

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*

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We need a new officers for the club. Our elections are in the spring. If you are able to step up and help the club, please see Leo at our next meeting.

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 2016:

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

January 10: CWCA Monthly Meeting: **Project** – Wood burning – Linda Syphers

January 22-24: The Wood Working Show, The Big E, Young Building, See demo section

February 7: CWCA Monthly Meeting: **Project** – Valentine theme – Grant Lauer

February 12, 13 & 14, 2016: Elements of Nature Art Show Carving Demonstration, see demo section

March 6: CWCA Monthly Meeting: **Project** – Mask – Bob McVety

April 3: CWCA Monthly Meeting: **Project** – tbd

May 1: CWCA Monthly Meeting: **Project** – walking sticks – club project

June 4: CWCA Annual Show

July TBD: Annual picnic

September 11th (late meeting due to Labor Day 9/4): CWCA Monthly Meeting: Project – Bell birds – Michael Audet

President's Message:

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a good holiday with your family, friends, and friends that should be family! We have many wonderful opportunities coming up in the next few months. We need volunteers for the next two displays. Please let us know if you can help. Everyone who attends always has a great time, sometimes we even carve!

If you have the time during the week, we are still collecting walking sticks while the snow has not fallen too deep. Thank you for everyone who helped create walking sticks for the CT DEEP. They are very thankful and the club was able to raise some significant funds for our treasury.

October 3 / November 6 / December 4: tbd projects

We need your ideas on what you want us to demonstrate so we can help you!

Our Club's Demonstration Events

January 22-24, 2016 - **Wood Working Show** - Eastern States Exposition (Big E), 1305 Memorial Avenue West Springfield, MA 01089 – Show Demonstration, We are displaying as a club. We have displayed in years past and it is a wonderful time. . If you come and demonstrate for us, we will put you in for your days free admission (may be parking charge, so carpooling is encouraged). Friday 12-6; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-3, \$10 online \$12 at the door (cash only at the door).

February 12, 13 & 14, 2016: **Elements of Nature Art Show Carving Demonstration**, Hosted by the Northeast Sportsman's Expo: We have been asked to display again at the Hartford Convention Center.

<http://www.fishinghuntingshow.com/tickets.cfm>



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The Wood Working Show Demonstration:

As we did last year, we are demonstrating at the Wood Working Show at the Eastern State Exposition in West Springfield MA. If you come and demonstrate for us, we will put you in for your day's free admission BUT we need to know ahead of time so we can put your name in at the door. There is likely a parking charge, so carpooling is encouraged and we will be setting up a couple of them for at least Friday and Saturday.

Dates:January 22 through 24, 2016

Show hours are from:Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-3.

Admission:\$10 online \$12 at the door (cash only at the door).

Info:<http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com/webapp-shows/new-england>

Please see Mark in for the list to sign up. He is coordinating the list for the show admission for demonstrators. We have our own table this year.



Elements of Nature Art Show:

As we have done the past few years, we are demonstrating at the Elements of Nature Art Show at the NE Fishing and Hunting Show at the Convention Center. We are still confirming the final details. Please see Leo for more details in January.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME:

As we do every year, December is the time to remind all of our members that dues for the next calendar year are due. Membership runs by the calendar year January 1st to December 31st. Please send the form on the other side of this page to our Membership Director, Mark Austin at the following address:

C. W. C. A.
c/o Mark Austin
258 Campville Road
Northfield, CT 06778

Dues are \$15 per year
Checks payable to: C. W. C. A.

For your convenience, you can also come to our January meeting, give the dues directly to Mark and enjoy a wonderful seminar and carving session. Please also remember that membership makes a wonderful gift for the holidays! Do you know a fellow carver that is not a member? Invite them to a meeting or give them a gift membership and bring them to a meeting!

Fall Demonstrations:

Craft Show Demonstration: New England Carousel Museum – Thank you to those who could attend, Andre, Chuck, Gary, Grant, Jennifer, Kathy, Linda, Leo, Mark, and Rene. As always, we are one of the highest rated demonstrations.



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November Regular Meeting: Thank you Mark for demonstrating the twin turkeys. If you are looking for the pattern and steps, please go to our Facebook page and it is in the photos.

December Regular Meeting: Thank you Joe for demonstrating tree man ornament. Thank you again for the help making the walking sticks for the CT DEEP.



Club Projects and other Events **December Grab bag**

We did something different at the December meeting. We had a grab bag with a carving. There were many different styles and almost had a couple steals! Thank you to the 14 people who participated. We hope to get more next year. The gifts were fun and Mark even got the boot! (Leo wanted it first!)

Membership List Sharing

We have been asked by other members for a membership list so they know who to contact and who the fellow members are. We WILL NOT make this list available to outside vendors or for marketing purposes! This is only for other members and will be given on request. If you wish to be EXCLUDED please contact Mark, our Membership Director, before the January meeting when copies will be distributed to those who ask.



SCOUT TROOP DEMONSTRATIONS:

All of the troops have always have been very grateful to our volunteers for coming down and demonstrating to the Scouts. We review knife safety and care then showed them how to sharpen using popsicle sticks. We have soap that was donated for scouts during the 2015 ConnJam. We had one at the meeting in December and one on Friday January 8th.

Carve Ins:

We are looking for other times and dates for a social carving day! This is a great time to sit, carve and socialize. Lots of fun!! Plan on being inside or outside depending on where we meet. If you wish to host, please let us know at any of our next meetings and / or contact us at the ctwoodcarvers@gmail.com.