

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*

C. W. C. A. Officers

President	Leo G. Hein	114 Miller Road, Burlington, CT 06013	860-675-5473
Vice President	Jim Mueller	101 Spring Lake Road, Southington, CT 06489	860-621-9544
Secretary	Vacant	We need a new secretary	
Treasurer	Bob McVety	160 Denslow Hill Road, Hamden, CT 06514	203-288-3161
Membership	Mark Austin	258 Campville Road, Northfield, CT 06778	860-283-2177

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.

C. W. C. A.
114 Miller Road
Burlington, CT 06013

First Class Mail

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*

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

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

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

August tbd, Bovano Art and Craft Show

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.

May's Novice Project We hope you all enjoyed the group walking stick class



THE CONNECTICUT WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION

Walking Stick Demonstrations:

Annual Farm Day at Flanders Nature Center – May 16, 2015: 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. We had a beautiful day and up to many attendees!

- Thank you Michael for arranging the event and conducting a chain saw carving demonstration.
 - Thank you all for coming to the event and displaying.
 - The Nature Center was very happy with the display and the traffic.
- We hope you can attend our next event on July 18th at Flanders.



Race for the Woods: Sponsored by the CFP. 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)

May's Photos



Teach the kids, they are our future.

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*

Carving Demonstrations:

ConnJam – May 16: Orange Fairgrounds Carving Demonstration. We demonstrated walking sticks, soap carving, and general carving!!:

Thank you Mark for arranging and Charles, Bob, Leo, Marigrace, Jack, and Deloris for coming down and helping teach walking sticks and soap carving.



Collecting Walking Sticks:

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.

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*



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 12 -15, 2015. Classes 12th to 14th. Show on Saturday the 15th. 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.

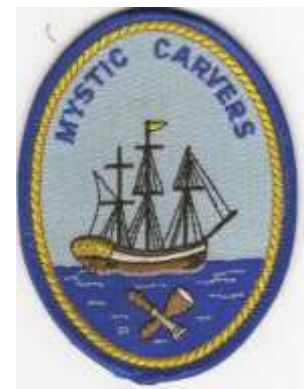


Northeast Waterfowl Festival Carving Competition & Wildlife Art Show - September 19 & 20th, 2015 Light House Point State Park, New Haven CT. **Demonstration!!** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northeast-Waterfowl-Festival/119534868120183>

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.



*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION
Family CWCA picnic*

Saturday, July 25, 2015 (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.

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION
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.

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*

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:

- | | | |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| * 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.