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**Featured Carver
Kathy Webster**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings from Bob Haven

THANK YOU ALL for a **GREAT 2009 DOWN EAST SHOW!** Your hard work and dedication to MAINE WOODCARVERS gave the public another show we can be proud of. The competition entries and the skill level of those entries were just wonderful. It was gratifying to see the number of youth entries up from previous years. Congratulations to all the winners and to all competitors in all levels. A big THANK YOU goes to the girls who manned the “Wood and Things” gift table. The addition this year of Wildlife Educator, Barbra Tomlinson and husband Tom with their live birds of prey and wildlife educational program were a great attraction. Kathy Webster, Curator of Birds had several of MWCA mounts to augment the wildlife display. Chain Saw Carver Bill Fournier, demonstrating his skills near the entrance in front of the auditorium was another great show addition. Gary Sainio again did an outstanding job of registering the competition pieces. We are especially grateful to the team of judges, Gene Bahr, Erwin Flewelling, Floyd Truitt, Roger Melanson, Chet Jablonski, and Norman Devonshire for their services. Their task was not an easy one, owing to the skill level of all competition pieces. Their knowledge and expertise in the art of wood carving enhances the credibility of the Down East Show. We also recognize those who served as recorders for the judges. Their services are essential to the judging process. This year we added an information table just inside the entrance providing instruction on voting for Peoples choice and Best Chapter Booth as well as other show information. This speeded up the sale of tickets and eased congestion at the gate. Mary Perry manned this table for most of the two days, Thank You Mary. **Congratulations to McGaffey Mountain Woodcarvers for winning 2009 BEST CHAPTER BOOTH, A WELL DESERVED WIN.** Once again we have shown that we can come together and work for the benefit of MWCA, present a Quality show that showcases Maine and surround area Carvers and the Art of Woodcarving. Show Chairman, Chuck Perry and daughter Lisa deserve much credit for overseeing this year’s success. Thanks again for another outstanding show. I have scheduled a BOARD OF DIRECTORS and SHOW COMMITTEE WRAP UP MEETING at the Great Wall restaurant in Augusta on Saturday October 31st from 12:00 Noon to 4:00PM. I encourage all BOD, show committee members, and interested persons to attend this meeting. Show team leaders to submit reports and recommendations.

Now it is time to look forward to next years show. I have reserved the Augusta Armory for the 2010 Down East Show on Saturday and Sunday, **September 18th and 19th**. By doing so now, we do not run the risk of loosing our preferred dates.

Until next time
Happy Carving
Bob Perry
President, MWCA

MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Our wood grain material came in for the Down East Woodcarvers Show. Pauline has agreed to be a service recorder for the show.

We received a Tamarack plank from Presque Isle. We will be turning in idea's at our next meeting as to what we want to do with the plank, thus far we have all agreed to turn it into a table.

Many 'show and tellers' brought in their creations, we saw clown fish, eagle canes, caricatures of political figures, whimsical carvings, squirrels, turtles, and whimsical golf ball carvings.

Next months class will be held at Wolf and Laura's house. Thank you both for offering to host our meeting. Steven will be teaching 8 point star carvings. Bring in (1 1/2") cubes to carve on.

Anyone interested in The Spirit of Woodcarving Show on Oct 18th at Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts can find more info can find it at NEWC.ORG.



Carver Street Carvers

Had a good month and managed to get carving most Tuesdays. I am starting a relief carving and am .lucky I have Richard Spear to keep me from throwing it away. Joan and Theresa are coming along real well on thiers.

Was glad to see so many people at the show and always love to look at everyone elses work.

Have a great month carving.

Barb

Coastal Carvers

A Great Big thank you to all the Coastal Carvers who worked together to create a wonderful "Maine Wildlife" display for the Downeast Showit looked great!!!

"Congratulations" to the McGaffey Mountain Carvers for their very creative winning display.

Thank you Chuck Perry and to ALL who helped put together a very fine 2009 Downeast Show.

Coastal Carvers will be meeting at D&L Printers on Saturday, October 24, at 1pm. Many carvers are working on their eagle head canes or loons. In the up coming months we are planning a Santa project.

All are welcome, hope to see you there.

Karen Knowles

South Coast Carvers

The Southcoast Carvers met on Thursday night at the Woodcraft store in Newington, NH. It is located next to Wal-Mart and is easy to find. Please pay us a visit!

