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HAPPY 2009



Welcome to the new year.

I am sorry this month's newsletter is so late but have been holding it so we could publish the list of candidates and the Ballot. You will find the Ballot on page 10 for you to use and return as in the instructions.

I would like to thank everyone for the pictures they send me through out the year. I cannot always publish them due to space. The newsletter is limited to 12 pages to keep the postage at a 42 cent stamp. An extra page cost another ounce. I do keep all the pictures on file and at times will insert one of them.

Thank you again for all your help in 2008 and look forward to 2009 being a busy and active year.

Barbara

Remember the annual show organizational meeting on January 17, 2009.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Bog Haven

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! Another year has passed and the New Year (2009) is looking great.

We have booked the Augusta Armory for the "2009 DOWN EAST WOOD CARVERS SHOW" on SEPTEMBER 19TH & 20TH. We owe Dave Brown a big thank you for sticking to the task and arranging these dates despite several road blocks and setbacks. Now it is up to the rest of our membership to get behind this effort and make the 2009 show the best one yet. We have nearly nine months to put it all together. That sounds like plenty of time for preparation. It is, but we must not waste any of it. Advertising must start soon, as many major carving periodicals require a minimum of six months lead time. Getting vendors to sign on now will create a broader base for advertisement and create enthusiasm. The sooner we firm up all show aspects, the less conflict and confusion as we near the show date.

An organizational meeting has been set for Saturday JANUARY 17TH at the GREAT Wall RESTURANT in Augusta. This will be a luncheon meeting starting at 12:00 noon. Participants may order individually from the menu. We will hold a Board of Directors meeting to take care of a few items of business while we eat. Following this meeting, we will conduct the show organizational meeting and close no later than 4:00PM. I now ask you to consider serving this great carving organization by volunteering to serve as a team leader or as a team member for this 2009 show. Please contact me at >merribob@megalink.net< or 207 388-2472 if you will be attending this meeting, so I may let the restaurant know how many to set up and plan for. This is quit important. Thank You.

I also ask that you consider serving in one of the offices governing this organization, if you are contacted to do so by the nominating committee. These positions will be balloted on prior to the Annual Meeting held in March.

Now, just as a reminder, check your membership card to be sure your membership is up to date.

Until next time, Happy Carving

Bob Perry,

President M.W.C.A.

MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Our December meeting only brought in 11 woodcarvers. Because of the low turnout our March meeting will be dated to pick a new President, including all offices to be voted in.. Bob Perry has graciously volunteered to be acting president until then. Wolf will remain as vice president.

We will hold our annual potluck after Christmas party on January 10th, as we did last year from 12-1 for socializing and 1-4 for our class. If anyone wants to bring in their favorite dish it will be welcomed. I myself will bring in a winter wonderland cake.

Chuck Perry has announced Norma Wing who does decoupage will be at the January meeting to teach those of you who are interested in decoupage.

A thought to all the members.. those who were present have expressed the desire to have a meeting with no theme, just work on a project of your own, in February. Also February brings our annual Valentine carving contest. There will also be a DVD playing of whimsical house carving to watch if you care to learn.

Next meeting we'll be asked if the group is interested hosting a class with Chris Howard. He does Indian head carvings.

We are proud to make mention of the Sheraton Foundation for the generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the cane project.

It has been brought to attention to those who were at the meeting the Down East Woodcarvers will be held this September not in the year 2010.

I would like to wish all our carvers every where A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Streaked Mountain Chapter.

Your secretary,
Justina Hatch

Carvings for our Christmas Challenge were Judged, Steven Hatch took First and Third, Laura Freeman took Second Place. Congrats to all who participated.

Photos attached..



Carver Street Carvers

Finally got to a meeting in December. It has been a very hectic month and I hadn't had a chance to go. Sure miss the relaxing with a group of friends and carvers.

Richard Spear had a special book of old carvings from the 1800's. It was a lot of fun too look at the pictures.

Our Snowbirds are gone but there were still four of us to talk.

Barbara McCutcheon

Coastal Carvers

We had a lovely Christmas party at Jim and Barbara Wade's home. As always the food was superb and the feeling festive. After our meal we had our Christmas swap, which is great fun and full of teasing and surprises. The gifts were carefully packaged and deposited under the tree. Among the selection: a club duck, bark whimsy house, cherry and maple standing ducks, a primitive fox, an action bear trying to rob a honey hive, a shark, a chickadee cutting board, a delicate veneer butterfly pin, a moose in lumberjack attire, a penguin on a sled all set to go down a slippery slope and a golfer letter opener. I'm sorry I am unable to recall all of the items.

