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Maine Wood Carvers Association

Annual Downeast Wood Carving and Wildlife Art Show –

September 18-19 – Augusta Armory

Featured Carver Marcia Berkell



Barbara Tomlinson will return

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Hello from the Spring,

Since my last communication, I have been able to visit another Chapter which now makes the total Four. I was received with much enthusiasm and friendliness. Toms' group is varied (some carving in the round and some doing relief). All were experienced carvers and doing great work.

The following day, was the Top of Maine Woodcarving Show at the Presque Isle fairgrounds. Five of the eight chapters had submitted their Tamarac pieces which the Forest Service has yet to make a decision on. The cane presentations were very impressive to say the least.

The representation from outside the "county" did very well, indeed. I have never witnessed a triple crown before, but Ron Dobson managed to take 1st place in the masters level as well as best of category and PEOPLES CHOICE! Jim Irish took a best of category and 1st, and Bob Grimm took two blues with his two moose (meese). Oh, almost forgot, I also took a blue in my category. From the quality of the carvings from the folks up there, I don't know how this was possible, but I won't complain.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Downeast Woodcarvers Show especially with the addition of the new categories. We have lost our show chairman to the state of Georgia's jury selection. However, we will do just fine with Norm Devonshire at the helm.

One of the most frequently asked questions directed to me is "why must we travel out of state to attend carving seminars? Well, in all honesty, there is no real reason. Rest assured, fellow carvers, I am currently working on this problem. I know that old habits die hard, but we have all the resources right here in Maine. I will keep everyone updated on my progress.

Until next month, keep the knives sharp and your fingers behind them.

Chuck Friis
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MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Our meeting began with discussion of positioning the pieces of our display for the Woodcarvers show in Augusta. Please if you have any pieces ready for the board bring them with you for our final meeting before the show. Chuck will finish the board by then but needs all pieces by our meeting of September 11th to arrange where they are needed.

August 28th the Grey Animal Farm will hold it's annual Wood Carvers demonstration. Does anyone wish to instruct a class on their handiwork, please contact Chuck or Bob before the 20th.

There will be a final meeting on August 29th at The Great Wall in Augusta to finalize the Down East Woodcarvers plans. Lunch is at 12 noon and meeting is at 1pm.

I was dismayed at our low turn out this month at our meeting. For those who couldn't attend you were missed.

I am sending a time sheet for those of you wishing to help out at the Down East Wood Carvers show. Time sheet will be sent separately. Steven and I will be attending the Friday set up and the Sunday show for it's entirety. Bob and Chuck Perry will be at the shows on all 3 days but will be busy with the show. Thank you for all your support. Karen Knowles will be one of the demonstrators at our show and I will volunteer to do Christmas ornaments this year if the help is needed.

The Perry brothers have sent an eagle cane to the 172d Infantry Mountain Division last week.

Ron Dobson says hi to the group.

Thank you for all your help this year with the Down East Wood Carvers display, I couldn't have done it with out you. And thank you to the Perry boys for allowing me to head up the exhibit for our group. I enjoyed this time tremendously.

Your secretary,

Justina

Carver Street Carvers

Still meeting every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00. Keep hoping that some of the Central Maine Carvers will come join us and make a bigger group.

Hope to see everyone at the show in just two weeks.

Barb

Coastal Carvers

No Report this month

Karen Knowle

South Coast Carvers

No report this month

.Capital Chapter

No report this month



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Hello Everyone!

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

What a beautiful weekend we had for our carving show. The weather was great, lots of people and we had a chance to get together with some of the other chapter members.....who could ask for more.

The relief carvings from the largest tamarack in the nation were absolutely gorgeous! We want to thank TV station, WAGM for the piece they did and televised during their evening news broadcast about the relief carvings and the tamarack tree.

Many thanks to Streaked Mountain Chapter, McGaffey Mountain Chapter, Coastal Woodcarvers Chapter and Poland Spring Carvers for their contributions..We so appreciated the work that was done as we know it was not an easy task for anyone. So thank you everyone. Seven Islands Land Company was to hold a board meeting to decide where the carvings will be displayed...They did mention that they may just decide to take the carvings on tour and display them that way, with the carvings finding a permanent home at the Forestry Building later. To date, we haven't heard what was decided. We also want to thank Shawn Bugby from Seven Islands for making sure we had everything we needed in order to display our works at the Forestry Building and for overseeing the security of the building while we had our carvings on display.

