

Our 20th CWCA Show is over and done with-

Thank you to Jennifer for organizing the chaos!!! Thank you to all the volunteers that make the show possible: setting up, moving table & chairs, Kathy Judy & Jennifer for wrangling all the entries and tabulating the results, the members who placed the entries on the competition tables, the judges who deliberated over the fine carvings, the members who stepped up to lead informal classes and lessons, Judy who mentored the "carving in process tables", members who brought their carvings & artwork to share with others, Mark for promoting the membership and Bob McVety selling raffle tickets & paying for it all!

We had 25 participants in total, including the Art categories. The attendance for the 20th CWCA Show was 76 people, compared to previous year's attendance of 151 people.



2018 CWCA Show - Winner List

🏆 **Best of Show - Bob Murray**

👑 **People's Choice - Roland Hebert**

Wood Open Class

Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Abstract	Gary Gemino	Gary Gemino	--
Utility	Roland Hebert 🏆	Robert Hall	Leo Hein
Caricature	Mark Austin	Grant Lauer	Roland Hebert
Relief	Ray Mascetti	--	--
In the Round	--	--	--
Chip	--	--	--
Wildlife-Fin	Grant Lauer	--	--
Wildlife-Fur	--	--	--
Wildlife-Feather	Peter Lincavicks	Peter Lincavicks	Grant Lauer
Wildlife- Other	Michael Audette	--	--
Stick	Bob Murray 🏆	Marcel Guilmeto	Charles Salvaatore
Miscellaneous	Linda Syphers	--	--

Wood Novice Class

Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Abstract	--	--	--
Utility	--	--	--
Caricature	David Kandrysante	Ron Audette	--
Relief	Laura Sheehan Bell	Laura Sheehan Bell	Laura Sheehan Bell
In the Round	--	--	--
Chip	--	--	--
Wildlife-Fin	--	--	--
Wildlife-Fur	--	--	--
Wildlife-Feather	--	--	--
Wildlife- Other	--	--	--
Stick	Dick Hoyt	Dick Hoyt	--
Miscellaneous	--	--	--

Wood Intermediate Class

Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Abstract			
Utility			
Caricature			
Relief			
In the Round			
Chip			
Wildlife-Fin			
Wildlife-Fur			
Wildlife-Feather			
Wildlife- Other			
Stick			
Miscellaneous			

Wood Junior Class

Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Abstract			
Utility	Charlie Austin		
Caricature			
Relief			
In the Round			
Chip			
Wildlife-Fin			
Wildlife-Fur			
Wildlife-Feather			
Wildlife- Other			
Stick			
Miscellaneous			

Artistic

Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Art-Painting	Judy McVety	Bob Murray	Bob Murray
Art-Drawing	--	--	--
Art-Photography	Kathy Hein	Jenn Castonguay	--
Art-Pyrography	Lynda Zibbideo	Jenn Castonguay	Linda Syphers

If you picked up a small cooler (blue top-white bottom) at the Carousel Show, please bring it to the picnic or our Sept. meeting. It belongs to Joe K. Thanks for taking care of it.

On Saturday July 28th (rain date Sunday July 29th) we are having our annual picnic at **Andre & Jenn's house at 146 Potuccos Ring Road in Wolcott CT 06716.** The picnic is from 12 noon to whenever.....As normal we will be eating, carving, and socializing. They have bocce and croquet, please bring tents, a chair for yourself, and plan on having a great time. Kathy Hein is the keeper of the menu, the unofficial planner for this event.

This is the info that she wishes to share... The club provides the burgers/hotdogs with all the condiments, the rolls, coffee, soda and water. The rest is a sharable potluck that you bring either appetizers, sides or desserts.

****RSVP is required!!!** She must have an accurate number of attendees so she can shop. Additionally, it is necessary to sign up your choices so we have a great variety of foods. Please call her at 860-675-5473 or send a note to her email kakh50@att.net

If you or your guest have a food allergy, PLEASE let her know, and anything containing nuts should be labeled as such for safety.

