

My fellow woodcarvers,

Many thanks to the many members who turned up to show their support of our club at the Springfield Show. Beginning on Tuesday with the brave group who harvested walking sticks despite the snow and the GPS problems. With so many people it made it an easy task. Special thanks to Gary and Leo for setting up on Thursday and spending all three days at the show. We all appreciate all the people who showed up 1, 2 or all 3 days to repeatedly demonstrate: Mark, Michael, John, Kathy, Kevin, Margarete, Andre, Linda S., Ron, Dale, Lynda Z., Paul, Ed, Jack. Grant. Our apologies for anyone helping and not listed here! Thanks to Mark for the always popular activity of soap carving, Linda S. for demonstrating wood burning, and Lynda Z. for sharing her time with the wood turners. Gary Gemino's woodcarvings were featured on News Channel 40TVs Showspot. Last year carving walking sticks was featured. A woman who carved/received a walking stick last year returned this year to give the club a donation. Many Thanks for that gift. Leo.... Mr. President



New England Woodworking Show at the Big E fairgrounds Agawam Ma

Calendar:	Meetings at Connecticut Forest & Park 16 Meriden Rd, Rockfall CT
February 4th	Club Meeting-Project: flower carving & wood burning
March 4th	Monthly Club Meeting- flower carving & painting
April 8th	Monthly Club Meeting-Project: Walking Sticks
April TBD	Walking Stick Workshop at Flanders Nature Center Woodbury
May 5th	Mystic Woodcarvers Show - at the Columbia Senior Center
May 6th	Monthly Club Meeting-Project: knife making
May 19th	Farm Days at Flanders Nature Center Woodbury
May 19th	Kids Carving Class at New England Carousel Museum Bristol Ct
June 2nd	CWCA Annual Show at New England Carousel Museum Bristol Ct
July 21st	Fairie Fest at Flanders Nature Center Woodbury
July 21st	104th Birthday Party for the Bushnell Park Carousel (possible CWCA picnic location?)
September 9th	Club Meeting (August no meeting 2nd Sunday Labor Day)
October 7th	Club Meeting
October 5-8	Mystic Carving Retreat Exeter RI

The 37th Annual Woodcarvers Day by the Mystic Woodcarvers will be on **May 5th** at the **Beckish Senior Center on Route 66 in Columbia CT** registration begins at 8 am, show opens to the public at 10 am – 3pm. There will be food available, a drawing for prize baskets, vendors will be showing and selling carvings, and they are pursuing carving demonstrations.



Our 20th CWCA Show is only 118 days away-

What goals do we have for this year's show?

We are looking for your input regarding:

Demonstrations, Raffle Prizes, Show Setup, Whatever!

What do we want to demonstrate? Wood burning, Woodturning, Spoon carving, Knife making, Chain Saw Juggling?

Is there an Art Show this year?

What are the categories? What are the prizes?

Perhaps we should purchase a Lee Valley Gift Certificate as a raffle prize. At the New England Woodcarving Show each raffle prize was accompanied by a donated wood carving by a member. This made each raffle prize very unique and special reminder of the show.

Do we want to try to have some food available at the show?

Other Clubs have arranged for a Food Truck to stop by- or invited a scout troop to have a lunch fundraiser?

The Show is quickly approaching –Go carve something!



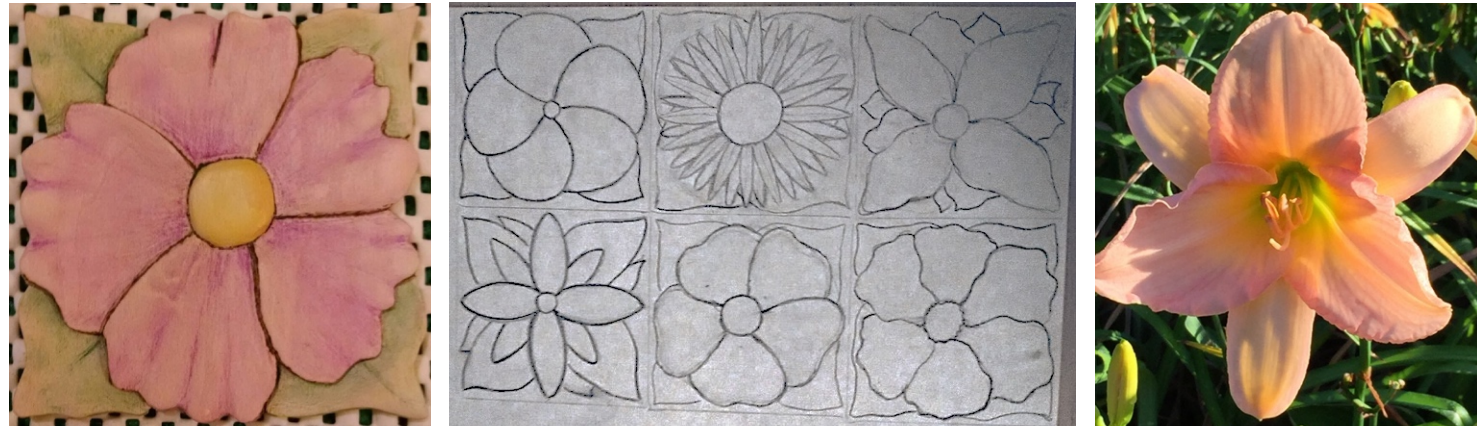
Training knives ready for the Connecticut Wood Carvers carving class at the New England Carousel Museum on May 19th. Projects: mallet & gouge carved flower, knife carved comfort bird.