As this is being written at 7:00 PM, we have ten members present, and most carving, but show and tell quickly ensued. The pieces shown were too numerous to include all but certainly the most and best we've ever had. Todd Wisell showed a country store scene with many props and characters which is very impressive. Todd also had a nice bird. He is a very multi-talented carver. Wayne Preston showed chip carvings with a really nice design that had beautiful lettering. Cliff Day was just beginning a basswood Santa project. Mike Costa was working on a spoon that had an intricate Celtic knot design. The chips were flying as Brian Barber worked on several pieces (cane, mice light pulls, a colt and cotton wood bark carvings). Paul Durant was instructing seven year old Noah Penasack on the finer points of creating a walking stick. George showed the amazing chickadees he had prepared for his classes and his new whip-poor-will project.

We welcomed Norman Vezeau to our group. Norm is carving a great owl and a shoveler duck.

George Calef Sec.

.Capital Chapter

No Report this month



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Hello Everyone!

Just back from the Augusta Downeast Woodcarving Competition. All we can say is "WOW".....what a show. It was quite impressive and so well organized. It was nice to be able to view so many really great works of art that were on display. The range of art pieces always impresses me. Meeting the various chapter members was fun...

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 the upcoming Downeast show --- making plans to attend. And then we had show and tell.

Dan is working on some walking sticks.
John showed us his Lady in Wood which he plans to enter in the Augusta show. Just a beautiful piece. Elizabeth, our youth member, is working quite industriously on her carousel horse. John Michaud is finishing up on his moose and also plans to enter his piece in the Downeast Woodcarving show. Galen has also started on a moose relief and Attila has started yet another flag with eagle. Margaret is working on baby shoes to give as a gift to one of her family members. They are so sweet.

Tom Cote is always busy with some project. At the meeting he displayed his lighthouse and sailor carvings.

Our next meetings are scheduled for September 24 and October 29. Come on over....

Annette Tardy for
The Top of Maine Carvers

Central Maine Carvers

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

Downeast Woodcarvers

No Report this month.

Alan Talbot

Poland Spring Carvers

I just returned from the show in Augusta congratulation to the show committees and thank you for all your hard work. Also thanks to the carvers donated there carvings for the chapter table.

We received our piece of tamarack from the Top of Maine Carvers. We will be deciding what to do with it at the upcoming meetings. Come to the meeting with some ideas. The chapter has been busy this summer. In June we did soap carving for the boys and girls of the Poland Library summer program. We also had their mothers and the librarian carving. July meeting was at the Gray Animal Farm. It was a combined meeting of the Poland Springs and Streaked Mt. Chapters. Poor weather kept the number of members down. The ones that came showed their carvings and helped with soap carving. We have added a second meeting to our schedule. We now meet on the 1st Friday and the 3rd Saturday of the month from 1pm to 4pm. The meetings are at the Poland Springs Library. Several of our members have completed canes for veterans and presented them. We have had some very nice items bought in for show and tell. Our membership continues to grow.

Jim Irish

McGaffey Mountain Carvers

No Report this month.

2009
Maine Wood Carvers Association
Downeast Wood Carving
& Wildlife Art Show

September 18 – September 20

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Booth Rental	\$1,250.00
Competition Entries	1,035.00
Admission (585 people)	2,338.75
Wood 'n' Things	444.75
Raffle	437.00
New Memberships	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$5,565.50

Donation, Ducktrap Bay Trading Co.	100.00
Roger Melonson, Judge returned check	<u>76.00*</u>
Gross Income	\$5,741.50

Expenses:

Armory Rental	\$1,050.00
Armory Marquee, Custodial, Security	610.00
Judges Stipend (\$40+mileage)	298.80*
Cash Prizes Awarded	300.00
Barbara Tomlinson, Wild-Haven, 2 days	600.00
Printing and Publicity	423.58
Wood 'n' Things Consignment Payout	127.80
Prize Solicitation and Ribbons	259.62
Mailing uncollected Raffle items	<u>???.??</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,669.80

Actual Income, to date, 9/25/09	\$2,071.70
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Financial Report MWCA
September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009

INCOME:

Membership Renewals	835.00*
Donation to newsletter postage	<u>6.71</u>
Income	841.71

EXPENSES:

Albison's Printing, Inc.	214.75
Barbara McCutcheon, Editor	<u>40.00</u>
Expenses	254.75

Checkbook balance
as of 9/30/09 **\$8,970.54**

See Downeast Show Report elsewhere in this newsletter for breakdown of Show related finances.

**Does not include the \$60 new memberships received at the show, see Show Report*

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



Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership. There are many who have not renewed...and you know who you are! ☺

Those who are delinquent will be receiving a reminder post card in the mail. Please send in your dues renewal, so we can avoid the extra expense of mailing out reminders.



