



**My Fellow Woodcarvers,**

It was good to see members sharing and networking at the March meeting.  
 There will certainly be life beyond the surreal Covid19 landscape that we currently in. So whittle away your hours of self-imposed confinement! There will be many opportunities to show off your accomplishments at late spring and summer club events.  
 Check out our Facebook page in the meantime; and show up at the May meeting to sign up for events you want to participate in.  
 Let's continue to Inspire interest in woodcarving by sharing our passion at club events, and bringing in prospective members.

**Calendar:**

Note: Club Meetings are at Ct Forest and Park HQ @ 16 Meriden Road, Rockfall CT.

- ~~March 27<sup>th</sup>~~ Set up for CWCA Show **Cancelled!!!**
- ~~March 28<sup>th</sup>~~ CWCA Woodcarving & Art Show & Sale **Cancelled!!!**
- ~~Mar 28&29~~ Fine Woodworking Show **Cancelled!!!**
- Apr 4<sup>th</sup> ?? **Hamden-Earth Day Celebration Status Unknown**
- Apr 5<sup>th</sup> **CWCA Monthly Club Meeting Cancelled!!!**
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup> **Barkhamsted**-Annual Earth Day Nature Festival 12:30-5 pm
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> **Mystic Woodcarvers Show**
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> **CWCA Monthly Club Meeting**-Walking Sticks
- May 16<sup>th</sup> **Flanders Nature Day**- (setup 8:30) Carving Demo 10-4 pm Classes 12-4pm
- June 7<sup>th</sup> **CWCA Monthly Club Meeting**-Power Carving with Jim & Dan
- June & July **Fantasy Renaissance Fair** 6/20&21, 27&28, 7/4&5 Details later
- Aug 1<sup>st</sup> **CWCA Club Picnic**-@Chris & Lynda Zibeddeo's in Meridan
- Sep 12<sup>th</sup> **Ct Christmas Tree Growers Festival** at Jones Farm in Shelton off Rte 110
- Sep 13 **CWCA Monthly Club Meeting**-activity TBD
- Sep 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> **Mystic Woodcarving Retreat**-Ender's Island Mystic CT
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> **CWCA Monthly Club Meeting**- held @ N.E. Carousel Museum -Project TBD

Currently Serving CWCA Officers:					
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**Pithy Wisdom: Best Sharpening Methods**

Carvers have preferences when it comes to sharpening. These can be dictated by: ease of use, portability, cost, availability, and edge quality.

The bottom of a ceramic coffee mug has been my 'go-to' in a pinch on several occasions.

The following information was obtained from a cursory on-line search somewhere between WikiHow and conspiracy land.

Do you have more to share on this topic? Email Mike at [Norfolkpale@hotmail.com](mailto:Norfolkpale@hotmail.com).

Media	Particle size	Use	Notes
Fine India	25-35 Micron	Final stage of most knives	Edge does not appear scratched, but frosted
Fine Diamond, Soft Arkansas, 1000 Grit Waterstone	15-25	Equivalent to majority of factory edges	Bragging rights when speaking to farsighted people
Extra Fine Diamond, Hard Arkansas	8-15	Better than most factory edges on good knives	Polished looking edge.
Norton 4000 Waterstone, Hard Black Arkansas, Hard Translucent Arkansas	4-8 Micron	Edge reflects light very well	Slow removal of edge material.
Norton 8000 Waterstone, DMT Extra Extra Fine Diamond Stone	2-4 Micron	Near Mirror Polish - Edge is very near perfect	How low can you go?
Diamond Paste, Green Honing Compound, Abrasive Powder	0-2 Micron	Mirror Polish - Sharpest edge possible, extremely slowing sharpening. Leaves mirror edge without visible flaws	'nuff sed.

President's Message

With the outbreak of COVID-19, it is in the best interest of ALL that our **March 28th Show is canceled**. Also our monthly **April 5th meeting will not be held** as well. Hopefully this step will help to ebb the possibility of transmission and safety for all. Our next scheduled event is "Barkhamstead Day", April 26th.

Now that you have some extra time to carve, just a thought of safety. Engaged in a moment of conversation with a tool in hand? The next cut you make, could be someone close by. Please have the presence of mind to put the tool down! The blood you save may be mine...or yours!  
**BE SAFE !**

Thank you....the Prez.



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