

CONNECTICUT WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION

APRIL NEWSLETTER



Ritual dances were held before the breadfruit season in honor of the spirits who controlled the crop. Dancers wear the tapuanu masks to perform the ritual on Satawan in the Mortlocks.

CWCA monthly meetings are open carving sessions for ALL that wish to attend. Bring your own project, or give the featured monthly project a try! Carving tools not provided by CWCA. Children under 10 welcome, but please contact us ahead of time for tips and any special instructions.

MARCH MEETING & EVENTS RECAP

A big **THANKS** to Bob McVety for teaching the project of the month! The Tapuanu Mask from the Caroline Islands in the South Pacific was very interesting, and had a great history.

Officer elections were held in March. The new slate of officers, including newly created and filled executive board positions, is listed on the next page. Thanks to them for stepping up to run our club.



Treasurer's Report from Bob M.

Beginning balance -	\$2060.59
Check for liability insurance -	\$500.00
Present balance -	\$1560.59



BUSY
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STICKS, STICKS, and more STICKS!!!

It's time to go for a walk in the woods to gather a much needed supply of walking sticks for several upcoming events. Let Mike or Leo know what days and times work for you so dates can be selected.



From the Presidents Desk

My fellow club members,

The 2016 elections held at our March meeting showcased the first major expansion of the executive board. I would like to extend a personal thank you to Bob & Mark for their years of dedicated service and support! This expansion of our club has resulted in the need to grow the board of officers. I welcome to the board Mike as Vice President, Judyth as Club Events Director, Linda S as Secretary, and Jennifer as Newsletter Director. Bob will continue as Treasurer and Mark will continue as Membership Director. Thanks to all the board members for your hard work in making our club run smoothly.

In 2003, our relationship with the CT. Forest and Parks Association was born. A walking stick demo was the first public event we did. I demonstrated carving an eagles head. Not only did this begin the success of our relationship with CT.FPA, but it had another meaning for me. It was the year my daughter was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. I completed that stick, and gave it to Jennifer to have for her first MS walk. The walking stick demo program has since grown considerably. We do many events now, from CT. FPA Run for the Woods, DEEP Trails programs at the Big E, to showing our skills at the Northeast Hunting & Fishing Expo in Hartford and the Wood Working Show each January in Mass.

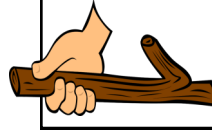
Another significant part of the growth of our club has been the New England Carousel Museum. They have provided many opportunities for us to promote our craft, the largest and most important being the Carving Show & Competition in June. It has been going on 18 years of a mutually beneficial partnership. As I look to the future, we have new chances to spread the love of carving. New relationships with Places like Flanners Nature Center and White Memorial Conservation Park have brought new demo events like Fairy Fest, Farm Days, and Family Nature Day, as well as club activities like a overnight camping carve in. Let's keep the growth going by having as many carvers at all our events as possible, not just the regular ones.

We can all be proud of the success of this club. Whether you're a novice carver, or someone more experienced, from showing your creations at the monthly meetings, to a member that is showing at a gallery, enjoy your craft, and let the world see your passion for carving.

Carving, like life, is an ongoing learning experience!

Thanks for listening... Mr. President

P.S. The club needs walking sticks to be gathered, but beware...Bears in the 'hood!!!



5 Completed walking sticks of a nature theme are needed for the Winners of the Run for the Woods event at Sessions Woods. Please carve one and get it to Leo or Mike by July 30th, the picnic, if you can...THANKS!! We also will be demonstrating here.

CURRENTLY SERVING CWCA OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	LEO HEIN	860-675-5473
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Yearly dues Please see Mark Austin ASAP to get your membership current if you haven't already! Updates to address or e-mail should be sent to Mark as well. Checks (\$15 for the calendar year 2016) should be made to CWCA and the following mini form mailed to:

CWCA Membership 258 Campville Rd Northfield, CT 06778

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CIRCLE....NEW MEMBER OR RENEWING

E-MAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

Delivery Choice.....CIRCLE.....USPS OR E-MAIL

CWCA CALENDAR

****ALL CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD AT CT FOREST AND PARK IN MIDDLEFIELD,**

(Old Route 66) 10 AM-2PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

APRIL	-3: Club meeting—Project—Flower relief by Linda S. -3: Demo @ Model Train Show, Sheehan High School, 142 Hope Hill Rd. Wallingford *10a-3p Sign up with Leo or Mike -16: Demo Walking Sticks @Flanders Nature Center, 5 Church Hill Rd Woodbury, CT *10a-4p
MAY	-1: Club meeting—Project—Walking Sticks as club project -14: Annual Wood Wackers Carving Show @ Monson, MA -14: West of the River Scout Jamboree @ Bethlehem Fairgrounds *9am to 3pm Respond to Mike ASAP to sign up -21: Farm Days @ Flanders Nature Center, Woodbury *10a-4p
JUNE	-3: CWCA Show set-up -4: CWCA Show !!! @ The New England Carousel Museum, Bristol ***The show is the monthly meeting.*** 10a-4p
JULY	-16: Demo--Fairy Fest @ Flanders Nature Center, Woodbury -30: CWCA Annual Picnic @ Mike Audette's 371 Carter Rd Nibbling Brook Farm Thomaston, CT This is our monthly meeting! Must RSVP Kathy by July 25th call 860-675-5473 Rain date 31st
AUG.	NO MEETING OR EVENTS
SEPT.	-10: Run For the Woods @Sessions Woods, Burlington -11: Club meeting—Project—Bell Birds by Mike Audette -24: Demo Walking Sticks @White Memorial Family Nature Day Litchfield -times to follow

DON'T FORGET TO SEE INFO & PHOTOS ON THE CWCA FACEBOOK PAGE!

<https://www.facebook.com/Connecticut-Wood-Carvers-Association-405551016193696/>

THE 18TH ANNUAL
CONNECTICUT WOODCARVERS ASSOC.

WOODCARVING SHOW & SALE

10 AM - 4 PM

JUNE 4
2016

\$6 ADULTS OR
\$3.50 KIDS 4-14

JUNE 3
2017



HOSTED BY

**THE NEW ENGLAND
CAROUSEL MUSEUM**

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RIVERSIDE AVE. BRISTOL, CT 06010

Info@thecarouselmuseum.org

A CARVING COMPETITION OPEN TO

ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS

ENTRIES ACCEPTED FROM 8 AM TO 10 AM

CARVING ENTRY CATEGORIES:

*WILDLIFE-FIN, FUR, OR FEATHER *CHAIN SAW

*CARICATURE *WOOD BURNING *ABSTRACT *RELIEF

*CHIP CARVING *UTILITY *CARVING IN THE ROUND

SKILL GROUPS:

*YOUTH *NOVICE *OPEN *INSTRUCTOR ASSISTED

ENTRIES MUST BE PICKED UP **AFTER** 4 PM

DEMONSTRATIONS:

WALKING STICKS

FREESTYLE

WOOD BURNING

CHAINSAW
CARVING

WOOD TURNING

◆ RAFFLE PRIZES

◆ CAROUSEL RIDES

◆ GUIDED TOURS

◆ WOODCARVING SALES

◆ VENDORS WITH BOOKS, SUPPLIES, & MORE!

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