

*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: _____

We are currently collecting 2014 dues!! Please mail to our membership director or renew at the meeting.

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First Class Mail

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
1939 ERNIE HILL 2014

CWCA:

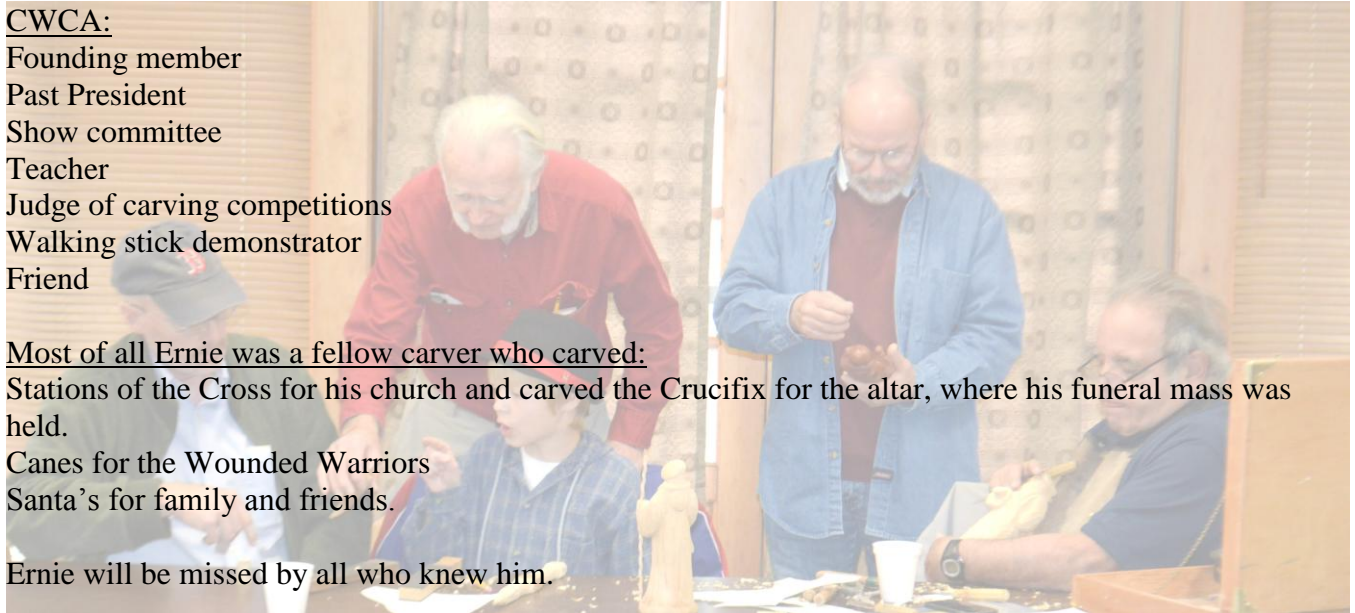
Founding member
Past President
Show committee
Teacher
Judge of carving competitions
Walking stick demonstrator
Friend

Most of all Ernie was a fellow carver who carved:

Stations of the Cross for his church and carved the Crucifix for the altar, where his funeral mass was held.

Canes for the Wounded Warriors
Santa's for family and friends.

Ernie will be missed by all who knew him.



God bless,
Leo Hein, CWCA President

EVENT CALENDAR 2014:

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.

June 6: New England Carousel Museum Saturday 12n, Riverside Avenue, Bristol. We are asking for the usual help setting up for the show on Saturday. We were originally asked to demonstrate walking sticks at the Trail Days on Friday. The event has been changed. The CFPA is asking if we can demonstrate on June 7th in Gilford. We would only need two or three members. We will be at the following.....

June 7: CWCA 16th Annual Show and Sale: Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New England Carousel Museum Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Riverside Avenue, Bristol.

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



July 5: 33rd Annual Wood Carvers Day Exhibit and Sale – Mystic Wood Carvers, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Old Mystic Village, in the apple orchard Exit 90 off I-95(rain date July 6th) Free Admission <http://mysticcarvers.com/mystic-carvers-show.html>

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July 26: ANNUAL CWCA FAMILY PICNIC (Sunday 27th VERY Heavy rain date) – 74 Central Ave, Wolcott, CT – Gary Gemino will be hosting this year for the annual picnic of 2014. Gary and his saintly wife Bonnie have graciously offered their home as a location for our picnic this year. **Families welcome and strongly encouraged!** As usual at our annual picnic we carve, share ideas, and carry on.....business, well maybe not this time. There is always assistance available for your work. **CALL Leo & Kathy 860-675-5473 TO CONFIRM!!!**

August: CWCA not in session. If there is enough confirmed interest, we may hold a class or session.

