Connecticut Woodcarvers Assoc. Newsletter June 2021



Calendar:

107th Bushnel Park Carousel Birthday Party, Bushnel Park, Hartford, CT - August 21 : 11am-5pm. I know some members have done this event. Lots of people and a fun time.

White Memorial Nature Day - Sept. 25. Demo & sale - outdoors. Details to follow.

CWCA Regular Club Meeting-Tentative - October 3,2021- New England Carousel Museum-95 Riverside Ave, Bristol, CT- 10am-2pm. First meeting since Covid19!!

New England Wood Carvers Show - October 2021. Details to follow.

BazarrBazarr -November 20,2021- New England Carousel Museum-95 Riverside Ave, Bristol, CT. Details later

Mystic Woodcarving Retreat - Ender's Island Mystic CT - August 26 - 29, 2022.

Currently Serving CWCA Officers:					
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TIME TO 'RE-UP'! Please send \$15.00 to Mark Austin to renew your membership For 2021. checks should be made to CWCA and mailed with following form to: CWCA Membership, 258 Campville Road, Northfield, CT 06778

_____New Member?

Name

Address _____

Phone _____ Email ____



This busy summer is turning out to be an amazing contrast to the last 'summer of isolation'. I hope that every one of you is enjoying it to the fullest!

I have yet to meet up with a fellow carver that I haven't seen in a year and hear comments about the joy of getting together again.

Dust off your tool carrier, pack up a project, and show up at an event soon.

Be there . . . Mike Schulde

Holding Fixtures

Over time I've developed more and more appreciation for mechanisms to hold work securely while I use both hands to operate tools (or to keep one hand free to pick up beverages while working). Heeding the advice of the club's legal department, I need to say "Said beverage should be non-alcoholic if operating sharp-edged or other dangerous tools".

I particularly like the creativity which goes into shop-made work-holding fixtures. Just admiring at the variety of draw horses that show up at club functions can be a major source of amusement and conversation. Then there are table-top carving holders for flat plane and for three-dimensional work.

I have no doubt that in our shops there are many more amazing fixtures that never see the light of day. What do you have on your bench?

Wouldn't it be areat to share your brain-child with other club members? The club's finance department tells me that our budget can't swing cash prizes for the best submissions, but sharing ideas has it's own rewards. Chief among them is helpful critique – so you can make an even more functional '**Re-purposed Clamp Holder** 2.0'. The other possible benefit is the pride you feel when nobody is able to tell you that it's awful.

Send me your latest, or your time-proven fsvorite to post in this space next month. And thanks to everyone who has shared ideas to post here in the past.



Please share pictures to: mikeschu62@gmail.com.



Shave horse & other holding devices . . .



Message from the Pres,

This year with all that has passed and the losses to date, life seems to be looking up! Still no word for the CT Forest & Park and still waiting as of this writing. But with that said, there seems to be light at the end of the Covid-19's long tunnel. So...keep your knife sharp, your cuts clean and the chips piling up! Happy Carving!!!

Your Pres,

Leo





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