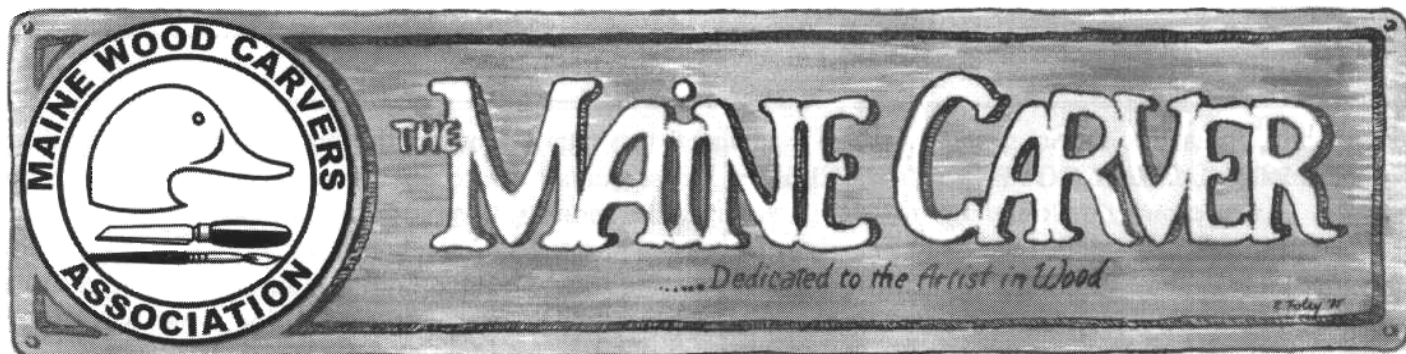




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Thanks to all the MWCA members who carved and contributed ornaments and the New England Wood Carvers who donated a box-full of ornaments, there were about 100 ornaments with which Jimmy Violette, Norman Scott, Theresa King and Dave Brown decorated this year's Good Will-Hinckley tree.

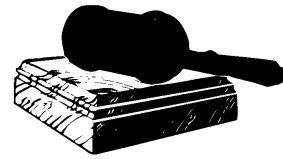
This is an annual fund-raiser for the school. Funds are raised by a business or organization paying a flat sponsorship fee for each tree. This year our sponsor is Julie's Antiques, Skowhegan Road, Fairfield. Our tree is unique in that all the carved ornaments are auctioned off to raise additional funds. Historically, our tree is much anticipated and one of the most popular with the visiting public. It is a great opportunity to showcase the MWCA and bring Christmas cheer to the children at the school. FMI call the school at 238-4280 or www.gwh.org

Festival of Trees at Good Will-Hinckley School

The group met to decorate the tree on Tuesday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m. Good job! See the schedule of events under Chapter Reports, Central Maine Carvers. *Photos by Donn Wolfe*

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Hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving Day. A day we carve something edible. ;-D

I got a call from the Maine State Museum the other day asking if we had any duck decoy carvers that would be interested in demonstrating decoy carving during their opening of a duck decoy exhibit on January 21, 2006 from 9 am – 4 pm. The contact person is John Otis [there on Thur and Fri] or John Bailey at [207] 287- 8110. This would be a good chance for a decoy carver to get exposure to the public and possibly make some sales, although John wasn't sure you could actually sell there. Also, it would be a great chance to create a public awareness of MWCA. They will provide tables, chairs, and power cords as needed. If you're interested, contact them directly. Also, you wouldn't have to be there the whole time. A couple of hours would be fine. Maybe several people could coordinate their times, so that someone is there for the whole period.

At one of the meetings I was at recently, there was a discussion of how to seal the ends of logs/lumber to prevent/reduce cracking during drying. I have since come across a product that is made for that purpose. It is called 'Anchorseal'. The website for the product is <https://www.uccoatings.co/uccoat.php> I read about it on the web, and several carvers had used it and it seemed to work very well. Something I tried awhile ago was some old, thick Elmer's 'Glue-All' [the old white stuff]. I applied it thickly on the ends of a couple small basswood logs with a spatula. I've since cut some off the end of one and was surprised to see that the glue had penetrated the wood about 3/8", but there were no cracks, even though I'd removed the bark. Didn't know, at the time, that bark removal on basswood is apparently a no-no. The bark removal is also difficult, as I removed a couple layers of wood on the 1st log too. Live and learn.

Don't forget the CCA CarveAlong East over Memorial Day weekend in RI again this year. The 3 instructors will be: Marv Kaisersatt, Gary Batte, and Dennis Thornton. The package price for classes, room and board is \$325. Although this sounds high, you could easily pay that for only a seminar by one of the instructors of this caliber. You will spend a day carving with each of them. Plus, judging by last year's event, there will be plenty of time to talk to them and fun events in the evenings, too. The CCA CarveAlong East is now half full. There are openings for 36 carvers, so there's only 18 still left.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call Ed Ertel evenings at 860-875-6187, or e-mail at erteled@yahoo.com. You can write to Ed at 65 Loehr Road, Tolland, CT 06084-3211. You can also contact the Mystic Carvers Club President, George Elliott, at elliottgeorge@sbcglobal.net or 860-464-8191.