I can tell you that we always have a delightful time and add to our collection of carvings. Our next meeting will be held at the Wade's home on

Saturday, January 24. **THE PLAN IS TO FINISH OUR CLUB DUCKS.** Paint will be available but please bring your own brushes. Thank you to all who helped with this neat project. In February we will begin a new project. Also, just a reminder about our quilt squares...I have progressed as far as leaving 1/2 inch border and hope to rough out the design by our next meeting

Carol H. Durgin
Chapter Director

South Coast Carvers

No report this month

Submitted by George Calef

Capitol Carvers

No report this month

Loyd Clark

Central Maine Carvers

The Central Maine chapter had a great last meeting of the year. We had ten people at the meeting. Some were still working on their eagle head canes. Mr. Harde was working on a duck's head. But I was just thinking when ever I write in he is almost always carving a duck head. Do you think it is the same duck? And what about the rest of the duck? where did that go? I got it he is going in to a new line of business. **Gordan's duck heads.** Ron Maxwell was there just to talk and so was. But Sheila was working on a Butterfly out of birds eye maple. Charlie was working on a fish and brought in a fish he had finished. It was great !!! I think Dave Merrick was working on a duck's head too. Mr. Spears was working on a green man in relief. Don was working on a small goose. Mr. Brown I think was eating and not carving. My Dad was working on an eagle head. And oh I almost forgot the food!!!! We had cookies and popcorn and check mixes and they had little peas dipped in a very spicy sauce. And I was working on a Mallard in relief. **brown's house at 6:00 p.m.** Our next meeting will be on the third wednesday of the month at Dave

Reporter,

Jarod White, Reporter



Downeast Woodcarvers
No Report this month

Poland Spring Carvers

The Poland Spring Carvers met at my home in Poland Spring. Members present were: Stanley Tanner, Pete Keene, Ray Pelletier, Myself, Jim Irish, and Norm Devonshire.

A great time was had by all, carving and talking. We had coffee and cookies that were furnished by my wife Arlene. I hope everyone has had a great holiday season. Keep the knives sharp and you fingers behind the blade.

Chuck Friz

**Supplemental Financial Report MWCA
December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008**

Starting Balance \$9,508.33

INCOME:

Memberships	<u>165.00</u>
Income	165.00

EXPENSES:

Newsletter Editor, Dec	00.00
Albison Printing, Dec Newsletter	00.00

Ending Balance \$9,673.33

I was away from home with no access to the check book, so no bills were paid last month.

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

Beginner - Nervous Buying Carving Tools?

By Chris Pye

"I'm a beginner and very nervous about buying carving tools. There are so many tool firms about and I'm not sure what to look for. Can you give me some advice please?"

We are lucky in having a number of firms in the market that produce excellent tools - although they all have strengths and weaknesses in what they offer: Auriou, Bristol Design, Kirschen, Iles, Pfeil, Stubai, Taylor, just to name a few.

- Do try different makes before settling for brand loyalty.
- The majority of tools are bought mail order today, although prior handling is always the best. (Tools 'speak' to you-really!)
Get catalogues from all the tool firms or the suppliers as a matter of course.
- Look for tool reviews in magazines. Ask what other carvers are using- testimonials are useful
- This is the most important rule: *always select on the basis of need*, working from what you have.
- Check the tools when they arrive:
If the tool is not actually what you want - you may have judged from an illustration, or the tool may be flawed - then you should be able to return it. And you should only deal with firms will do this, the bottom line being they give you a credit note against the tool you really want.
If the tool is faulty, ask for it to be replaced. The more carvers do this, the better will be quality control.
Do this; you will have the tool for the rest of your life, so it must be right.
- The best advice, after the point above, is to carve!
You'll soon get to understand your tools and experience will show you what you need.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Kathy Webster, Committee Chair

Candidate for President:

Candidate for Vice President, Chuck Friis, Poland Springs, ME

My carving career began in my firewood pile in Natick, MA. I sawed a wafer off my chopping block and relief carved a Viking ship. From that point on I relief carved many items over the years even after moving to Maine in 1985. I was commissioned to do a few carvings however I was also seeking an outlet for my art work. At this juncture, I discovered a lovely gift shop in Freeport which agreed to handle my work. The shop was run by a dear lady who turned out to be the sister of our own Kathy Webster. We were introduced and became fast friends. It was Kathy who persuaded me to try carving in the round. In addition, she recommended that I join the MWCA Streaked Mountain Chapter. Bob Perry, then president of this chapter, and I found that we knew each other from a hospital stay some years previously. I was welcomed into the chapter and still enjoy a special relationship with the Streaked Mountain carvers. I have now struck out to form a chapter of my own called the Poland Spring Carvers. During all of this, I have been actively involved in the Annual Show providing me with new friends and countless resources.

Candidate for Director at Large, Fran Fedrizzi, Freeport, ME

I made my first carving, a generic fish, in 1989 and then took 11 years off. I resumed carving in 2000 when I took a class at the American Woodcarving School in Wayne, NJ, and continued carving with the Unorthodox Woodcarvers in Pompton Plains, NJ. I moved to Maine in 2002 and became a member of the MWCA and Coastal Carvers. I enjoy all varieties of carving and am currently working on carving faces after taking a class from Pete LeClair last October. I try to attend a woodcarving retreat each year, and have attended both the Mystic Woodcarvers retreat in Rhode Island as well as the Northeast Roundup in Cherry Ridge, Pennsylvania. In addition to woodcarving, I am a beekeeper, and am a member of the Maine State Beekeepers and Cumberland County Beekeepers associations. I also enjoy hiking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Professionally, I work in LL Bean's Information Systems department where I manage Merchandising and Supply Chain Systems.

