

# CONNECTICUT WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*



Some work got done during the meeting in December and some wisdom being shared!



**WHAT A PARTY!!** The CWCA 2nd Annual Grab Bag N Goodies Party was a great success. Lots of food, lots of members, and lots of great gifts and good times were shared.



### **Need 5 completed sticks for 2017 "Run for the Woods"**

We must start to get these done, as we barely got them made the event in 2016. Please make one! The winners were all so excited to receive one!



### **BE A BETTER ARTIST!**

The club members have been offered first chance to sign up for a general drawing class @ the Carousel Museum at a special rate.

Offered as 4 sessions for \$60, easels and some basic materials provided. These adult classes include various topics in drawing, great for those not proficient in the skill.

Dates are January 21st & 28th and Feb 4th & 11th, 10 am-Noon

Contact Morgan at 860-585-5411

New England Carousel Museum

### **My Fellow Woodcarvers,**

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and safe 2017! Hoping you have had the opportunity to work on projects, new or old, perhaps even completed something!! Get your creative juices going.....either water, vegetable, coffee, or whatever! Our club show is only 5 short months away!! We need your work. All suggestions welcome.

One goal for the club this year is to start a long term wood spirit project. If anyone has a line on a white cedar source, please share it!

Another focus in 2017 will be ways to improve not only our yearly show in June, but to have the best possible participation at all the shows we participate in.

Leo.....Mr. President

The club will be doing demonstrations of soap carving, wood burning, and walking sticks, etc at the show.

Here is the info you need to know...

- ◆ We are again in the Young Building at the Big E Fairgrounds in Springfield Mass.
- ◆ Show Hours are: Friday 12-6pm Saturday 10-6pm Sunday 10-3pm
- ◆ Our booth needs to be ready for 11am on Friday per the show manager.
- ◆ There is a parking fee, so carpooling is encouraged.
- ◆ Bring your own chairs please, tables will be provided.
- ◆ Electricity is available, please bring your own extension cord/ power strip.
- ◆ Food/beverages are available, but is not "cheap", although it is pretty good.
- ◆ We can set up Thursday from 8a-4p, and the building opens at 8a on Friday. Please contact Leo if you are available either day.
- ◆ Be sure to sign up or call Jenn (860-539-7346) so you can be included on the list to get in free. If your name is not on the registration list, you will have to pay admission charge each day! Must have your name by the 11th.
- ◆ This is a demo, no selling. But orders can be taken from attendees and sale completed after weekend. Details are between you and attendee as far as payment/shipping.



**We need sticks for this event.....a gathering needs to happen ASAP !! Let Leo know your availability right away!!**

We need a lot of volunteers for this event, sign-ups will be at the January meeting. Use the time to also set up carpooling. Should the meeting be cancelled due to weather, you **MUST** call Jennifer (860-539-7346) to register. Remember, if your name is not on the list, **you** will have to pay the entrance fee each day.

### **BUSY—BUSY—BUSY**

Our club has been at several events this past year. All of the events are important in building not only our club, but building the public awareness of working with the natural beauty in wood.

Most events will be repeated in 2017, but some may not. Either way we need as many participants as possible at every event to showcase as many talents as we can. Not that you have to be at every event, but without enough people, some club members are having to be put in that position. So get ready for another full year!

### 2016 Club Events :

- \*The Woodworking Show @ Big E Grounds
- \*Elements of Nature Show @ The Hunting & Fishing Expo
  - \*Train Show @ Sheehan High School
  - \*Flanders Walking Stick Demo
  - \*Monson, Mass Carving Show
  - \*Boy Scout Jamboree, Bethlehem
  - \*Farm Days @ Flanders
- \*CWCA Carving Show @ Carousel Mus.
  - \*Fairy Fest @ Flanders Nature Ctr
  - \*Mystic Woodcarving Show
  - \*CWCA Annual Picnic
- \*Run for the Woods, Sessions Woods
- \*Family Nature Day, White Memorial
- \*Bizarre Bazaar, Carousel Museum
- \*CWCA Grab Bag N Goodies Party
- \*Appearance on Channel 8 "Cruisin' CT"