We also want to thank the Northern Maine Fair Committee for making us a part of their fair celebrations as well as sponsoring Best of Show for the Youth Category this year. Richard Michaud who lives in Hamlin and attends school in Van Buren won the Northern Maine Fair Best of Show for Youth-Intarsia. This was the first time he had entered any of his works so we were very pleased with the results and look forward to seeing more of his works in the future. Elizabeth Bencivenga from Limestone, won Best of Show Youth for her carousel horse. She also got a second place for

her rooster weathervane. (one of my favorites) Both of these individuals have an enormous amount of talent. We are so very proud of both of them. Congratulations.

We want to thank Dollard Cote for taking the time to demonstrate the art of woodturning on the lathe machine. He caught the interest of many people who had come in to view the carvings. The young teenaged boys seemed especially fascinated by it.

We also want to thank Russell Mount for bringing in some of his antique shorebirds. Russell did a bird carving demonstration and spent most of the weekend answering many questions by those stopping by to see his work. I noticed one little girl was all smiles when Russell handed her a picture of one of the birds he had carved. Her little face just lit right up. Both Dollard and Russell had the responsibility for judging all the pieces entered. We thank them both for their time donated to us throughout the competition.

We had many Best of Shows, First, Second and Third place winners in all divisions...too many to name here but want to thank everyone for entering the competition. .

John Violette won Overall Best of Show and Ron Dobson won the People's Choice Award and First Place in the Masters division. Congratulations to both of you.

Wilma Sarna, together with the help of Kathy Webster (McGaffey Mountain Carvers) were on hand to present an Eagle Cane (carved by Wilma Sarna) to Mr. Floyd L. Harding of Presque Isle. We were pleased that this presentation could take place at our competition and carving show. The event was televised by TV station WAGM and was shown as part of the evening news. It was such a touching event and was best told by Wilma in last month's edition of the newsletter.

We want to thank everyone who helped out at the show. You all did a great job!! Thank you Tom for keeping us all straight and thank you all visiting chapter members who attended and gave us a hand. We love seeing everyone...

Annette Tardy for
The Top of Maine Carvers

Downeast Woodcarvers

No Report this month.

Poland Spring Carvers

No report this month

McGaffey Mountain Carvers

The Downeast Show seemed ages away, but is rapidly approaching and will be here before we know it. McGaffey Mountain Woodcarvers are pushing hard in preparation.

We are working to make and create a display inspired by winter on Mill Pond in Vienna. Carvers of all levels from the novice to the veteran carver have contributed. We hope the display creates enthusiasm for woodcarving and encourage folks to give it a try.

This year we have also decided to sponsor all entries in the Youth category of the carving competition because we believe it gives us an opportunity to recognize the potential of young carvers, to celebrate their achievements, and to encourage their participation in the carving competition. Good luck to all the young wood carvers!

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 August 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010

AUGUST INCOME:

Memberships	195.00
Eagle Cane Project Donations	350.00
Downeast Booth Rental	275.00
Misc. Income	<u>7.50</u>
August Income	827.50

EXPENSES:

Albison's Printing, Inc.	150.98
Barbara McCutcheon, Editor	40.00
Acadia Insurance Co, Trailer Ins.	206.00
Trailer Registration	43.00
Robert Perry, Postage	<u>8.32</u>
August Expenses	447.32

**Checkbook balance
as of 8/31/10** **\$7,691.00**

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



EAGLE CANE PROJECT Donations were received from the following people:

The Sheridan Construction Corp.
Rebecca O'Brien

Donations to the **EAGLE CANE PROJECT** may be sent to **MWCA** in care of the Treasurer. Please indicate "Eagle Cane" on your check and please give us your name and address so that we may thank you.



Reminder

Annual dues are due each year on **September 1**.

Dues are as follows:

Individual Membership	\$15.00
Family Membership	22.50

As of September 1, your dues are **overdue**. Please send your dues check today. 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.

So far there has been just a trickle of membership renewals. Thank you to those who have already paid. If you plan to pay your dues at the Downeast Show, it helps me stay organized if you pay by check. Thanks and hope to see you all at the Show.



Two pictures of many that were sent from the Top of Maine Show that was held in July. Wish I could put them all but have them saved and will use them later.

Thanks

Group Effort for Three Time Purple Heart Recipient

When a request was made to McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers for an Eagle Head Cane for Dennis M. Collins of Farmington, Maine the group couldn't decide who would have the honor of carving this special cane.

