

*THE CONNECTICUT
WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION*

EVENTS 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. The novice projects are fun for all.

CWCA Events

September 6: CT Forest and Park Association's Run for the Woods: walking stick demonstration at Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington, CT: Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We have been asked to demonstrate Walking Sticks and carving. The event centers around a 10k and 5k trail races and a 5k trail walk.

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

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 – Mask carving

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

Other Clubs' Events

October 10-13, **Woodcarver's Retreat in New England**, University of Rhode Island \$260. See the website below for the classes and registration <http://mysticcarvers.com.html>

President's welcome back:

Welcome back to our monthly meetings at CFPA! I am looking forward to seeing all of you and any carvings that you have worked on during the summer. With the last grips of hot weather leaving, tropical storms visiting and leaves starting to turn, we will look forward to the coming of fall and cooler weather.

The Annual Woodcarving Show in June was wonderful. Entries were from all levels of carvers and the skill was impressive. The wide range of carvings included walking sticks, birds, caricatures, chip carving, wood burning, abstracts and so many others. The carvings were of the best that I have seen during shows this year!

We had a good showing at the Green Mountain Wood Carvers Annual Show in Vermont. A little (very heavy) rain did not dampen the great show. Leo represented us very well at the Carousel during its 100th birthday celebration. He greeted the governor for us too.

The annual summer picnic was a lovely day! Gary and Bonnie were exceptional hosts. Looking back, it was a great day with some carving and most of the time spent on eating all the food that was brought and shared. We even had a surprise visitor, a large snapping turtle!! Thanks again for inviting CWCA to your home and thank you to all of the great people that helped make for a great time!

Keep up the skill and passion of the carving craft and encourage a young person to join you! Remember..... to start thinking of any carvings for the next show, it will be coming up fast for the first Saturday of June 2015!!

Hope to see you there, Leo Hein, President C.W.C.A

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Family CWCA picnic*

We would like to thank Gary and Bonnie for hosting this year. Everyone had a wonderful time at their lakeside bit of paradise.



Thanks for the photos Mike Audette



Many carvings were worked on and a few friendly lessons were given. Lynda demonstrated fairy houses



Good food and good friends!!!



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Race for the Woods: Sponsored by the CFPA. Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington, CT: Saturday September 6th, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The CFPA asked us to come and demonstrate again this year at this event. Again this year, the Club is donating 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 have 3 committed so far and need at least one or two more sticks. Please use a nature theme.



We also need carvers to demonstrate at this event. Come on down between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to set up then carve a walking stick or your own work until noon. This is always a fun outdoors event. Photo from 2013's event.

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!

Collecting Walking Sticks: Thank you Michael Audette, Mark Austin, Gary Gemino, Leo Hein, Joe Kelleher, and Andre Rodrigue for coming out and collecting sticks for our walking stick events on August 25, 2014. Thank you also to Kathy Hein for the refreshments afterwards. What would we do without our wonderful families!!



We hope to see you on September 6th at Sessions Woods for our demonstrations. We are always happy to provide this and other demonstrations for all kinds of groups. These events are always very very rewarding.

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.