If I don't see you before then, or even if I do, have a safe and very Merry Christmas. It will be another chance to do some edible carving. Hmm....maybe a new book idea.....'Extreme Turkey Carving'....or ham or roast beef. Food for thought, so to speak. ;o)

I was just looking to see when "Woodwright's Shop" was on public TV and saw that next Saturday [12/3] at 3 PM he will have Nora Hall on his show. She is a woodcarver trained in the European way and has a couple teaching CD's out. It could be very interesting.

This is the last time this year anyone will have to read through my 'drivel' on the 'prez. page'. So, have a Happy New Year, too.

**Keep the 'chips' flying, your knives and wits sharp and your fingers out of the way,
Loyd**

Chapter Reports

Central Maine Carvers



Good Will-Hinckley, Festival of Trees **December 4 through December 10** **Bishop Auditorium, Good Will-Hinckley campus,** **U. S. Route 201;**

Sunday, December 4

Brunch buffet served, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Price Dining Hall; (brunch tickets \$15 adults, \$10 youth 3 to 12, younger than 3 free)

Visit with Santa, noon – 5 p.m.,

*Official lighting of 20 full-size trees at 3 p.m.

Performances by flutist Becky Eldridge, dulcimer player Harry Vayo and David Deas & Friends;

Monday, December 5

Riverside Bell Ringers, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

Kennebec Chordsmen, 6 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Good Will-Hinckley Chorus 6 – 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Skowhegan Brass Quintet 6 – 7 p.m.

Friday, December 9

Red Hawk Medicine Drum 6 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

Festival closes with pianist Alexander Walz from noon – 1:30 p.m.;

Hands Up-FEF Church Teen Band from 3 – 4:30 p.m. and

Faith Kidz in Action Singers from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

*Tree viewing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 4 and Saturday December 10.

Weekday viewing (Dec 5 – 9) 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Weekday Santa Visits between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tree viewing, musical entertainment free, donations benefit fund for youth of Good Will-Hinckley.

Submitted by Donn Wolfe

The Festival of Trees is a project of the entire MWCA, it is reported under the Central Maine chapter because Donn Wolfe has been the coordinator for the project. Ed.

Coastal Carvers

November 19, 2005

Carol called the meeting to order; 15 people were in attendance. The December 10th Coastal Carvers' Christmas Party was discussed and the sign-up sheet passed around. See newsletter for further details and map. It is a festive occasion for all. The Hinckley Tree Ornaments were collected. A "Thank You" note was read from Myra Clunie for the auction held last month. A few other items of interest were discussed and then Show-n-Tell.



Show 'n' Tell Items

The items shown were: Ornaments of various kinds (Santa heads, Santa up/down chimneys, Teddy bears, fish, rocking horse, bunny, snowman, sea horse, dolphin, dolphin in wreath, etc.), two hound dogs, Uncle Sam pins, Santa pins, ghost pins, pumpkin head, Knitting Fox with moving parts.



Bill Martel instructing the Feather ID Pin



Bill Martel's Feather Name Pin

After refreshments, Bill Martel instructed us in the art of making feather name tag pins through his own ten step process. Since he is a teacher, he assigned step ten for homework. Remember he will be grading these. Have as much fun at home with them as we did in class. Thank you so much Bill for your time and effort to share your skills with us.

Keep carving and see you at the Baldwin's on Dec. 10th.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Wade*

South Coast Carvers

It was a dark and rainy night when the South Coast Carvers last met, our attendance was larger than usual and many pieces were at the Show and Tell, including at least a dozen spoons. The walnut spoons by Brian Barber are very attractive as was Paul Durant's Christian spoon. Bob Schwinger brought several nice fish decoys and a nice stylized loon. In addition to the walnut spoons, Brian had a Santa with a Christmas tree, a blue finned tuna, a sunflower and several hand-made tools. Cliff Day had a hillbilly and a fire fighter. George Calef had a Blue Jay from his class and Bob Philippe had a sleeping Santa in a reclining chair.

Hint they say that the Holiday issue of *Woodcarvers Illustrated* magazine is especially nice, look for a familiar face in the issue.

PS. At the end of the meeting we finally made a decision on next months meeting and we decided that since our night would be a few days after Christmas, we won't meet in December. See you all at the regular time in January.

*George Calef, Secretary
Robert Philippe Editor*

Streaked Mountain Wood Carvers

The November 12th meeting saw 17 members and guests present at Bob Perry's home. We were particularly pleased to welcome 11 year old Austin Blum and his mother Ann Gavin from Mason, New Hampshire. Gavin visited our booth at the Oxford County Fair in September and talked with Chuck Perry about his eagle and hawk carvings. Gavin is much interested in birds of prey and wants to learn to carve them. He has grandparents in the Norway area and plans to coordinate visits with them on the weekends of SM carving meetings.

We were also glad to have Jean Boyd, Sally Bean, Pauline LaRone and Howie Munday back with us, as they have not been able to be with us lately.

