

Connecticut Woodcarvers Assoc. Newsletter May 2021





My Fellow Woodcarvers,

It's happening! Science and common sense has brought us to the point where people are congregating in safety once again. That is if you feel safe around people wielding axes and knives.

So get ready to show up at an event soon . . . where you can show off your completed projects in person (not that there is anything wrong with 'Zoom'-ing).

That said – you had better get in gear and finish some of those projects that you started.

Be there . . . Mike Schulde

Calendar:

CWCA May Club ZOOM Meeting 6/6/21 10:00 a.m. Click this link to get in:

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

Little Big Carve In 6/5&6 10a-3p – location: 53 Mayflower Lane, Meriden. RSVP to Lynda 203-686-1207. Tent & campfire provided. Bring chair & \$5/day (suggested) to cover food.

Flanders Festival – May 22, 10a – 4p outdoors at corner of Flanders & Churchill. Possible demo and sale - outdoors. Details to follow.

Renaissance Faire – June 26, 27 & July 3, 4 10 & 11, 2021. Warsaw Park Ansonia.

White Memorial Nature Day – Sept. 25. Demo & sale – outdoors. Details to follow.

New England Wood Carvers Show - October 2021. Details to follow.

Mystic Woodcarving Retreat - Ender's Island Mystic CT – August 26 – 29, 2022.

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		
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TIME TO 'RE-UP'! Please send \$15.00 to Mark Austin to renew your membership For 2021. checks should be made to CWCA and mailed with following form to: CWCA Membership, 258 Campville Road, Northfield, CT 06778					
Name	New Member? Yes				
Address					
Phone	Email				

Imaginative Materials

In various regions where trees don't grow, or where trees were depleted, people had to come up with other materials for carving. Easter islanders carved stones, Eskimos used bone and tusk, Vikings chose horn ... You get the idea.

We're fortunate enough to have plenty of wood, but sometimes carvers still look to other materials in order to expand on the carving experienceor accessorize a carving project. Industrial capability allows us to incorporate materials that were not even available to previous generations - like plastics, metal wire, & various resins.

What unusual materials, natural and otherwise, have you incorporated into your carvings? Here are some things that I've heard about:

- 1. Animal sourced teeth, claws, hides.
- 2. Plant stalks, seeds, pits (like the avocado pit carving below).







4. Geological accents – ground stone / gems, crystals, glass, and soft stone (like soap stone, sand stone).

Please share pictures to: mikeschu62@gmail.com.





Images of club members meeting IN PERSON . . .





Message from the Pres,

The Westbrook Show was well attended. Active competition, CWCA was in attendance and they had a great day. Looking forward to the next event. I would love to hear from some of you that attended the show and what your thoughts are in the meantime.

With Covid 19 still hanging around over our heads...keep tools sharp, your cuts clean and the chips flying.

Your Pres,

Leo















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