Candidate for Director at Large, Carol Durgin, Brunswick, ME

I taught for several years in the Gorham School system before moving back home to Brunswick. I am now a working artist, specializing in paint media. I took a beginning carving class with Wayne Robbins in Bath and then joined the MWCA and began carving with the Coastal Carvers in Newcastle. With their guidance, I really began to improve in my carving. I have actively participated in the Annual Show by manning booths as well as doing several demos from print making to painting. This past year I was the Team Captain for the Raffle table. Additionally I have volunteered to make the painted poster which has been taking around New England to other Shows to advertise the Downeast Show. I enjoy carving because of the people I meet. My goal for the Director at Large position would be to go around the State visiting the individual chapters and writing feature articles on some of their members.

Treasurer, Wilma Sarna, Harpswell, ME (incumbent)

I have lived in Maine for the past 25 years and became involved with the Maine Wood Carvers Assoc., through my husband, John. He was the carver, but somehow every time he got involved with a hobby or organization, he would get me involved. Before I knew it I was Editor of the MWCA monthly newsletter and did that for over 6 years until December 2004.

Somehow, after agreeing to run for Secretary (I had worked as a secretary for 20 years in Brunswick), when the ballot appeared, I was running for Treasurer.... I've been doing that for the past 2 years. My other MWCA experience has been to help with registration, gate, and last year I chaired the Wood 'n' Things booth and, with the guidance of Gordon Harde, simplified the rules for judging and arranged for the judges. Wearing those three hats over the show weekend made for a very busy time for me. This year, I will do one thing.

Secretary, Kathy Webster, Greene, ME

I started carving in 1995 near Annapolis, MD. It was an Adult Ed class that my husband signed me up for. I thought he was crazy. But what I found with this group of people was a wonderful world of creativity, camaraderie and fun. I continued carving on my own when I moved to Maine in 1997. After visiting the Wells Show in that same year, I picked up and filled out an application for the MWCA. I waited a year to get up the courage to go to a chapter meeting and have never before felt so welcomed. I've been an active member of the Coastal group since. I like to try all kinds of carving, and design a good deal of my pieces. Recently, I have begun to carve decoys (thank you Gordon!) and am having the time of my life. I have been many things in the MWCA...Treasurer, Show Chair. I am happy to help out wherever it is needed.

BALLOT

President (vote for one)

- 1.
2. _____ (write in candidate)

Vice-President (vote for one)

1. Chuck Friis
2. _____ (write-in candidate)

Secretary (vote for one)

1. Kathy Webster
2. _____ (write-in candidate)

Treasurer (vote for one)

1. Wilma Sarna (incumbent)
2. _____ (write-in candidate)

Director at Large (vote for one)

1. Fran Fedrizzi
2. Carol Durgin
3. _____ (write-in candidate)

- Circle the candidate of your choice, or write the name of your candidate on the appropriate line.
- Place your ballot in a plain, unmarked envelope and seal it so that you will have a secret ballot.
- Place the sealed, unmarked envelope in another envelope upon which you have written your name and address as the return address. This will allow the Secretary to check you off as having voted.
- Mail your completed ballot to the Secretary, Barb Wade, P.O.Box 398, Newcastle, ME 04553 so that it is received no later than March 1, 2009. The Secretary will place your sealed, unmarked ballot envelope in a ballot box for counting at the appropriate time.
- **Ballots will be counted by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kathy Webster, (or his agent), in the presence of all interested parties. Ballots will be counted on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at a location and time to be announced. All interested parties are invited to attend.**

MWCA CHAPTER* DATES, TIMES and LOCATIONS

CAPITAL CARVERS

Every Thursday, 6-8 PM
445-2078 Lloyd Clark
George Gunning's workshop
Legion Park Road, Windsor, ME

CARVER STREET CARVERS

Every Tuesday, 1-3 PM
Barbara McCutcheon 453-6048
Seton Village Senior Center, 1 Carver Street,
Waterville, ME

CENTRAL MAINE CARVERS

6-8 PM, 3rd Wednesday, monthly
873-3370, Dave Brown
32 Burleigh St., Waterville, ME

COASTAL CARVERS

4th Saturday, 1 PM
563-2034, Jim Wade
D&L Printers, Route 1, Newcastle, ME

SOUTH COAST CARVERS

4th Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM
603-664-2813, George Calef
Crossings at Fox Run Mall, Goslin Rd,
Newington, NH

STREAKED MOUNTAIN WOOD CARVERS

2nd Saturday, 1 PM
388-2472, Bob Perry
Sumner, ME

**Check for possible changes in schedule*

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