August 13-15: Covered Bridge in Relief Class with Bob Lindermann – Green Mountain Woodcarvers annual class. This is a beginner's class with tips and detail challenges for the experienced carver. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the Morrisville VT Senior Center. Includes the blank (basswood or butternut), coffee, and lunch each day. \$125 per person. See their website below or stop in at their table at our annual show.

September 7: CWCA Monthly Meeting: Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (first Sunday due to the holiday being early) at CT Forest and Park Association Building on Rte 66 in Middlefield. **Project - Halloween pumpkin** by Joe Kelleher

September tentative walking stick demonstration at Sessions Woods (details to follow as we get them)

October 5: CWCA Monthly Meeting: Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CT Forest and Park Association Building on Rte 66 in Middlefield. **Project** – to be determined

November 2: CWCA Monthly Meeting: Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CT Forest and Park Association Building on Rte 66 in Middlefield. **Project - Jim Mueller** – Surprise theme

December 7: CWCA Monthly Meeting: Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CT Forest and Park Association Building on Rte 66 in Middlefield. **Project** – Mark Austin – Christmas theme

The novice projects are fun for all. We hope you all enjoyed the meeting and we look forward to seeing all of you at future meetings and events. If you are just a beginner, pick up a set of xacto knives at a local hardware store or auto parts store. This is a very inexpensive way to try wood carving.

Other Club's Events

We are trying to promote other clubs and they will be promoting us so we can spread the craft we love so much to as many people as possible who want to learn. If you would like to carve more, here are some other locations and times.

Hat City Carvers: When Thursday 12:30 pm to 3 pm every week. Where: Danbury Senior Center, Elmwood Hall, 10 Elmwood Place, Danbury CT. Call 203-746-1544 or contact Martin Sprock, mjsindbyct@yahoo.com for information and directions

Green Mountain Wood Carvers: They meet in various locations in Vermont. Meetings are on the second Saturday of the month. <http://greenmountainwoodcarvers.org/>

Mystic Carvers Club: When: Last Sunday of every month. Where: Quiambaug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT. Please see their website <http://mysticcarvers.com>

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- June 6/7/8: Laurie Truhart: Bird Carver – Mystic Woodcarvers class: Laurie will be teaching either a chickadee or Nuthatcher. Carvers should express their preference of which bird they would like to carve when they sign up for this class, Chickadee and Nuthatch. This class is limited to 10 carvers and there are more openings. Contact Alice at carveral@sbcglobal.net
- June 20/21/22: Bob Stadtlander: Relief Carver - Bob will be in Mystic 2014 to lead an always popular class in relief carving. Bob brings a wide variety of Relief carving rough outs with him and carvers may choose their projects from them. \$135 per person
- July 5th 33rd Annual Wood Carvers Day Exhibit and Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Old Mystic Village, in the apple orchard Exit 90 off I-95(rain date July 6th) Free Admission
<http://mysticcarvers.com/mystic-carvers-show.html>
- August 16 and 17 – Jessie O'Brien: Pyrography: Class is full. They are collecting a wait list.
- September 8th – 12th , 2014 Leah Goddard and Chris Howard www.leahgoddard.com Leah will teach carving a Realistic Animal. She will be teaching a Buffalo. Cost for Leah's class is \$160 for a 5 day class. Plus the Rough-out (Around \$40) Cost for Chris' class is either \$70 for a 2 day class in carving a human face in Cottonwood OR \$160 for a 5 day class carving a realistic human bust in the round. Chris has agreed to do both pieces. Please express your preference for Full Bust (5 days) or Cottonwood Face (2 days) when signing up for Chris's class. See the sign-up sheet or contact Alice Mellor for details. carveral@abcglobal.net This will be a VERY busy week for everyone so be prepared to work!
- October 10-13, Woodcarver's Retreat in New England, University of Rhode Island \$260. See the website above for the classes and registration

Nutmeg Wood Carvers: Wethersfield Art League, Little Red School House: Route 175, Wethersfield CT, Exit 24 off I-91, Thursdays 1:00-3 p.m. Contact 203-248-4143

Enders Island Group: Meets each Tuesday from 9 to 2 Contact: Ray Johnson, wcvray@hotmail.com

Vernon Group: Meets every Thursday. The first Thursday of every month we start a new project. Hours are 7 to 9, we meet at the Rockville Fish and Game Club, on Fish and Game Road in Tolland (near the Vernon/Tolland line). Sessions are free and open to anyone interested (you pay for materials). For more info call Ed Ertel at (860) 875-6187.

