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Thanks to Hariph Smith for the above pictures of the 2009 MWCA Show

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings from Bob Haven

Hope you all had a great Halloween. I made a Robot costume for my 4 year old grandson in Mass. He loved it and called his grandmother and said “Grandma, my robot costume was great”, then hung up the phone. Shot and sweet. Now we can look forward to Thanksgiving, deer hunting and preparations for the Christmas season. Last Saturday we held a show committee meeting wrap-up meeting in Augusta. I want to thank all who turned out for that meeting. Of those who were present, no one volunteered to chair the 2010 show. A chair person is needed before planning for the 2010 show can get underway. I think several of the team leaders for this years show will serve again for next years show. Please let me know if you are willing to serve on the show committee for this years show. Thanks. As reported in last months report, October 18th and 19th are the 2010 show dates.

At the board of directors meeting also held last Saturday, I informed the board of directors that due to work schedules and family situations requiring more time, I will step down as President of Maine Wood Carvers at the annual meeting in March. Vice President Chuck Friis will assume the Presidency at that time. I will be appointing a nominating committee to find candidates to fill the Vice President position. Thank you for your understanding.

Until next time
Happy Carving
Bob Perry
President, MWCA



MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Due to the Rhode Island Woodcarver Event, many of our members were absent from class. We had 8 members show up at Laura and Wolf's house. A big thank you to Wolf for hosting our meeting this month.

Show and tell brought an array of woodcarvings of a whimsical man, a turtle, a CVA kit of a 45 caliber black powder he was completing, a flute, icicles, snowman ornament, 8 point star and tree branch carvings.

Steven taught the class how to make 8 point stars. Everyone had a good time with these cute stars. Thank you Steven for volunteering to teach this class.

Think of your ideas for the tamarack table for next month. Hopefully we can put the discussion on the 'table' then.

Streaked Mountain would like to say congratulations to McGaffey Mountain Woodcarvers for winning best booth at the Down East Woodcarvers Show.

Next month our meeting will be held at our regular meeting place, the East Sumner Church, Second Saturday at 1pm (November 14.)

Justina



Carver Street Carvers

Didn't get to but one meeting this month. I wish they would schedule my time at the nursing home so it didn't interfere with the meeting and some months it works that way.

I try to get to talk with the members and keep caught up on their work. Still the same ones going but we keep hoping more will start coming.

Everyone continues to work on relief carvings and they are coming well. Just hope that in November I get to go more often and get more done on min.

Barb

Coastal Carvers

Saturday, October 24 the Coastal Carvers were back in action. We started with a quick meeting at which time the Wades offered their home for the Christmas party and carving swap. It will take place on Saturday, December 12. More details next month on time and directions. There were some great carvings shared for Show-N-Tell; Gary Sainio - cotton wood bark woodspirit and a stylized loon in cherry; Gordon Harde- miniature bufflehead; Kathy Webster - rabbit carved from an egg; Ed Beach- woodcock in progress; Jim Wade - detailed wooden blocks and many of us donated to the "kitty". After refreshments we had an auction.

We want to thank Mrs. Jasper Griffin for donating her late husbands carving tools to Coastal Carvers. The items were auctioned off to benefit Coastal Carvers. Gordon and Anne did a great job running the auction. Several carvers were working on their eagle heads, while others carving on their own projects.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 28 at 1pm. We will be woodburning feathers and setting eyes so bring tools needed we have the eyes for the eagles.

See you in November, Happy Thanksgiving

Karen Knowles

South Coast Carvers

Eleven carvers met on October 22nd at the Woodcraft Store in Newington, N.H. Actually, we have many more than eleven members but not all were able to attend.

We set up a separate table to show the recent show entries from those attending the meeting (picture attached). Very impressive. Many of our carvings were winners. Congratulations to all, including Bob Schwinger for a Second Best of Show in the Intermediate Class.

We were fortunate to include two new members to our group: Ed Benoit from Eliot, Maine and Hayden Dumont from Epping, N.H. Hayden is fourteen and is our second member in the Youth Division.

Woodcraft has put a sign in their window and has added a notice to their flyers advertising our meetings. It seems to have helped our numbers. Thank you Woodcraft for your help.

Because of the fact that in the next two months our regular meeting night (the fourth Thursday of the month) will fall on Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will be combining those two meetings into one on December 3rd, 7:00 – 8:30 and at the Woodcraft store in Newington. We welcome anyone who has an interest in carving.

George Calef Sec.



.Capital Chapter

Another month has fled by. We're fast approaching the 'holly-daze'. Speaking of which, we'll be having our annual Christmas potluck party at the Fox Glen Snowmobile Assn club house on Dec 10th. All MWCA members are invited to attend.....call George [445-2078] or Loyd [445-2688] for more info. The ME woodturners have been invited & response has been good.

Capital Carver's has now furnished over 400 eagle canes to disabled veterans.....and we have requests for more.

The topic of wood toxicity came up the other day & I found a link to the info. Here is a good link to every wood out there: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/2892869/wood-toxicity-table>

Hope all have a very Happy Thansgiving, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

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. Dues will be \$5 per year. The Artist Nook will be donating \$1 for each attendee per meeting. At the last meeting we discussed some group projects for the winter. Nothing definite decided but lots to think about.

The Maine Arts Commission has selected Master Carver, Tom Cote to receive a grant funded by the National Endowment for the Arts Folk and Traditional Arts program. This grant will be used to instruct his new apprentice, Elizabeth Bencivenga in woodcarving.

