



# Spirit of Wood

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The next Members' Meeting will be held at Middlesex  
Community College, Bedford, MA on Saturday  
February 8, 2020 from 9am to 3pm  
The Speaker is TBD



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New England Woodcarvers, Inc.  
P.O. Box 561

The Mission of the New England Woodcarvers, a cultural and educational organization, is to promote woodcarving, wood sculpting, pyrography, whittling and other forms of wood art to all its members and to the greater community.

## Newsletter

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## President's Message

Happy 2020 to all! Welcome to another year of our New England Woodcarvers and the Spirit of Wood. With the start of a new year, we have a few irons in the fire. At our next meeting on Saturday, February 8, we will vote on amendments and revisions of our bylaws and possibly our standing rules. These were outdated and in need of revision. To those of you who receive this newsletter online please see the attached bylaws file, or go to our website: [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org). For those who receive a paper newsletter, the bylaws will be sent out separately by Mary. Thanks Mary!

If Saturday, February 8 brings the snowstorm of the decade, please check for the closing of the school, Middlesex Community College. If the school is closed, our meeting will be cancelled. If anyone is real hard core and wants to drive in a blizzard, you can come up to my house in Bradford, NH for a carve along and hot cocoa!

If we do meet on February 8, I plan to bring in a 50:50 raffle and will have them at every meeting as long as interest holds. So, bring your \$1 bills.

It is that time of year again when we need to look around at our fellow NEWC carvers and decide on a candidate for the Member of the Year. We have so many wonderful members, that this is always difficult. Who has made a difference to YOU? Nomination forms will be in the newsletter as well as at our meetings. They need to be in to the board in March, so don't delay!



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**NEWC  
TREASURERS  
REPORT**

**Opening Balances**

Checking	Total	\$16,807.78
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**Income**

Members Meeting	Refreshment	12/07/19	\$22.00
	Auction		\$25.00
Misc.			
Membership Income			\$145.50
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Tree of Hope			<u>\$321.00</u>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$513.50</b>
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**Expenses**

Banking Fee	Bank Fee	10/11/19	\$ 3.00
	Bank Fee	11/29/19	\$ 3.00
Insurance			
Newsletter	#1021	11/26/19	\$320.96
Storage	#1020(Dec.Jan.)	11/.26/19	\$202.00
Web Site	#1017Software	11/02/19	\$ 75.00
Member Mtg.	Speaker	12/07/19	\$150.00
Spirit of Wood	Venue	12/07/19	\$300.00
Tree of Hope			
MCC Scholarship	#1019	11/14/19	\$2000.00
Annual Tax Notification		01/10/20	<u>\$ 18.50</u>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,072.46</b>
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<b>Ending Total</b>	<b>\$14,248.82</b>
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<b>Tree of Hope Available Funds</b>	<b>\$6,102.81</b>
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<b>NEWC Available Funds</b>	<b>\$8,146.01</b>
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**Presidents Message**

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On a sad note, I announce the passing of Richard Menkello of Buzzards Bay. Please see our obituary section for more information. His daughter, Joanne Cusano, is donating some of Richard's carving tools and memorabilia for our auctions. Gary will be coordinating with her. Thank you Joanne and sincerest sympathies for your loss.

One final item before I run downstairs to stoke my woodstove; we REALLY need your help! The Board has several vacancies, including Secretary, Director of PR/ marketing, and Education. Also, Gary Filiault wishes to pass the torch of Treasurer to a new person in June. Please consider helping us with these positions. The help of many carvers make our club a success. This is a wonderful organization, and its continued success is totally up to us!

Happy Carving, see you in February!

Laurie Farrell, President





## TREE OF HOPE

Hello, I hope everyone had Pleasant Holidays and a good start to the new year. The Tree had a good end to last year. We received the most donations in December than we ever received in any single month since I took over the Tree. That to me shows that the tree will have a very good year Thanks to the generosity of our fine members. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I just wish I could remember each name of the person that donated!!! The Tree brought in pretty good money this past year, that I was able to take on two more worthy organizations to donate to: The DAV auxiliary out of Worcester, MA and Friends Never Forget this organization fund sending Gold Star children to summer camp. I think these are both good organizations. Never Forget because the tree is able to run because of the carving donations from the members. I am always open to suggestion on any organizations that support the Veterans. My only requirement is I like organizations that spend 95% of the money on Veterans, not on CEO's. I hope everyone has a good year ahead. Remember, Some gave some, Others gave All and Some still Give!!!

-Rick Boyer

## **Members of the Board of**

### **Directors**

#### **Executive Board:**

President-Laurie Farrell

Past (acting) President-Martin Truitt

Vice President-Jan LeClair

Secretary-Open

Membership Secretary-Mary Chouinard

Treasurer-Gary Filiault

#### **Directors at Large:**

Newsletter-Gay Gawron

Webmaster-Kimberly Rhault

Tree of Hope-Rick Boyer

Hospitality-Open

Workshop Coordinator-Open

#### **Historian**

Paul Ward

#### **Tree of Hope**

Rick Boyer

Scotty Arsenault



## **Membership News**

### **Obituary:**

Richard Menkello

Buzzards Bay, MA

Notification was received of the passing of Richard Menkello on January 1, 2020. Richard joined NEWC in 1982 and was member #914

### **New Members:**

#### **Congratulations**

David Heffron

Woburn, MA

Jon LeClair

Cutler, ME

James Levasseur

Methuen, MA

### **Editor in Chief - Gay Gawron**

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Mary Chouinard

Jan LeClair

Laurie Farrell

## **MEETING DATES 2020**

**General meetings** are held in the campus center, Building 8 Saturday From 9am-3pm.

**February 8, 2020**

**April 18, 2020**

**June 13, 2020 (Annual Meeting)**

**September 26, 2020**

**December 12, 2020**

**Board of Directors Meetings** are held in the Henderson Hall room 308, Saturdays from 9am-12pm

**March 7, 2020**

**May 2, 2020**

**September 12, 2020**

**November 14, 2020**

**Optional consideration  
date for S.O.W. 2020:**

**October 24 and 25**

**Saturday and Sunday**

## Volunteers Needed!

If you've got the time we've got the place

### Spirit of Wood Show & Competition 2020

Needs your help immediately in the following areas

Chairman of Show

Organizing Committee Member

The chairman of the show works closely with two other committee members to plan, organize and oversee the various Show and Competition activities. The Chairman reports to and receives the support of the NEWC Vice President.

### Board Vacancies

Secretary

Treasurer

Director of PR/Marketing, Education

## Hello Fellow Woodcarvers!

Okay, here's the latest info on the next Retreat.

By now you know that the dates and venue have changed. It'll be September 18th through the 21st, 2020 on Enders Island in Mystic, CT.

The setting is beautiful, the food fantastic and the price has gone up! (though not as much as Canonicus had imposed for this year!) The price for commuters is \$240, that's \$20 more than last year. The price for those staying overnights with us is \$360, or roughly \$20 more per day than last year.

This includes all meals from Friday's Dinner through Monday's Lunch, all of your instructions and three nights accommodations.

We hope that you can all follow us to this new venue and that the Retreat has finally found a permanent home.

Dennis Tormey and Carol Roffey

