

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*

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Come see our new website at www.Ctwoodcarvers.org or contact us at ctwoodcarver@gmail.com **CWCA is on Facebook:** Our address is....
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Connecticut-Wood-Carvers-Association/405551016193696>

Membership: New or renewal. Complete the form, cut on the line, and mail

Current Members: Please don't forget dues are \$15 and run from January 1st to December 31st. Make checks to C. W. C. A. and return to membership chairperson.

_____ Renewal Membership

_____ New Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Remember that membership makes a great gift!

Please mail to our membership director or renew at the meeting.

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EVENTS CALENDAR 2015:

Our meetings are open carving sections. You are welcome to come to work on your own project or try our novice project we try to have every month. EVERYONE is always welcome – individuals and families with children age 10 or older. If you wish to introduce a child less than 10 years old, please contact us ahead of time for tips and projects. Please bring your carving knife. The novice projects are fun for all.

Our monthly meetings are Sunday's 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CT Forest and Park Association Building on Rte 66 in Middlefield

CWCA Events

April 12: CWCA Monthly Meeting: **Project** – Spoons and wood spirit – Leo Hein (**date moved for Easter on 5th**)

April 19: Walking Stick Demonstration, Flanders Nature Center, Woodbury CT

May 3: CWCA Monthly Meeting: **Project** – Walking Stick – class project

June 6: CWCA Annual Show (see below!!)

July TBD: Annual picnic

September 13th (late meeting due to Labor Day 9/7)

October 4 / November 1 / December 6: tbd projects

Our Club's Demonstration Events

March 29, 2015: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 7th annual Mark T. Sheehan High School Model Train Show. We have been asked to demonstrate at the show. 142 Hope Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492. Please contact Leo if you can be there so he can provide a list of attendees. Adults \$6 / Senior \$5 / Youth (5-7) \$1. Phyllis Drescher 203-265-0223 jpdrescher@comcast.net

<http://www.modeltrainshows.com/2009/03/connecticut-train-shows.html>

March's Novice Project Thank you Lynda for leading our soap carving class. Please see our Facebook page for more pictures.....



April 19, 2015: Walking Stick Demonstration, Flanders Nature Center, Bethlehem/Woodbury: We have been asked to display and promote use of the walking trails. See below

<http://www.flandersnaturecenter.org/>
<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/FlandersNatureCenter/woodcarving.html>

May 16, 2015 ConnJam, Orange Fairgrounds. 525 Orange Center Road, We have been asked to demonstrate wood carving for the boy scouts and soap carving for the cub scouts at the event.

<http://www.ctyankee.org/program/connjam>

May 16, 2015 Open Carving Session with a Chain Saw Demonstration, Flanders Nature Center, Woodbury. Come down and demonstrate any piece you want to carve and you can sell if you want. 10% commission to the Center as a fund raiser if you sell. See below.

<http://www.flandersnaturecenter.org/>

July 18th Fairy Fest – Flanders Nature Center demonstration. More details to come.

August tbd, Bovano Art and Craft Show

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Walking Stick Demonstrations:

Flanders Nature Center – April 19, 10:00a to 4:00p: Flanders Nature Center-- Walking Stick Carving – April 19, 10:00a to 4:00p: Flanders Nature Center, 5 Church Hill Road, Woodbury, CT, at the Sugar House, on Church Hill Road, 1/4 mile from the intersection of Flanders and Church Hill Roads. We are looking for:

- We need a minimum of 5 to 7 carvers to make this a successful event and to demonstrate walking stick carving. But all carvers are invited. The more the merrier. Even if you don't carve, please come out to support the club and enjoy the Nature Center.
- Please bring completed sticks as examples, any theme. If you wish to sell, you may.
- We will have green sticks for carving for the demonstrators and attendees. Need shaving horses.
- Please bring some your work in progress or be willing to start carving a stick at the event.
- If you want to sell, you can. No premium to Center.

Please contact Mike Audette at 860-388-7874, maude22070@aol.com, or Mark Austin if you can be there.



Race for the Woods: Sponsored by the CFPA. Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington, CT:

Saturday in September. The CFPA asked us to come and demonstrate again this year at this event. Again this year, the Club is donated walking sticks to the CFPA for the winners of the race. We are looking for other carvers to help with sticks and demonstrators for this year's event. We need 5 sticks for the event. Please use a nature theme. (photo from Race for the Woods, 2014)



Knife Making

When you cannot seem to find the fit or shape of knife that you may need, making your own carving knife is often the best answer. We often have carving knife making projects at our meetings. The blanks are around \$5 each.

We also have a friendship cane project.

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Carving Demonstrations:

ConnJam – May 16, 9:00a to 4:00p: Orange Fairgrounds Carving Demonstration – May 16, 10:00a to 4:00p: Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. We will be demonstrating walking sticks, soap carving, and general carving!! We have been asked to come give the demonstration to cub scouts with interactive soap carving, and boy scouts with interactive walking stick and other carving:



- We need a minimum of 5 to 7 carvers to make this a successful event and to demonstrate both carving techniques. All carvers are invited. We will need shaving horses!!
- We will be setting up on Friday and doing some general demonstrations from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Please bring completed sticks and other carvings as examples, any theme.
- We will have green sticks and soap for carving for the demonstrators and attendees.
- We may have to charge for the soap costs but we are checking.

Please contact Mark Austin miaustin@snet.net or phone above if you can be there. He will need a head count for the group. Directions: <http://www.orangectfair.com/directions.htm>

Open Carving Session with a Chain Saw Demonstration – May 16,

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- Even if you don't carve, please come out to support the club and enjoy the Nature Center.
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Collecting Walking Sticks: For those of you who are brave enough to walk through the snow or who have snow shoes, we need to harvest sticks for our upcoming events.



