



CWCA NEWSLETTER

Dec... 2024

Connecticut Wood Carvers Association

Upcoming Events

Nov. 21 - * **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

Dec. 7 - **Warehouse Point Public Library**, 107 Main St, E. Windsor 10:30-2:30 (with Wood Turners)

Dec. 8 - * **CWCA Club Meeting** 10 - 2 at CFPA (first Sun is on Thanksgiving weekend). Novice projects are: Old time Christmas bulbs and Burning disks for nametags, gift tags, and ornaments

Dec.19 - * **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

Events for 2025

Jan. 5 - * **CWCA Club Meeting** 10 - 2 at CFPA

Jan. 16 - * **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

Feb. 3 - * **CWCA Club Meeting** 10 - 2 at CFPA (usually 1st Sunday)

Feb. 20 - * **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

April 27 - **Barkhamstead Day**, People's Forest State Park. More info later.

Sept. 27-30 - **Woodcarving Retreat of New England**. More info later.

Sept. 27 - **White Memorial Nature Day** **Sept. 27, 2025** More info later.

For additional info on a calendar events, check club web site.

* Denotes CWCA sponsored and run event.

letter from 'The Prez'

Greetings fellow carvers,

With all the events that took place this past year, we may be having our most popular one to happen with our December meeting as we enjoy our Holiday Potluck and Grab Bag event with fun food and some carving with friends too!! Let's all show that we can take a piece of wood with a sharp knife and an artful eye to create something special. This may be the next trend in carving.

With that in mind, that brings us to the question of what you have for ideas or suggestions for what you would like for a project or would like to carve. Don't hide in the closet with the thought that you are holding in your mind. It can be brought out and made a reality that you can be proud of. And remember it was tucked away all that time and may have been hiding in the cobwebs.. So, let's bring those ideas to the light of day and show off what you can do!!

See you December 8th and we always enjoy the awesome refreshments we all bring to share with each other!! We will also enjoy the gift swap, where you get a gift when you give a gift to swap with members of the club!

May this holiday season be joyous to one and all !!

As Always... Keep your tools sharp, your cuts clean and safe and happy carving!!

Your pres



Respiratory Protection: Particles / Pollutants

When it comes to choosing the right respiratory protection, it's essential to understand the various types of particles and pollutants you may encounter. Each type presents its own set of risks and requires different levels of protection. Here's a breakdown of the key elements:

- **Airborne Particles - What they are:** Tiny solid particles suspended in the air, such as dust, pollen, and biological agents

Protection : Respirators like N95, N99, or P100 can filter airborne particles, with P-series respirators offering better protection against oil-based contaminants.

- **Oil-Based Particles** - Small liquid droplets or mists containing oils, often found in environments like machining, welding, or spraying

Protection : R95, P95, P99, and P100 respirators offer protection against oil-based particles, with P-series offering the strongest resistance to oil.

- **Oil-Based Pollutants** - Airborne contaminants that contain oil or are oil-soluble, such as smoke from oil fires or spray-painting fumes

Protection : P-series respirators (e.g., P95, P100) are designed for environments with strong oil resistance.

- **Water-Based Solvents** - Vapors from liquids like alcohols, acetone, or cleaning agents that are water-soluble and evaporate into the air

Protection : Organic vapor cartridges or half/full-face respirators equipped with filters for chemical vapors provide necessary protection against water-based solvents.

- **Acids** - Gaseous or vaporized acid-based chemicals like sulfur dioxide, chlorine gas, or hydrogen chloride

Protection : Acid gas cartridges or PAPR (Powered Air-Purifying Respirators) .

- **Fumes** - Tiny particles produced when solid materials like metal, plastic, or organic materials

Protection : P95, P100, or N100 respirators are designed to filter out toxic fumes from heated materials.

Continued on next page . . .

TIME TO 'RE-UP'! Please send \$25.00 to Mark Austin to renew your membership For 2024.

Checks should be made to 'CWCA' and mailed with following form to: **CWCA Membership, 258 Campville Road, Northfield, CT 06778**

Name _____ New Member? Yes

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Dangers of a Lack of Respiratory Protection:

- **Chronic Respiratory Diseases:** Exposure to airborne particles, chemicals, and fumes can lead to conditions like asthma, bronchitis, or even chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- **Cancer Risk:** Long-term exposure to toxic fumes or certain chemicals (like asbestos or benzene) can significantly increase the risk of respiratory cancers.
- **Acute Poisoning:** Chemicals such as acids, solvents, or oil-based pollutants can cause immediate health effects, including headaches, dizziness, or severe respiratory distress.
- **Infections:** Exposure to biological agents (e.g., bacteria, viruses, mold) without proper protection can result in respiratory infections or diseases.
- **Decreased Productivity:** Inhalation of hazardous particles or gases can cause fatigue, headaches, or shortness of breath, reducing overall performance and efficiency.

November Meeting at CF&P



President	Leo Hein	860-675-5473	Secretary	Kristian Wake	860-328-2412
VP	Rick Johnson	860-798-9104	Newsletter	Mike Schulde	Mikeschu62@gmail.com
Treas. & Membership	Mark Austin	860-283-2177	Web Liaison	Lynda Zibbideo	203-686-1207