****Anyone that has a 6' folding table or extra-large coffee pot (not your counter top one) please tell her when you call, as we need to use them for the day. ****

If the weather looks questionable for Saturday Andre & Jenn will decide if moving the Picnic to Sunday is necessary. You may call them or Leo after 6 pm Friday night to see the decision.

****Bring yourself, bring your significant people, but be sure to bring a chair for each butt you bring! ****

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE SHOW!

The Annual CWCA Carving Show has run for 20 years. A core group of members have helped to make the shows a success and physically helped move tables, set-up, run entries, and anything else that needed to be done. There have been good years and better years.

This year we had a multitude of issues that I believe affected a very low attendance. These included:

-No local reporter for the Bristol Press to publish information on the show -Late notice to a local radio station

-Low club membership participation

-Very busy time of the year (graduations, close to Memorial Day, etc.)

With the above in mind, it is time to have a serious discussion about the future of the show. During this discussion we need to give positive suggestions and a commitment of the club's members to support the Annual CWCA Carving Show as well as other events we demonstrate at during the year. This is YOUR club and we need YOU!!! Talk is easy...actions are monumental!!!!!!

Let's start talking at our next meeting!!!

A Little History of CWCA and "The Show" by Leo Hein

I have been part of the CWCA from sometime in the 1980s. The goal of the club was to encourage and promote the Art of Carving and that goal is the same today.

In the 1990's, CWCA membership was falling off. By the early 2000's membership was at an all time low. The creation of the CWCA Carving Show was considered as a way to increase interest and membership in carving and the club itself.

Conception of the CWCA Carving Show happened in 1998 with the first show in 1999. Locations for the show were explored and included Elk Hall, schools, Masons, Fire Dept and even Tunxis Community College with a rental fee quoted at \$2000. There was no interest from the other venues or the cost was high.

The date of the show was from a vote of club membership during a monthly meeting.

With collaboration and cooperation, the New England Carousel Museum hosted our first annual show in 1999 and continues as of this year. They also split the \$gate as well as not charging rental use of the museum for the show. We continue our relationship by offering demonstrations at the museum and even had a month long gallery show in the "Glo Sessions" Room. Kathy, my wife and I continue to demonstrate at the New England Exposition, "The Big E" where we promote not only the museum but also the CWCA giving out our pamphlets and information of the club. I have personally done this since the 1990's with Kathy joining in 2010.

We have had long and positive relationship with the New England Carousel Museum.

With all of the above and our countless involvement with Flanders Nature Center, CT Forest and Park Association, White Memorial Nature Center and the CT DEEP, we have greatly built our membership. One of the reasons we are growing to a club of approximately 100 is because of the exposure at other's events. We are growing and have many "young" members as compared to other carving clubs. Women have also made a marked increase in the club too! It is the goal of the club to encourage the young and the young at heart!

Over time we have had members who have been part of CWCA for a long time. We have some who started with our club and then started their own group and are not connected or support the CWCA. Everyone has their interests but I hope that you all will support the club and not leave a few trying to make a continued success of CWCA.

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CWCA Calendar

- July 21st **Faerie Fest** at Flanders Nature Center in Woodbury Setup 8-8:30 am
 - July 21st Birthday Party for the Bushnell Park Carousel in Hartford.
 - July 28th **CWCA Picnic** at Andre & Jenn's in Wolcott 12-5pm
 - September 9th Club Meeting (August no meeting 2nd Sunday Labor Day)
 - September 22nd White Memorial Nature Day 2000 visitors Walking Sticks
 - September 22nd Open House Woodcraft & New England Woodworking School
 - September 29th Parkerville Wood Products Open House Manchester CT
 - October 5-8 **Mystic Carving Retreat** Exeter RI
 - October 7th Club Meeting
 - November 4th Club Meeting
 - December 2nd Club Meeting
- Meetings at Connecticut Forest & Park 16 Meriden Rd, Rockfall CT

Currently Serving CWCA Officers

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