



CWCA NEWSLETTER

May, 2025

Connecticut Wood Carvers Association

Upcoming Events

Apr. 6 - * **CWCA Club Meeting** 10 - 2 at CFPA.

Apr. 17 - * **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

April 21 - 26 **Harvest walking sticks—contact Leo if you are available.**

April 26 - **Meriden Library** 105 Miller St. 9:30 - 2 PM Makers event with Central CT Woodturners.

April 27 - * **Barkhamsted Day & May CWCA Club Meeting**, People's Forest State Park. May CWCA meeting WILL NOT be in May. It will be held April 27th at Barkhamsted Day (CFPA not available for original May meeting time). Novice project will be walking sticks. 10 - 5 (meeting will be at 10:00). Tents. Help with harvesting sticks.

May 9 & 10 - **Ct School of Woodworking Open House@** Woodcraft, Manchester. 9 –3.

May. 15 - * **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - Bristol Carousel Museum (usually 3rd Thurs.)

May 17 - **Westbrook Decoy & Carving Show** at Elk's Club. Show & demo. 10-3.

May 31 - **Mystic Carve-in Multi-Club event** at Beckish Sr.Center 188 Rte 66, Columbia, CT. RSVP
Dennis Tormey @ dtormey5519@earthlink.net or Mary Brown @ mbrown06239@gmail.com

June 1 - * **CWCA Club Meeting** at CFPA. Novice proj. - continue Bellamy Eagle.

July 26 - **Portland Library** with Woodturners, 10am-2pm , 20 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT
Club picnic—to be announced.

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

Sept. 27-30 - **Woodcarving Retreat of New England.** Info on web site: <https://ctwoodcarvers.org>
or click this link: [Woodcarving Retreat of New England](https://ctwoodcarvers.org/retreat).

Oct. 17, 18 & 19 - **Spirit of Wood** 126 Middlesex Ave., Willmington, MA.

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

Letter from 'The Prez'

Greetings fellow carvers,
show CWCA skills!!

As always,.....Safety first, sharp tools, clean cuts and ...Happy Carving!!

Your Pres

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Wood Carving - vocation or hobby ?

The term "whittling" comes from the Old English word *hwitlen*, which refers to cutting or shaving wood with a small blade. The practice of whittling is deeply rooted in traditional craftsmanship, and has been practiced as both a practical skill and a leisurely pastime.

Whittling doesn't require a large toolkit—but you can buy new tools every day for a lifetime. Here are the most commonly used tools: whittling knife / pocket knife, specialized detail knives, chip carving knives, hook knife, & gloves / thumb guards.

There are academic programs and degrees that you can pursue in woodworking, wood carving, and related fields if you like the idea of letters after your name. These programs often cover a wide range of skills. Here are some options:

- **Associate's or Bachelor's Degrees in Woodworking:** These programs may also cover digital design and contemporary woodworking techniques.
- **Art and Design Degrees:** Some art schools offer specialized programs in sculpture or fine arts that include wood carving as a focus area.
- **Trade Schools and Certifications:** Many trade schools offer certifications or diplomas in woodworking and carving, and can be a quicker path to mastery.

A degree in woodworking opens up a variety of exciting career paths where you can put your craftsmanship and creativity to work:

- Furniture Designer / Maker.
- Wood Carver / Sculptor.
- Cabinetmaker or Joiner.
- Woodworking Instructor.
- Luthier (Instrument Maker).
- Restoration Specialist.
- Set or Prop Designer.
- Entrepreneur or Business Owner.

In addition to traditional craftsmanship, many woodworking programs incorporate modern technologies like CAD (computer-aided design) and CNC machines, which can expand your opportunities into areas like manufacturing and product design.

It's never too late to launch a new career!



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Major Novice Project A Bellamy Eagle!



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 _____

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