, which my computer refused to save or to duplicate.

W. Sarna

Five completed canes and certificates were presented by Coastal Carvers members to the grateful recipients on April 24. The ceremonies took place at Schooner Cove, a retirement community in Damariscotta. The canes went to Al Wehlitz, Bob Mullen, Bob Huson, Joe Gray and Jim Dermody. All of the cane recipients served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II and/or Korea.

The Eagle Head Cane Project has been very popular and we are looking forward to a compilation of the contributions made by the MWCA and others.

Phyllis Baldwin

2010 Woodcarvers Retreat in New England
Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____
(required for cabin assignment)

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ e-mail _____

Emergency contact person _____ Phone# _____

Vegetarian Meals requested? Yes _____ No _____

Do you want early riser cabin (before 6:30 AM _____ or late riser cabin after 6:30AM _____).

I volunteer to teach an informal evening class:
subject _____; blank cost _____; # nights _____

Enclose a check for \$ 205 . payable to Mystic Carvers Club (or \$65 vice \$205 if taking the URI group class) and mail to Mystic Carvers Club, PO Box 71, Mystic, CT 06355.

Local people not wanting to sleep over at URI or those desiring to get local motel accommodations may pay \$145 vice \$205. There is space available for a few self-contained RVs, call Jim or Ray to discuss this option.

Any blanks used can be purchased directly from the instructor during the class. A map, directions and CHECK-IN information will be provide with the acknowledgment of your registration. **Assignment is first come first served (by mailed date).** If you would like to see which classes are still available call Ray Johnson at 860- 848-8194 or e-mail to wcvray@hotmail.com

Please indicate your preference of class/activity to attend with the numbers 1,2,3. We expect you will be assigned to one of your 3 choices, if none are available we will contact you by phone to resolve your selection.

Jim O’Dea **Beginners one day class Saturday / Sunday. Select day you want to carve Sat _____ or Sun _____**

Angela Schofield on Sat and Sun - “ **Carving small Fawn from Basswood, Max 10 students** Blank cost \$15.----- --

Wayne Smith on Sat and Sun -Carve a **Walking Polar bear** from Basswood **Max 10 students** Blank Cost \$20.-----

Len Hill on Sat and Sun- “ **Carve a Caricature with turned head Head**” blank cost about \$10 -----

Jack Miller on Sat ,Sun “**Carve 1/3 scale Curlew** ” from Basswood, blank cost \$20. - -----

Mike Bloomquest on Sat , Sun “**Carve a Santa, Troll or Tomkin** ” Blanks cost \$5.-\$15 -----

Tony Erickson on Sat and Sun “ **Hobbit Hole House’s**”, blank cost about \$15-\$25-----

Carl Borst- on Sat and Sun Carve a 6” Realistic Navajo Shayman Indian Bust from Butternut , blank cost \$20.-----

Jim Sheehan- on Sat and Sun Carve a Comemorative Spoon/Ladel from basswood, blank cost about \$7.-----

Group Project- on Sat, Sun and Mon “ **Finish Alton Jones Caraciture**” +start others carving donated to URI, ----

On my own (work on your **own project**), may attend impromptu evening classes & Monday sessions)-----

Monday Carving sessions - sign up sheets at table when you arrive.

Refund Policy: Full refund if we are notified by 26 September 2010. After that date a refund should not be expected, but some portion may be able to be refunded depending on our finding someone to fill your spot.

If you have any wood cutouts, “those projects you intended to do some day” but never got around to and would like to donate them for our door prize’s, please bring them along . Perhaps someone can make use of them.

Couple of Notes

A reminder to all that we have the Annual Woodcarving Show coming up in September and it will be here before we know it. The next meeting for the show is Sunday, July 18 at Great Wall in Augusta.

Also please remember that I do not print a newsletter in July, the next issue will be June/July so anything that you have scheduled for the summer needs to be sent in time for that issue. Thanks.



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⅛ pg = 3.25" x 2.25"

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