A special thank you to **Ducktrap Bay Trading Company of Camden** for the \$100 donation; to **Roger Melonson** who donated his judging stipend check back to MWCA, and to **Dave Merrick** who added \$6.71 to his renewal check to cover postage for mailing his newsletters.

Thanks you, Wilma Sarna, Treasurer

It had been a while since we have promoted the MWCA name tags. With so many new chapters and new members we would like to make a special offer to the MWCA members. For a one time offer we are willing to make new name tags for the club members for only \$2.50 each. This charge is to cover material and shipping. We would like to do them for everyone that is interested all at the same time so please have your chapters decide who wants on and get your list along with payment to us by October 31 and we will make the pins in November.

Send to: MDI Woodcarvers Supply, PO Box 4, Pittsfield, ME 04967. If you have any questions please call Wayne Edmondson at 487-3100



Reminder to Renew Your Membership

If you haven't paid your dues by now...you are overdue! 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 the August newsletter and return it with your check ASAP. 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

If you plan to pay your dues at the show, please include the form from the newsletter with your name, address, phone number, and all current information, etc....especially if you will be giving me cash!!!!

Wilma Sarna, Treasurer

This will be the last reminder to renew your membership.

Message from Marcia Berkell

1. Basic Woodcarving

Learn the basic skills while you carve a holiday snowman. This course is offered through Whitefield Adult Education and will be held in my South China studio.

Tuesday nights starting October 20, 6 to 8:30 pm (may run later)

Fee: \$65 + \$8 lab fee for knife if needed.

To register: 549-4687

2. Carving a Wood Spirit in Cottonwood Bark

Learn basic proportions carving a practice block, then apply that to a bark wood spirit carving. Bring your own carving tools.

Saturday, October 24, 9am to 5 pm

Freshwater Arts

74 Main Street, Waterville (beneath Barrel's Community Market...enter from the Concourse)

Fee: \$53 includes one piece of bark

To register: 680-2055

For information on either of these, call Marcia at 445-4280 or email at whitwood@fairpoint.net





McGaffey Mountain
Wood Carvers

Our newest chapter.
Welcome to MWCA
and
Congratulations on winning the
Best Chapter Table
Award,
first time out!
Wow!

Streaked Mountain
Wood Carvers
Chapter Table

Dethroned after winning Best
3 years in a row!

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Sorry, no photos of other



Tables.



Coastal Carvers Chapter Table

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All Photos, Courtesy of Karen Knowles

Thank you for the contributors to Wood n' Things. Roger and Joan Goblidson, Richard and Beverly Nickerson, and Ethel Merrick for the setup, selling and take down of the booth. As always they did a wonderful job.

Thank you from the MWCA Committee

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I would like to thank everyone for their articles and pictures for me to include in the Carver.

Notice of publication *The Maine Carver* is published monthly by the Maine Wood Carvers Association, a non-profit 501 (C)(3) organization dedicated to the education, promotion, and advancement of artists who express themselves in wood.

Please submit all material for *The Maine Carver* before the 25th of the month for the next month's publication.

Membership Fees: Individual Member: \$15, Family \$22.50, annually. All membership fees are due and payable by September 1.

The Maine Carver accepts advertisements without making any guarantees implied or otherwise as to the quality of products or services advertised, or delivery of these products/services. The Maine Wood Carvers Association shall not be held accountable for typos and other errors appearing in *The Maine Carver*.

Advertising in the MAINE CARVER

Members (non professional) are permitted one free 1/8 page advertisement in any month.

ALL other advertisements are charged according to the following schedule:

½ page ad = \$20 per month - \$240/yr

¼ page ad = \$10 per month - \$120/yr

⅛ page ad = \$5 per month - \$60/yr

½ pg = 3.25" x 9.5" or 6.5" x 4.75"

¼ pg = 3.25" x 4.75"

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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Membership in the Maine Wood Carvers Assoc. runs from September 1, and ending September 1 the following year.

All members receive a newsletter, *The Maine Carver*, on a monthly basis. However, occasionally a double month issue is printed, e.g., during the summer when there is little news or the post-show issue. If you do not receive the newsletter, contact our Newsletter Editor, Barbara McCutcheon at 13 Liberty Street, Fairfield, ME 04937 or call (207) 453-6048 or email barb72@hotmail.com

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CARVER STREET CARVERS

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CENTRAL MAINE CARVERS

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COASTAL CARVERS

*4th Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
D & L Printers, Route 1, Newcastle ME,
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McGAFFEY MOUNTAIN WOODCARVERS

*1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Vienna Community Center
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POLAND SPRING CARVERS

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

*4th Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
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PROGRAM - If you would be willing to loan books, magazine articles, video tapes, study casts or anything else related to carving and painting, send your list to browndav@roadrunner.com

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