



My Fellow Woodcarvers,

Here we are at the end of another year; and hoping that 2021 will show us all a better time (Starting with doses of Covid19 vaccine with our names on them!)

Meanwhile, CWCA will continue with monthly Zoom meetings. The December Zoom will have this agenda:

1. Club business.
2. Show 'n Tell sharing on projects – Did you carve a Doug Linker bear (or other figurine)?
3. Carving Instruction Video by a club member.
4. Q & A – Consult with other club members on techniques, tool & materials sourcing, et cetera.

Be well . . . Mike Schulde

Calendar:

CWCA December Club ZOOM Meeting 12/6/20 10:00 a.m. Click this link to get in:

<https://zoom.us/j/94270826566?pwd=Wm9lUnhKS2o3dEdudG1DTDRUVVROQT09>

Meeting ID: 942 7082 6566 Passcode: 782611

CWCA January Club ZOOM Meeting 1/3/21 10:00 a.m.

CWCA February Club ZOOM Meeting 2/7/21 10:00 a.m.

Mystic Woodcarving Retreat - Ender's Island Mystic CT – August 27 – 30, 2021.

New England Wood Carvers's - October 2021. Details to follow.

Currently Serving CWCA Officers:					
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Membership 2020 Yearly dues- Please send to Mark Austin to renew your 2020 membership! \$15 for 2020 calender year, and checks should be made to CWCA and the following mini form mailed to: CWCA Membership 258 Campville Road Northfield, CT 06778

Name _____ New Member? Yes

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Documenting Your Creations

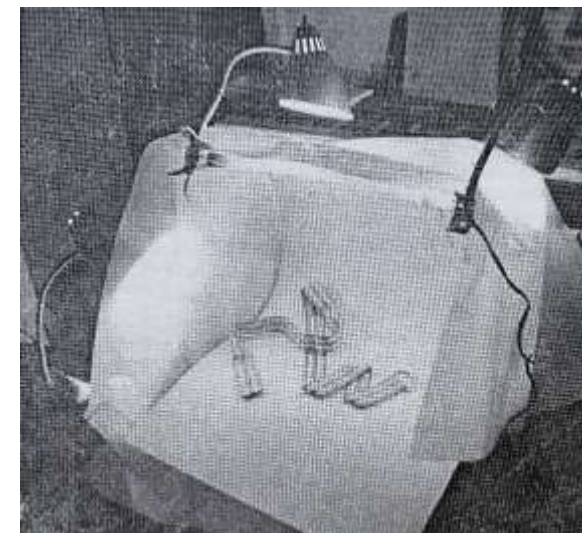
You can show your creativity more effectively with the following picture-taking tips:

Get the light right - The best lighting will NOT have glare, or harsh shadows. Best to have indirect sunlight or full spectrum light (not flash). An alternative to bouncing light from multiple directions, is to pass it through sheer white fabric from multiple directions.

Non-descript backdrop – random, neutral tones work best because they will not distract from the subject. The flip side would be to consider an entertaining backdrop that provides drama and brings your creation to life – a picture or diarama.

Tripod-mounted camera – If you have something more than a point-and-shoot, set it to a slower *shutter speed* (1/30th of a second), low *ISO* (100), and small *aperture* (larger aperture number, like f11 or higher). And set the correct *white balance* for the light you are using (sunlight, incandescent, etc.). And if you have a macro lens, even better!

Adjust the shot – if you have or software, you can make fine adjustments after the shoot. Many cell phones can get surprisingly good free apps like *Snapseed* or *LightRoom Mobile* for free.





Tips, Tricks, & Trivial Ideas

New "Old Learning"

Some years back, carvers would make their own tools. Not only knives, but gouges also. If carpenter's steel was not on hand, a file might be or flooring nails (cut nails) was always a good choice.

I came across three cut nails, a perfect candidate for a new tool. Not much is needed for smithing a hammer, a piece of railroad track, pliers, torch, file, a can of water and you are all set to go. Heat the nail and start to forge till you get the shape you want. Then let it cool, clean and shape with the file. Clean and polish to your satisfaction. When it's to your liking. heat again and quench, check with the file for hardness. If the file cuts, it is too soft, if the file glides over the tool it needs to be drawn down this time with soft heat and quenched. Then a final cleaning and sharpening. Add a handle and give the new tool a test. This tool is #5 sweep 9/16, a nice size for my pouch. The only limit is your imagination or the supply of nails which will probably be the main limit.

Share your ideas here in the next issue. Send them to: MikeSchu62@gmail.com



Message from the Prez

Wishing all a safe and pleasant Holiday Season! May this trying time pass with the coming of spring?? Hope !!

In the coming month when we would normally be inside together, we can work independently on one of the carvings that got started but got put aside for whatever reason. Maybe it was a lack of time or maybe the lack of sharpening skills so that the tool was tearing (tool not sharp) or maybe because the wood was extremely hard. Whatever caused the loss of interest in the carving, let's take a new look at it. Whether it's a caricature, a bird or an abstract, you have the chance to change the size and shape or change a flat plane to an in-the-round or even an abstract. The choice is yours. You are the creator. Like in the past, it is your creation. You can take off wood or you can change the whole piece by adding wood to make a whole new creation that is awe-inspiring and mind blowing.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to the time we can all gather and share together.

Best wishes...keep the chips flying...and keep your sprits up! We will get through this and be stronger and wiser.

The Prez

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