



CWCA NEWSLETTER

March, 2024

Connecticut Wood Carvers Association

Upcoming Events

March 3 **CWCA Club Meeting** 10 - 2 at CFPA.

March 21 **Evening CarvingNight 5-8pm** -Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

April 7 **CWCA Club Meeting** 10 - 2 at CFPA

April 18-**Evening CarvingNight 5-8pm** -Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

Apr. 20 **Goodwin Nature Center**. Demo-Walking sticks. More info later.

Apr. 20 **Bird Carving**. At CFPA. More info later.

April 26-27 **CT School of Woodworking**- Tool Sale & Demo

Apr. 28 **Barkhamsted Nature Day**- noon -5pm More info later.

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

May 16 **Evening CarvingNight 5-8pm** -Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

May 18 **Westbrook Decoy Show** More info later.

May 18 **Flanders Farm Day**

June 1-2 **Five Points Big Ink demo & June club meeting**. More info later.

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

Oct. 18 & 20 **Spirit of Wood** at the Carousel Museum. More info later.

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Oct. 11,12,13 **Spirit of Wood** at the New England Carousel Museum. More info later.

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

Greetings Fellow carvers,

With days getting longer and spending more time outside, you may be finding a lot of fallen wood. These treasures can be for possible ideas to carve, maybe a sport bird or who knows maybe even a fantasy that you see in that piece of wood. With an active mind and sharp tools you could be the next Picasso or Michaelangelo!!! So let's give it a try!!!

This year is shaping up to be quite active with elections, followed by gathering sticks, tool sales at CT School of Woodworking, displaying at Goodwin Park Homestead Day or Flanders or a Decoys show (same day), or Big Ink and finally carving a comfort bird at CFPA class. Even more activities to follow because this list just gets us to June!!

Things are looking in a positive direction, so lets keep moving to all these good things even if they take our effort and time!!! We were on a growing trajectory before Covid 19 took a hit at all activities. Now we are back on track and with your help, it can happen!! So let us all make this the best year for CWCA!!!

Remember....Safety first, sharp tools, clean cuts and.....keep the chips flying!!

Your prez, Leo



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2024 is shaping up to be a busy year



Our January meeting may have been snowed out but, we had a strong showing at the Wood Working Show and our February meeting. Thank you Leo for demonstrating lettering.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at the CT Forest and Park Building. We are planning on conducting sharpening you knives and chisels for our novice project. To be presented by Chuck and Michael Salvatore. Please come down and “hone” an new skill!

We have so many events and meeting planned for the spring and beyond! Our Facebook and website have more details as well!

March 9, 10a-3p Makers Event Demonstration, New England Air Museum

The makers event, is a day of craft and profession demonstrations showing what craftspeople from across CT are creating! We have displayed in fall before and it is a great event to attract the new carver both young and young at heart! Linda Z, is our contact for the event.



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Apr. 20 Goodwin Nature Center. Forestry Day 9 a to 5 p, 23 Potter Road, Hampton

We have been asked to demonstrate walking sticks for the nature center. We will need volunteers to gather the sticks and demonstrate at the event

Apr. 20 Shore Bird Carving Class, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At CFPA.

Michael McCarthy will be leading us this class. The cost is \$50 per person (extra if additional blanks are available). The Instructor will provide the roughout, legs, eyes, and a base. Provide your own carving tools, lunch, and drinks. Paint should be available. A registration form is on the next page of this newsletter.





Treasurer's 2023 Year End Report from our February Meeting:

Our membership has mostly rebounded from the pandemic. We are holding steady around 50 dues paying members for 2023 and for 2024, have a strong renewal so far with 15 people renewing and 4 new on December 31, 2023.

We ended the year with \$25.00 in our membership petty cash, \$110.00 in our coffee club petty cash, and \$2,560.59 in our checking account. Our coffee club is pretty steady since July, it is breaking even. We have paid \$120 for our website web technical support and at the meeting voted to pay for the past three years of hosting fees, \$749.01, which have not been previously reimbursed. We also voted to pay the \$250 annual room fee to CT Forest and Park as well as newsletter printing and flyer costs of \$365.10.

We discussed insurance. After a spirited and very informative debate, the club voted to affiliate with the New England Wood Carvers for the purposes of insurance coverage provided the affiliation agreement is within the terms discussed. A legal document is being drafted. The cost of our own stand alone policy is between \$1,200 and \$1,500 per year. Affiliating would cost us \$5 per member for a 2024 cost of \$250. We would pay the same a member of NEWC is assessed.

We started 2024 with \$2,695.59, after business, as of February 13th, our total balance is \$1,894.97,

SIGN UP: CARVING A SANDPIPER SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2024

Mail the check to: CWCA and **mail to** Paul Edwards, 68 Shingle Mill Road, Harwinton CT 06791

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DEPOSIT: ONLY APPLICABLE BEFORE 4/1 FINAL PAYMENT: _____

If you are interested in additional classes like this shore bird class, please contact our officers with the topic and we will try to find an instructor, a date, and a time. We need about 10 to 15 attendees to make most classes work.

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CWCA dues is due every January. Please use form below and make check payable to Connecticut Wood Carvers Association or CWCA. Forward your **\$25 dues payment to: Connecticut Wood Carvers Association, c/o Mark Austin, 258 Campville Road, Northfield, CT 06778-2218** or bring it to the next monthly meeting.

_____ Renewal Membership _____ New Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: home - _____ cell _____

E-Mail: _____ for newsletter.