Columbia Group: Senior Center carving groups: Small carving groups meet weekly at the Columbia, CT senior center every Tues, 9:30am-12 - No age limit, no fees. Call Al Gray (860-228-3465) for information .OR Dennis Tormey (860-456-0768)

Rocky Hill: Meets every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 in Rocky Hill. It is Located at 961 Old Main St. in the Town Hall. Call Warren for info 860-742-3253.

Farmington Valley Carvers: Farmington Community and Senior Center, meetings every Monday from 10 to 12. Located on New Britain Rd., Unionville, CT. Contact Dave Freese 860-673-2154 or John Hayes, jhayesghs@comcast.net

Milford Woodcarvers meet the second Wed. and the last Thurs. of each month at 35 Mathews St. Milford. For more information contact: Bill Brill 203-878-1999

Simsbury -Woodcarving group meets on Fridays from 9AM to noon at Eno Hall in the center of Simsbury CT. First Friday of every month there is a main meeting of all members. For more information contact Dick Burns at 860-651-4230

Walking Staff Project: Many of you have blanks for our walking stick project. We are looking for the carved portions to be returned so we may assemble the walking stick and prepare a second one for donation. Thank you for those of you who have been able to drop those off and those yet to submit one or more. We already have one stick assembled!

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Chainsaw Carving Class:



Monson Wood Wackers Show:



May Meeting – Open Carving:



ArtZFest Demonstration:



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Family CWCA picnic

Saturday, July 26, 2013 (Rain or Shine)

11:00 a.m. to whenever..... at

Gary and Bonnie Gemino's home

74 Central Avenue

Wolcott, CT (directions below)

The club will provide:

hot dogs, burgers, kielbasa

rolls, condiments,

soda, coffee & bottled water

To have a perfect day, we ask:

1. That everyone bring a potluck side dish and/or a dessert to share
2. Bring your favorite outside chair.
3. **PLEASE call Leo or Kathy at 860-675-5473 or email kakh50@att.net and let them know how many in your group plan to attend as well as your potluck selection for the side dish/dessert.** You can also talk to Kathy at the carving show after she has registered the show entries. Also if needed, please let us know if there are any food allergies so we can make people aware for their food preparations.
4. **We need for you to call by July 20th so we can purchase an appropriate amount of supplies. With the above phone number you can also call with last minute cancellations or the day of the picnic at 860-803-1986.**
5. **AND..... THANK YOU GARY and BONNIE** ...because we will all look forward to...a great day of carving, chit chatting, hot dogs, burgers, your favorite foods to share and finally a chance to get the fingers tired from carving!

Hope to see everyone at Gary's beautiful park/museum style home!!!

Leo & Kathy Hein (any questions please call 860-675-5473)

Directions: The picnic is located in Wolcott, north of Waterbury and Cheshire off of RT 84, or south of Bristol, off of RT 69.

Coming from North on RT 69 – Make a left onto Woodtick Road and drive approx. 3.8 miles (cross Rte 322 but do not take it), then take a left onto Todd Road (intersection with Nichols Road). 1.2 miles down Todd Road, take a left onto Central Avenue. We are on the RIGHT side of the road (0.3 miles from the turn). The house is down the driveway and should be signed.

Coming from RT 84 – take exit 28/ RT 322. (both East and West, same directions) – Make a left onto RT 322 (Meriden Waterbury Turnpike) and drive approx. 1.7 mile. Stay straight and go to Meriden Road (DO NOT take a right onto RT 322) for another 0.9 miles. Turn right onto Todd Road and follow Todd Road for 0.7 miles. Take a RIGHT onto Central Avenue. We are on the RIGHT side of the road (0.3 miles from the turn). The house is down the driveway and should be signed.

Coming from East on RT 691. (Middletown and Meriden area) – Take RT 691 towards Waterbury. Take Exit 3 towards Milldale/Cheshire. Turn Right at the end of the ramp onto RT 10. Keep right at the fork to continue on RT 10. Take the first left onto RT 322 (Meriden Waterbury Turnpike) and drive approx. 3.1 mile. Stay straight and go to Meriden Road (DO NOT take a right onto RT 322) for another 0.9 miles. Turn right onto Todd Road and follow Todd Road for 0.7 miles. Take a RIGHT onto Central Avenue. We are on the RIGHT side of the road (0.3 miles from the turn). The house is down the driveway and should be signed.

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16th Annual Wood Carving Show and Sale
Saturday, June 7, 2014, 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)
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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 - \$5.50, Children Age 4 to 14 - \$3.50 (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.