Elizabeth, (Tom's granddaughter) is the fifth generation carver in the Cote family. As Tom's new apprentice she will have ample opportunity to learn the art of woodcarving. Elizabeth attends Limestone Community School and is in the 7th grade. She has already won several Blue Ribbons and Best of Shows in the youth category for her work. She has been carving with Tom for almost 2 years now and accompanies Tom at most woodcarving shows. So you may have seen or met her already. Congratulations Elizabeth!!!

Jessica Stackhouse, who has been studying under Tom as his apprentice for the last few years, is now moving on to become journeyman (or journeywoman??...sorry Tom, I just had to do it.) .

As apprentice, Jessica visited Ayotte's Seven Oak sawmill and journeyed to Quebec to observe traditional carvers at Ste-Jean-Port-Joli. It was exciting for Jessica to be able to visit the area where her ancestors lived and to observe other carving techniques by other carvers. Under tutelage from Tom, Jessica learned how to sharpen knives and gouges; to recognize and name various types of wood and to design and create her own carved pieces. Some of her projects included:

- ❖ designing and carving a half log bowl with a set of forks and spoons to match;
- ❖ designing and carving a high relief piece

Jessica also learned how to use a lathe machine for accent pieces.

Jessica designed and carved several pieces for her senior art show at University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI). She studied art for four years at UMPI and is now the new Art Teacher for Limestone Community School. Everyone is very proud of her accomplishments.

Our next meetings are scheduled for October 29 and November 19. The November meeting is a week early since the last Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day. We plan to discuss our winter group project and a new eagle cane project at these meetings.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING everyone and...HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!!



The photo on the left are carvings done by Jessica and on the right are Elizabeths' works of art. .

Annette Tardy for
The Top of Maine Carvers

I have to apologise to Annette. She sent me two pictures and I had both of them in here. I did some more work and went back and looked and one was gone. Instead of the dog ate it my computer ate it. I did it on two separate days and had deleted her email so couldn't retrieve. Maybe we can print it next month.

Central Maine Carvers

No report and the last word was that they are looking for a place to meet.

Downeast Woodcarvers

No Report this month.

Alan Talbot

Poland Spring Carvers

Fall is here and our snowbirds are head south. Have a safe trip and bring back some new ideas.

The carvers from Poland Spring and Streaked Mountain demonstrated and showed some of their carvings at the Cumberland Fair. A good time was had by all that attended. Congratulations to the members of Poland Spring who entered carvings in NEWC competition they won ribbons in multiple categories.

Members are to bring in ideas for what to do with our tamarack plank.

Jim Irish

McGaffey Mountain Carvers

Our group continues to grow with 3 young men who came to our meeting this week. Mom came along with 2 sons and one of their friends. They quickly got started on Eagle heads and a loon. Amazing how well all 3 did! We hope they'll join us again. We are busy planning for next year's Chapter table competition. Lots of neat ideas. Our table display from this year now resides in the front window of the Readfield Post Office. Looks great and it is getting some great comments. We also discussed what we want to do with our piece of the Tamarack tree. We've got time to really think this out, but the overall plan is beginning to gel. I am sure it will be another super collaboration for our group.

Kathy Webster



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

INCOME:	
Membership Renewals	497.50
Donation Eagle Cane Project	
Oakland Lions Club	25.00
Tammy Chuinard*	20.00
Norma Wing	<u>200.00</u>
Income	742.50

EXPENSES:	
Albison's Printing, Inc.	184.21
Barbara McCutcheon, Editor	40.00
Postage, unclaimed raffle prizes	21.98
Postage, Postcard reminder of dues	<u>31.70</u>
Expenses	277.89

**Checkbook balance
as of 10/31/09** **\$9,301.95**

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

Thank you to the members of **Oakland Lions Club** for their donation to the Eagle Cane Project; and to **Norma Wing** who made such a convincing presentation to the Lions Club for donations, that she inspired herself to make a personal donation.



***Tammy Chouinard**, who is part of the Oakland Lions Club, made a personal donation, to the Eagle Cane Project to honor her children, **Sgt Kevin Allstrom and Spc Jennifer Allstrom**, each of whom is presently serving in the Armed Forces of the USA. We thank them for their service and to their mom for her donation to the Eagle Cane Project

Thank you to all of you who so graciously responded to my postcard reminder and renewed your membership. There are still many who have not renewed... Hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you, Wilma Sarna, Treasurer



Hope Everyone has a very Happy See Below





THANK YOU DEMONSTRATORS

I want to thank all the carvers who gave their time and expertise doing demonstrations throughout the Downeast Show weekend. They are always a popular attraction, thank you.

Karen Knowles
Demonstrations Coordinator

WOOD N' THINGS

Thanks to several contributors, the booth had books, magazines, carvings and tools available for purchase. We had MWCA aprons, hats, bags and shirts. Roger and Joan Gotlibson, Richard and Beverly Nickerson and Ethel Merrick did the set up, selling and take down this year. As always, they did a wonderful job. Thank you from the MWCA Show Committee.

Tamarack slabs

The item below was in the July 2009 newsletter and was under chapters, Top Of Maine. The slabs of tamarack mentioned in the article were taken to the MWCA Show by Tom Cote and all but two pieces were picked up. The two pieces left are with Kathy Webster and she would like to give them to you. If you do not have yours please contact her.

There has also been some question as to what was to be done with the slabs and as you can see, this is up to the chapter. If you have any other questions you can contact Tom. Hope this helps the confusion.

The event that we are excited about is, of course, the donation of a portion of "*the largest tamarack in the nation*". We will be getting the second part of the log.

As we said last month, we plan to donate to each chapter a slab taken from the tamarack to take home and carve on. You will have an entire year to work on your piece. We will display your masterpieces the following year at the next show

More show pictures sent by Hariph Smith





I think this is all the pictures I have received from everyone. Hope everyone can see what a wonderful show we had this year.

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*4th Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
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