



CWCA NEWSLETTER

June, 2026

Connecticut Wood Carvers Association

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

Upcoming Events

- June 6 - **Elanor Buck** maker event, Wethersfield, ct Farie Wands
June 7 - **CWCA Club Meeting** 10am-2pm - @ CFPA (usually CFPA on 1st Sun.).
June 18 - **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - at Bristol Carousel Museum
June 26-28 - **Mystic Carving Classes** see Mystic woodcarvers website
June 27 - **Meriden Library** maker event 9:30-3:30
July 16 - **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - at Bristol Carousel Museum
Aug. 8 - **Portland Library** maker event 4-6 RSVP - see calendar on web site
Aug. 20 - **Evening Carving Night** 5-8pm - at Bristol Carousel Museum
Aug. 22 - **CWCA picnic** More info later.
Sept. 13 - **CWCA Club Meeting** 10am-2pm - @ CFPA (usually CFPA on 1st Sun.).
Sept. 18 - 21 - **Woodcarving Retreat** at Wisdom Retreat House in Litchfield.
Sept. 26 - **Family Nature Day at White Memorial** More info later

Check the club calendar for updates & more info. Hold *control* & right click: [Calendar](#)

Volunteers Needed

The club is in need of volunteers for various new committees as new opportunities are finalized for shows and events. We are looking for people who can meet occasionally on Zoom, and can also help with various tasks at our meetings.

Club Bylaws

New Club Bylaws Were Approved at the May 3 meeting, and are on the web site.

Upcoming spring classes/monthly projects:

- Quick Carve Snowman – we have a small one for night carve, a larger for stand-alone class
- Hummingbird and Crane ornaments
- Stylized Shorebird and chickadee
- Wonky Whittled Ladybugs; Flag Pin; Shelf sitting cat

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Disaster Recovery, Pareto, and Your Toolkit

Most CWCA club members lie between two extreme positions – 1) A carver who brings every tool that they own wherever they go, and 2) A carver who travels with one tool and a strop. Both of these are confident individuals, while everyone in the middle lives in hope that they don't forget something they will need.

When you are in between, there are decisions to be made every time you pack your kit for a meeting or a show. Here are two concepts to bring you confidence in your choices as to what goes into your 'go bag'.

Pareto's Principle – Proposed by Vilfredo Pareto, an Italian Economist in 1906. This principle states that when you need a tool, 80% of the time, you will be reaching for the same 20% of your tools. The tools in this group should comprise the core of your kit.

If you follow this, odds are good that you will have the bulk of what you need no matter what project you are working on. Each time you pack your kit, the core kit can then be expanded to include more specialized tools - depending on the particular project you are working on. This should mean that you are carrying a bag reasonably larger than what is needed for your core tools.

Disaster Recovery (aka: *Failure Effect Mode Analysis*). This sounds delightfully sophisticated. It boils down to knowing the worst and most likely things that can go wrong in a situation. Here are several areas that may require planning:

Technical errors – If you have a delicate project, you might want to have glue to re-attach pieces that you might accidentally cut off. If you are power carving, you might want to bring epoxy putty to fill in after inadvertently removing too much material.

Injuries – Some examples:

- If you are planning to carve with a large knife, bring what you might need to protect yourself from a slice wound (i.e.: cut resistant gloves).
- If you will be using push tools, bring protection or treatment for a puncture wound.
- If you will be swinging an axe, bring a 'blood stop' sponge and treatments for spectator eye wounds.

You get the drift – what is most likely to fail and what would be the most catastrophic should drive your decision-making in regard to any consideration.

Following these will save you time every time you pack up. That extra time can then be devoted to making better selections with regard to food and beverage that you may need to see you thru the event :-)

May 3 Meeting