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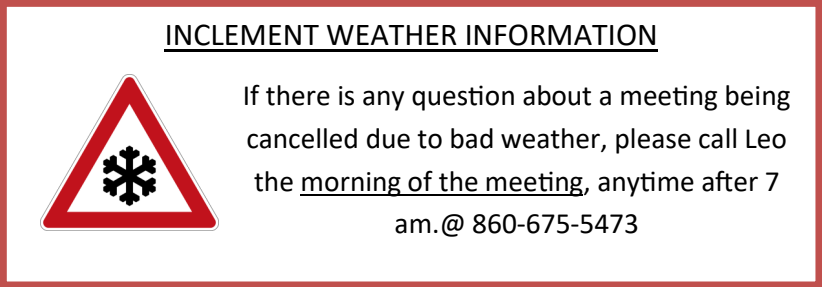
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| JAN. 2017 | <p>- <b>8: Club meeting</b>—Project **Spoons</p> <p>-<b>13th,14th, &amp;15th</b>—<b>Wood Working Show:</b> Big E Fairgrounds in Mass. Young Bldg. More info next page.</p> |
| FEB.      | <p>- <b>5: Club meeting</b>—Project **Chip Carving-by Andre</p> <p>Elements of Nature Show?? Have not gotten any info on this yet. May not be the booth this year.</p>     |
| MARCH     | <p>- <b>5: Club meeting</b>—Project TBD</p>                                                                                                                                |
| APRIL     | <p>- <b>2: Club meeting</b> — Project TBD</p> <p>Train Show ???</p>                                                                                                        |

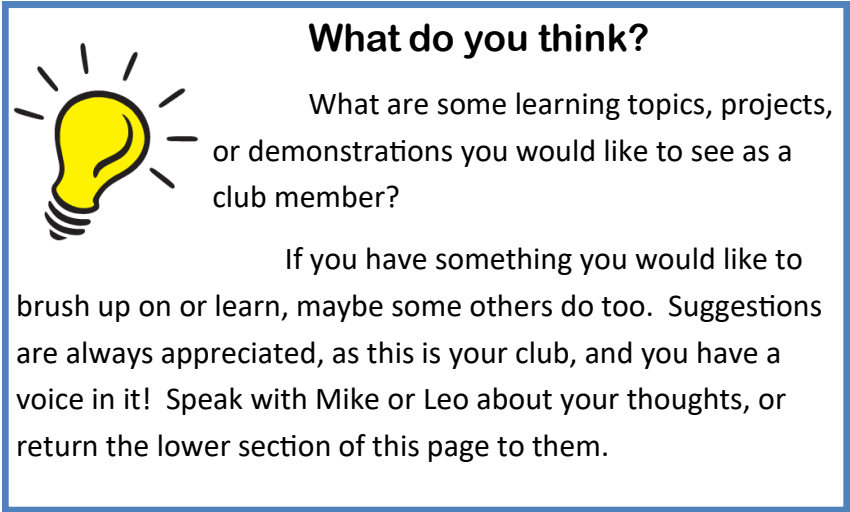
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**MANY THANKS TO....**

**The club members**- that participated in the December meeting party. A good time was had by all. We look forward to this being a yearly tradition!

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## **MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

**2017 Yearly dues!** Please see Mark Austin to get your 2017 membership! Updates to address/e-mail should be sent to Mark. Checks (\$15 for 2017 calendar year) should be made to CWCA and the following mini form mailed to:  
CWCA Membership 258 Campville Rd Northfield, CT 06778

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New Member? Y ☐

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

All newsletters will be e-mailed. No email? Check box for mailed copy. ☐

## **DUES ARE DUE!!**



Membership dues need to be paid for the 2017 calendar year. See Mark Austin to get current!



## **What ya working on??**

Get those chips flying folks...the annual CWCA Carving show and competition is only a few months away.

Even if you don't get your piece finished, bring it to the Work in Progress table so guest can see the things we do, and the steps it takes.

### **CURRENTLY SERVING CWCA OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

|                     |                     |              |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| PRESIDENT           | LEO HEIN            | 860-675-5473 |
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