Thank you also to the CT DEEP who issue us the permit to collect the sticks. This collaboration helps the Forestry Division in their mission to preserve the forest and we are able to get materials to teach others.

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May 9th: Monson Woodwackers Annual show: Saturday 8 a.m. entry drop off, Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. First Church of Monson, 5 High Street, Monson, MA. \$10 for the first entry, \$5 after the first entry. This is the annual show for the central Massachusetts wood carvers group. Please support their show. They have moved their location. Where they normally hold their show was almost destroyed and many of their members were hit very hard by the tornado.



Pete LeClair Seminar – June 12, 13 & 14, 2015, Mystic Wood Carvers. Pete LeClair will lead a seminar in caricature carving. Cost has not been determined yet, but last year's cost was \$125 and Dennis expects that it will be around the same. (Info from their newsletter)

<http://www.mysticcarvers.com/> Contact Dennis with questions:

dtormey5519@earthlink.net

34th Annual Wood Carvers Day Exhibit and Sale - Saturday - July 11th, 2015 (Rain Date Sunday - July 12th) "Olde Mystic Village" in the apple orchard. Exit 90 off I-95 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM Sponsored by the Mystic Wood Carvers. <http://www.mysticcarvers.com/mystic-carvers-show.html>

42nd Annual Green Mountain Wood Carvers Show and Carving Class– August 2015 Theme this year is “3 Critters in 3 Days”. The instructors and projects will be: Bob Lindermann with a Whitetail Deer, Dave Tuttle with a Black Bear, and Matt Strong with a Stylized Otter. They will have more details in their future newsletters and their booth at our June Show and Sale.



Northeast Waterfowl Festival Carving Competition & Wildlife Art Show - September 19 & 20th, 2015 Light House Point State Park, New Haven CT. **Demonstration!!**
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northeast-Waterfowl-Festival/119534868120183>

19th Annual Woodcarvers Retreat in New England - October 9-12, 2015. W. Alton Jones Campus of the University of Rhode Island, The Environmental Education Center, 401 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, RI - 02817
<http://www.mysticcarvers.com/ri-wood-carvers-retreat.html>

This wonderful annual event is a gathering of woodcarvers for learning, carving, camaraderie and relaxation. Carvers of all levels of experience and all ages will find programs to meet their needs. Costs, reservations and other information will be found at the website for Mystic Carvers.

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Take the time to teach the children.

They are our future.

Officer Position Available:

We need a new officer for the club. Our previous secretary could not continue due to work commitments. If you are able to step up and help the club, please see Leo at our next meeting. We will be looking for a volunteer.

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17th Annual Wood Carving Show and Sale
Saturday, June 6, 2015, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*



*Carving, competition, demonstrations, supplies, sales and
guided tours at the
New England Carousel Museum
95 Riverside Avenue (Route 72)
Bristol, CT 06010,
860-585-5411*

Entries will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. when the judging will begin.

Rain or Shine

*Adults - \$6.00, Seniors - \$5.00, Children Age 4 to 14 - \$2.50 (updated museum
admission) Competition Registration is a per piece fee & includes admission.*

Please pass on to anyone you know. This is our annual showcase come in and enjoy

*We are looking for volunteers to help set up and break down for the show. Show
set up will begin on Friday at 12:30 p.m. Final set up will commence at 6:00 a.m.
until the show starts at 10:00 a.m. with final set up of the displays and assisting
the vendors.*

*Many thanks and heartfelt appreciation to everyone for your assistance and
entries. Without your help we would not have this wonderful event.*

The museum installed a new carousel last year! Please come and support them.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND SEMINARS THIS YEAR!!

*Wood burning classes
Face carving classes
Chain Saw Carving*

All clubs will be demonstrating techniques and carvings.

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Wood Carving Show Judging Information

We have had many questions about the show's competition classes and judging. We hope this answers many of your questions and encourages you to come out and enter the show.

We have **four competition levels** based on your experience:

- Junior - Carvers age 18 and under. These are young carvers that are just starting out.
- Intermediate - These carvers are from beginner to experienced carvers who have not sold carvings, have not won "Best in Show". These carvers typically have beginning to moderate carving skills. Most carvers fall into this category.
- Instructor assisted – These are carvings that were done with the assistance with instructors via a class or very close mentoring.
- Open - These carvers are very experienced. Often they have sold carvings, won significant blue ribbons or "Best in Show" or teaches classes on carvings.

The judges may elevate a carving up a level if the skill level in the carving or carver warrants. You may enter at more than one level. If you have just started a new technique or carving method, you may be a beginner, or if you want to test your skills, and enter the higher levels.

There are **eleven categories** for each class:

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| * abstract | * caricature | * carving in round |
| * chip | * miscellaneous | * relief |
| * utility | * wildlife – fin | * wildlife – feather |
| * wildlife – fur | * wood burning | |

The judges use the following **judging criteria** to compare the works. All of the criteria are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest, and 5 being the highest. The highest score in each category wins. The highest possible points for a carving is 30.

1. Correctness of Form and Anatomy
2. Details – correct and amount
3. Technical Difficulty
4. Finish Quality
5. Creativity
6. Overall Artistic Impression

We encourage you to push your skills and put them up at the show. The only way to truly improve your skills is to push them. It will make you better. You have made some incredible works, let's show them off.

We are also privileged to be requested by the museum each year to put up some displays to show during the month of June. We can show your work in the museum in display cases as part of a display of the CWCA. Please consider bringing some pieces to be displayed or leave your submittals in the show for a couple of weeks to allow the public to enjoy your great pieces of art.