The Connecticut Woodcarving Association has the opportunity to Carve a tree at the entrance to Sessions Woods. Looking for design ideas to carve at 18 1/2 feet high by 43" diameter tree stump.

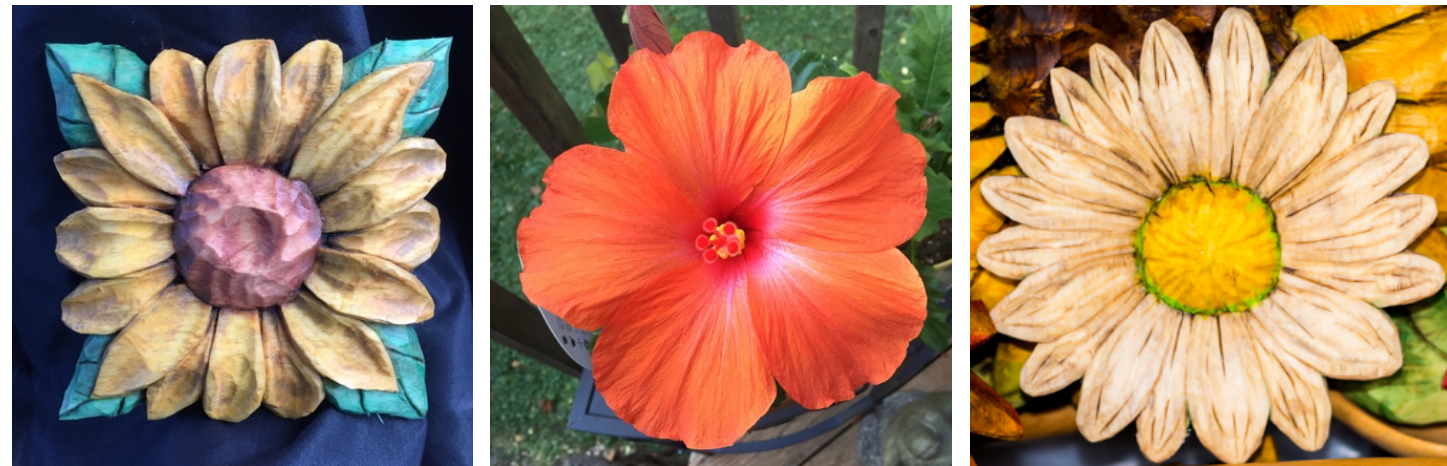


The Connecticut Woodcarving Association has been invited to the 104th Birthday Party for the Bushnell Park Carousel on July 21st. Considering having our CWCA Picnic at the same celebration?



Can't wait for Spring...CWCA FLOWER SHOW

We are planning to carve and wood burn flowers at February 4th meeting.
Please bring a wood burner (if you have one), an extension cord, and any creative ideas/designs.
Plans are to extend this project to the March 4th meeting for coloring, painting & finishing.



Treasurey Report: January balance of \$2687.00 (unless I misplaced the decimal point, again- then it might be \$26.87)

If you have pictures & items that you would like shared in the newsletter please send the to: gdlauer79@comcast.net

Please let an officer of the club know if you have a club project you would like to see, or would like to instruct.



Currently Serving CWCA Officers		
President	Leo Hein	860-675-5473
Vice President	Mike Audette	860-388-7874
Secretary	Linda Syphers	203-499-9116
Treasurer	Bob Mcvety	203-288-3161
Membership	Mark Austin	860-283-2177
Newsletter	Grant Lauer	860-584-0283
Events Director	Jennifer Castonguay	860-539-7346
CWCA Show	Linda Syphers	203-499-9116

Yes, it is now 2018 dues are due...

Membership 2018 Yearly dues- Please see Mark Austin to get your 2018 membership!
\$15 for 2018 calendar year, and checks should be made to CWCA and the following mini form mailed to: CWCA Membership 258 Campville Road Northfield, CT 06778

Name _____ New Member? Yes

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

All newsletters will be emailed. No email? Check box for a mailed copy.



Grant Lauer 51 Moody Street Bristol CT 06010

