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The Maine Woodcarvers Association  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Woodcarving & Wildlife Art Show

September 19-20, 2009

Augusta Armory  
Augusta, ME

**This is just the first reminder that we have an upcoming show. Please see page 6 for the Board of Directors meeting and Show Committee Meeting. There are still openings both for help during these three days and booths rentals to come , show and sell.**

**This is the crew from 2007, didn't get a picture from 2008**



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings from Bob Haven

As I sit here complaining about the wet weather, and high humidity this evening, I am reminded of a resent phone conversation with my sister in California where they are praying for rain. I would rather be a little damp, than facing a very serious threat of wild fire.

The wet weather did not dampen the enthusiasm this past weekend for the first TOP OF MAINE WOODCARVERS SHOW / SALE. Vice President Chuck Friis, Secretary Kathy Webster, and my self traveled to Presque Isle to lend support and participate in this new two day event. Jim Irish from the Poland Spring Carvers also put in an appearance and entered the competition. We were made to feel right at home as we met many carving members for the first time. It was a very well organized and successful event thanks to much hard work by Tom Cote and chapter members. CONGRATULATIONS.

Here it is August and time is drawing closer and closer to DOWN EAST SHOW TIME. A final Show Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Great Wall Restaurant in Augusta. Lunch will be at 12:00 Noon with a Board of Directors meeting and Show Committee meeting to follow. All Team Leaders to report on their area of responsibility, and lay out final plans. Please make plans to attend and encourage fellow members to get involved. Many hands make the work easier and go faster. We have done it in the past and I know we will do it again. This is shaping up to be a very interesting show with new features added such as the Live Birds of Prey demonstrations.

Until next time  
Bob Perry  
President, MWCA

### **Reminder to Renew Your Membership**

It's that time again! The annual membership dues are due on September 1 each year.

In order to insure that I have your current information, please complete the Membership Application form found in this newsletter and return it with your check prior to September 1. Thank you.

We are attempting to limit postage costs as much as possible. Please be sure to indicate that you want the newsletter mailed to you, if you are unable to access the newsletter via our website, [www.mainewoodcarvers.org](http://www.mainewoodcarvers.org)

If you have any comments about MWCA, the services you receive or would like to receive, seminars/instruction that you'd like to see happen, suggestions for the upcoming show, comments in general, please write them on the back of your renewal application and I will make sure they are passed along to the Board of Directors. We want to hear from you.

Wilma Sarna, Treasurer

See application on page 9

## MWCA Chapter Reports

### Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

#### June Meeting

We had 14 members today to learn how to do Fan Birds by our own member Dave Peatfeild. I would like to send Dave a big thank you for teaching us at his lovely home. Many beautiful birds were created today.

Chris Howard a world class wood carver would like to teach a few classes in our area. He would be teaching two classes, one on Indian busts and

Mountain men to name a few. It's been decided we will have him in November. His classes are \$140.00 as of this date. Any one interested please contact our President Bob Perry.

We also put on the table a discussion of the 2009 Down East Wood Carvers Show. Our theme is Artistry in Wood, we will be going with a wood grain pattern for table covers donated by Steven and Justina Hatch. The theme this year will be whimsical. We will need to finish our bird/bird of prey carvings for the demonstration room for Barbara Tomlinson. Anyone interested at helping at the show please contact Bob Perry. Steven and Justina have agreed to stay the entire show for assistance. Hope to see other members there.

The opening at the Frost Galleries was a success. The turnout was great.

Tassel Toff will be held June 19th we still needs carvers to assist the children in soap carvings. Contact Chuck Perry if interested.

I sent a get well card to Jack Frost one of our members who is recovering from an illness. We miss you Jack, hurry and get well and come back soon.

Show and tell was a hit this month with many varieties of carvings from, moose, race horse, loon and baby, fish, birds, a monkey looking into a mirror, a german sheppard, carved golf ball, old woman in a shoe, boot, leprechaun, Fish, whimsical faces and eagle cane.

Next meeting will be held July 18th and will be held at 9:30 am at the Grey Wildlife Park, in Grey, Maine. Wood carving demonstration is from 10-2pm. Bring something to show



### Carver Street Carvers

Have managed to get to a few meetings this summer. The gang is still all there and still enjoying themselves. Richard Spear is working on some beautiful relief pieces. And is helping Joan and Therea with theirs. His work amazes me.

Not much else going on except complaints about the rain and talking about the gardens, or non gardens whichever they are. Guess we should be thankful it is rain and not snow. Sheila Maxwell has missed a couple of meetings as she is in Alaska.

Still hoping to get some of the Central Maine Cavers to come join us.

