



My Fellow Woodcarvers,

Sometimes a small event can seem like a big deal. Flanders Day, Saturday October 17th felt that way. It was the first time the *Connecticut Wood Carvers Association* sign was hung at a community event since last fall.

Mike Audette, Grant Lauer, Mark Austin, and I demonstrated carving and sold finished articles to families that attended the event. Everyone practiced good physical distancing and responsible mask wearing.

Meanwhile, although we have resumed monthly meetings, these will continue to be on the Zoom platform. Based on the results of our first virtual Zoom meeting in October, here is the agenda we expect to follow at the future meetings:

1. Club activity update.
2. Show 'n Tell sharing on projects – *We will suggest a project for everyone to undertake for December.*
3. Carving Instruction Video by a club member.
4. Q & A – Consult with other club members on techniques, tool & materials sourcing, et cetera.

Small steps. Be well . . . Mike Schulde



Calendar:

CWCA November Club ZOOM Meeting 11/1/20 10:00 a.m. Click this link to get in:

https://zoom.us/join/jtAvC0mgrD0vHNIzpqZjilMz1Cfo9Azrc4Ak/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCsrDwgEtaTtR-BRowIAI_Cc_zzpiFYgo10hg_UGSpaSy7sZ8FEPeteCsrT

CWCA December Club ZOOM Meeting 12/6/20 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:					
President	Leo Hein	860-675-5473	Secretary	Dan Holiday	860-620-2255
V. President	Michael Audette	860-388-7874	Treasurer	Bob McVety	203-288-3161
Membership	Mark Austin	860-283-2177			
Newsletter	Mike Schulde	860-379-5805	mikeschu62@gmail.com		

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 _____





Tips, Tricks, & Trivial Ideas – Shrink Pots

Green wood crafts are all the rage of late. This one was new to me when I heard it this past weekend.

Step 1 – Hollow out a section of freshly cut branch or log. You can take it close to the cambium layer.

Step 2 – Cut a shallow groove in the end that you would like to be the bottom of the container.

Step 3 – Carve a piece of seasoned wood, which matches the profile of the bottom end. It should be sized such that it requires a reasonable amount of pressure to force it into the groove.

Step 4 – Pop it in, finish edges a bit, and embellish it if you choose. You have just made your first shrink pot! As the green wood dries and shrinks, it locks the bottom in place. This practice pre-dates barrels.



1.



2.



4.

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



Message from the Prez

To my fellow carvers.... Tis the season.....

Best Wishes, Good Health, & many Blessings through these trying times & the Holidays!

At this time, no "in person" meetings are planned in the near future. But we are hopeful that day will come soon. Meanwhile, there's Zoom!

We all need to come through this and be able in good health to carry on!!!

p.s....Dues are more important now so we can keep the contact that we have built over the past going into the future, so we may bring a new generation with us and carry on. Dues helps to keep us together for that future!!!

... The Pres

M. Schilde, 126 Goose Green Rd., Barkhamsted, CT 06063