Mr. Collins served as a Combat Medic in Company C, of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. He received **three** Purple Hearts for wounds received in connection with military operations against a hostile force. The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those who have been wounded or killed while serving on or after April 5, 1917 with the U.S. military.

Almost everyone in the group volunteered to create a cane for Mr. Collins, so when it came time to decide, it was determined that everyone should have the opportunity to take part and it became a group project! Before the cane was complete, pretty much everyone in the group had an opportunity to contribute something. It was a great collaboration!

Mr. Collins reminds us that a soldier is someone, who at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to, and including, their life. For that, Dennis, we are thankful and proud that we could have the opportunity to create this token of appreciation to commemorate the extraordinary sacrifices you made for us.

Maine Wood Carvers Association has a list of names of deserving recipients and kits that include instructions, eyes, cane shafts and tips, available on request. If you would like to take part in the worthwhile project by carving a one-of-a-kind tribute to a disabled veteran, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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/maineeaglecane>



CARVING DEMONSTRATION AT MAINE WILD LIFE PARK

Soon after the first of the year, Lisa Kane of the Maine Wild Life Park contacted Streaked Mountain Wood Carvers to see if we would again this year demonstrate the art of Wood Carving at the Maine Wild Life Park in Gray Me. She was putting the parks summer calendar together and dates needed to be firmed up. This would be the fifth year of participation at this facility for our club.

On Saturday Aug. 28th, Dave Peatfield, Chuck Friis, Norm Devonshire, Jim Irish and my self representing Streaked Mountain Carvers, Poland Spring Carvers and Maine Wood Carvers set up shop in the picnic area under the white canopy just in side the park entrance. We shared this area with two Chain Saw Carvers, a Hatchet thrower, and a birthday party. We had a great time interacting with the visitors despite the noise competition from chain saws, cheers from the birthday party and the admirers of the hatchet throwers skill. There was a steady stream of visitors from 10 AM through the middle of the afternoon (3PM) when we picked up shop. Soap carving was offered to the visiting youngsters. The young folk who participated had a great time, and I think Norm had as much fun as instructor as the kids did.

At the close of the day Chris Johnson, Park Superintendent came by to thank us for demonstrating and a \$100 check for doing so. We returned the check to the park to be used as deemed necessary for the benefit of the park animals. We have returned the check each of the five year we have participated. This year it was returned on behalf of Streaked Mountain, Poland Spring and Maine Wood Carvers. At this point, I extended an invitation to Superintended Johnson to participate in the Dawn East Show with a Park display. The invitation was with the approval of Show Co Chair Norm Devonshire and MWCA President Chuck Friis. Lisa Kane will set up an unmanned display for the duration of the show.

If you have a chance to visit the Wild Life Park you will find a wealth of information about Maine's wild life, how well the animals are cared for as well as how they came to be residents of the park.

Bob Perry

SEMINARS

October - Antique Style Shorebird Decoy Seminar - Vienna Community Center, Vienna, Maine.

Cost: \$35 for MWCA Members, \$50 for all others - Class limit: 15 people

Brought to you by Ed Beach, Gordon Harde and Kathy Webster

This Seminar will be about carving a simple shorebird decoy on Sat, and learning different antiquing and painting techniques on Sunday. It will be hand tools only. So, bring your knives, draw blades, gouges, rasps and sandpaper and come have some fun! The cedar blank will be provided, as well as all the supplies to finish your decoy. If the weather is nice, we'll hold class outside. Participants will receive a letter with the particulars regarding supplies prior to the class.

A non-refundable deposit for 50% is required at the time you sign up to hold your spot. Please send your check made out to MWCA along with your name and contact info to Wilma Sarna, 336 Harpswell Islands Rd, Harpswell, ME 04079.

There will be coffee available during the seminar, and there is a little sandwich shop not far from the Center. Feel free to bring a bag lunch if you want.

It should be a fun event!

Dates - Times - Sample will be available at the show or talk to one of the three instructors.

November - Dates, Times and Place for a seminar with Tom Cote as instructor is being planned by Chuck Friis. These should be available also at the show. If you do not find them check with Chuck. These will be announced in the October newsletter.

Other Upcoming Events

Mystic Wood Carvers Retreat – October
Spirit of Wood, NEWC Show - October

All information for the above available on the website

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*Every Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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FMI: Barbara McCutcheon (207) 453-6048

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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**Check for possible changes in schedule.*

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