Keep carving

Barb

**Coastal Carvers**

Photos from the "surprise" birthday party that was held for Dick Baldwin. In addition to the Friendship Cane presented to Dick in the past, he now has two more to add to his collection. Kathy Webster made an Eagle Cane for him and Jim Wade presented him with his own version of an Eagle-headed cane. Dick won't "officially" become 90 until November, but pot-luck surprises are much more fun in the summertime.

Photo #1 - Dick and his cake and a photo from his military days

Photo #2 - The food and flowers laden table and everyone "chowing down".



**South Coast Carvers**

The Southcoast Carvers met at the Woodcraft Store in Newington on the fourth Thursday of the month, our usual meeting date. We were pleased to have seven-year old Noah Penasack and his mother at our meeting. We turned Noah over to Brian and Todd who gave some great beginning instruction and started him carving a moose head caricature.

We then had Show and Tell. Brian was demonstrating on two frogs, several pull chain mice and an egg. Todd Wisell showed several pieces including two owls, shelf sitting mice, bark houses and caricatures. George showed a cardinal and several chickadees. I also brought some apple wood in different stages of finish. It is excellent for bases or natural finish pieces but is hard – similar to cherry

The group decided to meet again on Thursday, August 27 at the Woodcraft Store. Please come and bring a fiend.

George Calef, Secretary

**.Capital Chapter**

No Report this month



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IT'S THANK YOU TIME!!!

By the time you read this the 1<sup>ST</sup> TOP OF MAINE CARVING COMPETITION and SALE SHOW will be over. We hope to be able to provide details of the competition events in next month's issue.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the show. We couldn't have done it without you. And to all our members both those behind the scenes and those in the limelight.....thanks....it was appreciated.

A special thank you to the folks at the Northern Maine Fair; especially Kevin McCartney for all his assistance and support.

Thank you to the Seven Islands Land Co. for their donation of a section of wood that we refer to as *“the largest tamarack in the nation”*. This was such a special added bonus for our show.

We want to also thank the Maine Forestry Industry for their generosity in allowing us the use of their building.

And lastly, we couldn't have done this without our sponsors. A special thank you to Caldwell's Auto Parts, Boulevarde Graphix and the Artist Nook for their support.

Tom Cote  
President

### Central Maine Carvers

No report and no word if they are still meeting somewhere else.

### Downeast Woodcarvers

No Report this montj/

Alan Talbot

### Poland Spring Carvers

The Poland Spring Carvers have selected the officers for the chapter.

Pres. Chuck Friis; VP Norm Devonshire; Sec/Tres Jim Irish. The chapter has added a second meeting each month. We will now be meeting the first Friday and third Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 pm at the Ricker Library in Poland.

We had five members attended the Poland Spring Preservation field day on May 23rd.

We did carving demonstrations and show some of our finished carvings.

Keep your knife sharp and the band aides in the box.  
Jim Irish

### McGaffey Mountain Carvers

McGaffey Mountain Carvers has petitioned the Board of the MWCA to become the newest chapter of carvers within MWCA. A group of 10 meets every 1st and 3rd Wed of each month at the Vienna Fire Dept/Community Center. The group usually begins gathering at 6:15 pm. It's a fun, unassuming group and we invite all other carvers to drop in and visit, maybe even join us on a more permanent basis. We've got a well-lit, spacious room with plenty of chairs to accommodate anyone who wants to join us. A special invitation is extended to those Central Carvers who have lost their home. Come on over!

Submitted by Kathy Webster

### NOTE

In May the cost of mailing the newsletter went to 44 cents per copy. The newsletter is also on the web site at the same time and some people wondered if there are members would like to either download from there or receive it via email.

So far I have gotten fairly good response to this and hope more will consider one of the above choices.

Thanks for helping to keep the expense down.



**Financial Report MWCA  
May 1, 2009 to May 31, 2009**

INCOME:

Memberships	<u>16.00</u>
Income	16.00

EXPENSES:

Newsletter Editor, May	40.00
Albison Printing, May Newsletter	191.10
Wilma Sarna, Forever Stamps	42.00
Downeast Show Posters	<u>268.80</u>
Expenses	541.90

**Financial Report MWCA  
June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009**

INCOME:

Downeast Booth Rentals	495.00
Hat Purchase	10.00
Membership	<u>8.00</u>
Income	513.00

EXPENSES:

Newsletter Editor, June/July	40.00
Albison Printing, June/July	205.90
B. Wade, Postage Award Solicitation	<u>9.24</u>
Expenses	255.14

**Financial Report MWCA  
July 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009**

INCOME:

Memberships	16.00
Donation, Eagle Cane Project	<u>50.00</u>
Income	66.00

EXPENSES:

Acadia Insurance, Liability	<u>500.00</u>
Expenses	500.00

**Checkbook balance as of 8/3/09            \$5,907.92**

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

Eagle Cane Project

Thank you to Napoleon "Paul" Tabora, of York, Maine for his donation to the Eagle Cane Project. Mr. Tabora is associated with the York VFW and served in Vietnam. Thank you Mr. Tabora for your service, your sacrifice and your generous donation to the Eagle Cane fund.