Show & Tell, as always, was great! A family crest by Howie Munday, Moose relief by Keen Grover, Village Main St. relief by Pauline LaRone, Eskimo Dog sled and team carved in stone shown by Sulo Heikanen, Violin in progress by Jack Frost, just to mention a few. All carvings shown deserve mention, but I can't remember all. There were so many I couldn't get them all in one picture. (See accompanying photos). Photos provided by B. Perry.



Munday Family Crest by Howie Munday



Show n Tell Group 1



Moose Relief by Keen Grover



Village Main Street Relief, Pauline LaRone



Show n Tell, Group 2



Eskimo Carving in stone by Sulo Heikanen

Photos provided by Bob Perry



Bob Perry's Carved Pumpkin

At the October meeting we were asked to display carvings at the Hartford Sumner Elementary School lobby for the month of November. We have a very nice display with carvings by 18 members. I hope to have a picture of this display in next month's news letter.

Ken Grover conducted a class in the next step of the Circus wagon. This is quite a project and requires several classes (meetings) to complete. The club project (Buckfield Logo) was available for members to work on.

Next meeting will be December 10th at the usual time and place.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
Bob Perry

Carver Street Carvers

No news this month.

Loretta Rabassa, Secretary

Capital Carvers

Weekly meeting continue to attract a healthy group, although we have lost three or four to the Florida migration (snow birds).

We conduct a minimum of business and mostly chat, swap useful (well some) information and have fun

carving. The most important thing to bring is your sense of humor and possibly a knife.

Your most humble scribe of the week.

George Gunning

Note from the Jewells

This is long overdue, but we have been up to our ears in boxes. We moved out of our Cedar Street home in September (actually the week of the show). After spending about three weeks in a motel cabin, we moved into our new home the first week of October. It has been quite an experience and one that we hoped that we don't need to repeat – ever. Can you imagine dealing with 38 years of stuff? It took us forever just to pack up the studio and the workshop. We are not back to producing any carvings or paintings, but are anxious to do so. We do love our new place (all on one floor) and located at 111 Court Street, Belfast with the same phone number (338-2476).

We really missed not being at the fall show. It just didn't seem right to not be there to see everyone and the great displays of carvings and artwork.

Your beautiful card with all those special notes came at such a perfect time for us. It gave us the morale boost that we sorely needed. Building a new house and selling one that you've had for 38 years is stressful. Besides, we were missing our favorite carving group. Thank you so much for thinking of us when you were also very busy.

Fondly,
John and Linda Jewell



Financial Report MWCA Checkbook

11/01/05 to 11/29/05

Starting Balance	\$4,889.18
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INCOME:

Memberships	15.00
Booth Rentals	<u>55.00</u>
Total Income:	70.00

ATTENTION, CARVERS INVITED

EXPENSES:

Advertising, Portland Press Herald

198.30

Total Expenses: 198.30

Ending balance 11/29/05 \$4,760.88

*Details of any transaction are available from the
Secretary/Treasurer, Pat Cornwell.*



DOWNEAST SHOW COMMITTEE

The 20th Annual Downeast Show will be held October 7 and 8 at the Augusta Armory.

The first Downeast Show Committee meeting will be held on January 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon (location as yet to be identified, but it will be in the Waterville area). We are looking for people to participate as Team Captains.

The Teams are: Publicity, Vendors/Booth Rental, Set-up, Breakdown, Registration, Judging, Security, Admissions, Raffle Table, Announcing, Chapter Booths (5 captains), Demos and The Gift Shop. If you volunteer to be a Captain, you will be provided with a packet with all the info needed for your Team to succeed.

If you cannot make this meeting, but would like to be a Captain, please contact me or Dave Brown and we'll get the info packet out to you.

Dave and I look forward to working with you to make this a great Show.

Kathy Webster

kwebster@gwi.net or (207) 865-3286

Dave Brown

browndav@adelphia.net or (207) 873-3370

Welcome New Member

Charles R. Poulin

14 Clark Street

Waterville ME 04901

(207) 872-7220

The Maine State Museum, Augusta, will be opening a new display in January featuring decoys and decoy carving. They would like to have decoys for display and several people to demonstrate carving decoys.

If you are interested in displaying or demonstrating, call Mr. John Otis of the Museum. Mr. Otis and/or his manager, Mr. John Bailey, can be reached at (207) 287-8110. The "Antique Decoy" display will be opening on Saturday, January 21, 2006.

It may be a good event for some of you decoy carvers to get some exposure and set up sales for yourselves and good will for MWCA.

Spirit of Wood New England Wood Carvers

The New England Wood Carvers newsletter arrived Monday. First of all, congratulations on their beautiful new newsletter format. Very handsome!



Congratulations also to Pat Miller, (see last month's newsletter Member Profile), on winning the Best of Show and the President Choice awards plus various other ribbons. Her daughter-in-law, Sharon Miller was also a multi-award winner. Pat's Best in Show entry was a mother Quail with chicks which was featured throughout the newsletter. Beautiful indeed! Go to the NEWC website to see more about the show, www.newc.org.