



My fellow woodcarvers,
COME TO THE SHOW AND SHOW YOUR STUFF- even if it isn't finished. We will have a "work in progress" table to demonstrate the steps involved in woodcarving. **PARTICIPATE HELP** with whatever you can do. There is plenty to do setting up, moving furniture carvings, demonstrating carving, talking to other carvers and visitors. We look forward to seeing you at the show!
 Leo.... Mr. President

May's meeting Walking Sticks

How to peel them, decorate them and what to do with them afterwards.

CWCA Calendar

- Meetings at Connecticut Forest & Park 16 Meriden Rd, Rockfall CT
- May 5th **Mystic Woodcarvers Show** at the Columbia Senior Center
- May 6th Monthly Club Meeting-Project: knife making and or Walking Sticks
- May 12th **Scout Jamboree** location TBD (3000 Scouts) Walking Sticks
- May 12th **CT Forest & Park Field Day** Burr Pond State Park Torrington
- May 19th **Farm Days** at Flanders Nature Center Woodbury 10-4
- Postponed TBD Kids Carving Class at New England Carousel Museum Bristol
- June 2nd **CWCA Annual Show** at New England Carousel Museum Bristol Ct
- June 2-9 St Thomas Retreat Center Bloomfield –Carve Religious Icon Class
- June 23-24 **Ansonia Renaissance Fair- In Costume** walking sticks & wands?
- June 30-July 1 **Renaissance Fair- In Costume** walking sticks & wands?
- July 7-8 **Ansonia Renaissance Fair- In Costume** walking sticks & wands?
- July 21st **Faerie Fest** at Flanders Nature Center Woodbury (prep 300 wands)
- July 21st Birthday Party for the Bushnell Park Carousel
- Last week July-August **CWCA Picnic** TBD (Nature Center, State Park, Home?)
- September ? Sessions Woods "Run for the Woods" 5 Finished Walking Sticks
- September ? Open House Woodcraft & New England Woodworking School
- September 9th Club Meeting (August no meeting 2nd Sunday Labor Day)
- September 22nd White Memorial Nature Day 2000 visitors Walking Sticks
- September 29th Parkerville Wood Products Open House Manchester CT
- October 5-8 **Mystic Carving Retreat** Exeter RI
- October 7th Club Meeting
- Autumn-Winter Ct DEEP walking sticks prep & finish (50)

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.



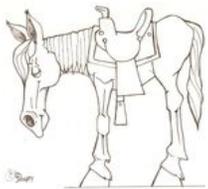
Peoples Forest State Park
 5th Annual Earth Day Festival in Barkhamsted, was held last Sunday, (pictures from 2017)



We are looking for a volunteer to host our annual picnic In July or early August. Or a suggestion as to where to hold it, perhaps a State Park.



May 12th **CT Forest & Park Field Day** Burr Pond State Park Torrington
 A nice place to demonstrate carving and sell your work.



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Our 20th CWCA Show is only 27 days away-

We will have a "Carving in Process Table" this is to show a wide variety of fun projects and class projects. They do not have to be finished nor "competition" level it is to demonstrate to potential new members the possibilities of woodcarving in our club. Please bring these to our May meeting* and Judy will label and bring these items to the June Show.

Please bring a **wood carving to donate as a raffle prize to our May Meeting.**
This will make the raffle unique and special reminder of the our 20th Anniversary Show.
The Show is quickly approaching -Go carve something!

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 are done with the assistance of 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 the 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.



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\$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

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