**MAINE WOODCARVERS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2009  
GREAT WALL CHINESE RESTURANT, AUGUSTA**

12:00 Noon, Lunch.

12:30 Open meeting, confirm quorum.

1 - Vote on request of McCartery Mountain Wood Carvers to become a chapter of Maine Woodcarvers.

2 –(Discussion), shall the idea of Maine Woodcarvers hold two (2) meetings per year at six-month intervals? The March meeting to remain the Annual Meeting, the September Meeting could be in conjunction with the Annual “Down East Show”. Or the September meeting could be held earlier in the month at a location that would move to different locations each year. Thus making travel more convenient for our members. Each meeting to have a guest woodcarving related speaker. An example (New England Woodcarvers meet quarterly. Each meeting is an all day session, with mini seminars in the forenoon, and the guest speaker in the afternoon). If the Directors feel this is a good Idea, it would then go to a vote of the general membership at the next General membership meeting.

3 –(Discussion), shall a “Job Description” be created for each of the elected, and appointed officers of Maine Woodcarvers Association?



Note from Louis Dennis

I have some good news for those of you that wanted to take a carving class from a master carver, but found the Frank Russell class we have set up for this October to be too far to travel ( Woburn, MA ) and the cost too high at \$350.00.

After getting some feedback from you folks I started doing a little work and I hope solved these objections.

We are going to move the class to the Doyle Conservation Center in Leominster, MA. They have a real nice wood working shop and have agreed to let us use it for the class. This is more centrally located and very easy to get to off interstate 190.

This move will enable us to lower the cost to \$300.00 for a five day POWER carving only class. Frank tells me that this will be his last class. So if you want to get some step by step training on power carving from one of the best, you don't want to miss this chance.

We will be doing a full size Screech Owl.

The class is half full, so don't wait too long. Included is the registration form.

NEW ENGLAND WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION FORM FRANK C. RUSSELL  
WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, - 2009

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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STUDENTS WILL POWER CARVE A FULL SIZE SCREECH OWL

ONCE REGISTERED A LIST OF TOOLS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED IN THE WORKSHOP WILL  
BE SENT TO YOU INCLUDING INFORMATION ON LODGING.

\$175.00 DUE AT TIME OF SIGN UP

REFUNDABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

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CHAIRPERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Regards and hope to hear from you soon

Louis Dennis



**Maine Wood Carvers Association  
Membership Application**

**New      Renew**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Check  area(s) of carving interest: Birds    Decoys    Fish    Wildlife

Caricature    Chip    Folk    Relief    Canes/walking sticks    Inlay    Chainsaw

Other \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been carving? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list special skills (other than carving), that you would be willing to share with MWCA. (*e.g., photography, graphic arts, writing, computer skills, teaching, etc.*) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to learn from your association with MWCA? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to attend classes/seminars  ♦ Yes, I am interested in joining a MWCA chapter.   
I have already joined chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (*give name of chapter, please*)

The newsletter is available "on-line". If you are able to read your newsletter via the internet address below, please do so, saving our organization postage costs.

I do not have access to the internet. Please mail my copy of the newsletter to me.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Schedule, payable by September 1, each year:

Individual membership	\$15.00
Family membership	22.50
Junior member, age 12 to 16	10.00
New member joining after February	8.00

Please return completed application, with your check, made payable to "Maine Wood Carvers Association" or "MWCA" to:

Maine Wood Carvers Association  
c/o Wilma Sarna, Treasurer  
336 Harpswell Islands Road  
Harpswell ME 04079

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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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As you will not on the front, this is a June/July publication. There will be no newsletter in July, will publish again in August. In the August publication we will have the beginning of September Show information.  
Have a great June and July

**Maine Wood Carvers Association  
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**CAPITAL CARVERS**

\*Every Thursday, 6:00–7:00 p.m.  
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**CARVER STREET CARVERS**

\*Every Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Seton Village Senior Center, 1 Carver Street, Waterville ME  
FMI: Barbara McCutcheon (207) 453-6048

**CENTRAL MAINE CARVERS**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday,  
Dave Brown's workshop, 32 Burleigh Street, Waterville ME  
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**COASTAL CARVERS**

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

**POLAND SPRING CARVERS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 1:00 p.m.  
Richer Memorial Library, Main Street, Poland ME  
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**SOUTH COAST CARVERS,**

\*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Wal Mart Plaza, Woodcraft, Woodbury Av, Newington NH  
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*\*Check for possible changes in schedule.*

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