



Spirit of Wood

**Next meeting February 7, 2016 Middlesex Community College Bedford MA.
Building 8 Guest speaker will be Justin Gordon South Shore Carvers.**



Spirit of Wood NEWSLETTER

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The mission of the New England Woodcarvers is to educate and promote woodcarving, wood sculpturing and whittling as an art form to all its members and to the greater community

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Newsletter

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President's Message:

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, and hoping your Holiday season was wonderful and you will have fond memories of it. As we start the new year, let's look at some of our accomplishments from the past year. Whereas 2015 was our 50th Anniversary as you all know, we, the Board, tried to make a memorable year. Starting in June with our 50 Anniversary Celebration on June 6th & 7th which included our Annual Business Meeting. On Saturday, June 6th, members brought in their carvings to have pictures taken for our 50 Years of Carvers book and then to display those carvings in our Carving Museum. Also on Saturday we had a carve along with Paul Ward. Louis Dennis talked on Coopers Hawk carving. During this time Jerry Grimes was taking pictures for The 50th Year of Carving Book. Sunday

started off with Membership carve along with Edsel and Gary. Lunch was served followed with a short business meeting. We then had a one item Auction, which was a beautiful King Fisher donated by Louis Dennis. Then our Guest speaker, Pete Ortel, Member of the Caricature Carvers of America stepped to the podium.

Then in October we had the Spirit of Wood Carving Show with all its, trappings. The show was probably one of the best .

That brings us to January 2016, at which time we have put a committee together to access what we can do to make the Spirit of Wood Show better. We also have a new committee chair person for the Spirit of Hope, Gail Hansche, who along with Rick Boyer have been doing an excellent job.

Keith Oldfield President NEWC

NEWC Treasurer's Report January/February 2016

Joe Marshall

As of January 6, 2016 NEWC has a net worth of \$22,166 Year to date income is \$14,808. Expenses for the fiscal year up to January 6, 2016 were \$14,212 resulting in a gain of \$596.

Full Net Worth as well as Income & Expense reports can be found at NEWC.org. Go to Home Financial Reports.

Spirit of Wood Show Committee By Jim Hayden & Joe Marshall

At their November meeting the NEWC Board of Directors agreed to create a Spirit of Wood committee to explore ways to distribute the workload of planning and producing the show and to identify possible ways to enhance the annual event. The committee is just starting its work, the first order of business is to review and agree to a plan created by Jim Hayden to divide responsibility for the show into three areas; lead chairperson, co-chairperson and competition chairperson. Jim Hayden has shouldered the entire SOW responsibility for the past several years it is a large time consuming job. If it were not for Jim's efforts the SOW, may not exist. We all owe him a great debt of gratitude for his service to NEWC. Unfortunately Jim can no longer do the entire job. His plan breaks up the job into manageable pieces. The SOW Committee will be looking for members to step up to fill the new positions. The SOW show is the largest carving competition in New England and one of the largest in the country. We need your help to keeping it going. Please seriously consider taking one of the new positions. The fact is if these positions are not filled there may not be a SOW show in 2016 or future years. The committee will keep you all up to date on their progress in future newsletters.

The VA Tree of Hope Project 2015

By Gail Hansche Godin

Maria and I would like to thank all the people who helped to make this year's Tree of Hope a success. We appreciate the wonderful ornaments that people have donated and hope you continue to create them for us. We would especially like to thank Rick Boyer and the Central Mass Caricature Carvers for setting up the Tree at many fairs.

Due to the late start on my part this year, we did not have gifts delivered the week of Christmas. We will, however, be providing needed donations throughout the year. We are visiting the hospital and speaking directly to the Vets to find out what they want and need.

Maria and I delivered a Samsung 50" smart TV to the hospital with a Blu-ray DVD player to follow. The hospital has new, donated Blu-ray DVDs but they couldn't watch them because they didn't have a Blu-ray player. These items will be donated in memory of Lorne LaGoy, paid for with the generous donations made in Lorne's name. Maria would like to thank everyone who made these donations.

I am looking for a volunteer to make a plaque in memory of Lorne from the NEWC to hang in the lounge with the TV. Please continue donating your ornaments at membership meetings throughout the year. The Vets greatly appreciate our efforts. **THANK YOU!**

Gail Hansche Godin & Maria LaGoy

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New England Wood Carvers Highest Award

The NEWC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD is given to an active dues-paying member who has made an outstanding contribution to the organization during the current year or for services rendered throughout a recent period of time. Accomplishments made beyond the club's unusual meeting place are acceptable providing they satisfy the intent of the guidelines. The award has been presented since 1976 to individuals who have exemplified exceptional club services and leadership, NEWC members of record shall cast their vote in the month of April for one of the nominees eligible to received this award.

NEWC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD GUIDELINES for NOMINATION

To be considered for this prestigious award the nominee will have made contributions like or similar to the examples given in these guidelines. The nominee's contributions should be substantial and recognized by a number of people. The examples do not necessarily include everything that a member could have done. They serve as a pathway in helping the nominator to consider carefully all the possible accomplishments this nominee has made that makes him or her worthy of this award. Moreover it is advisable to speak with people who are closest to the nominee. This step will ensure that all the known credit has been gathered in preparation to completing the nomination form.

1. Inspired people to take up wood carving, helped people to improve their woodcarving skills, recruited people to become members of NEWC, or reached out to the community in a manner that promoted the art of carving.
2. Taught woodcarving in different settings, tutored one or more individuals, demonstrated carvings methods in use today, or made presentations of carvings in a variety of settings before an audience.
3. Exhibited personal works of accomplishments, entered carvings in competition, contributed to various publications, or was/is an active carving instructor.
4. Is now or may have been an officer of the club, directed a club project, worked in some capacity in the Spirit of Wood Show, or took charge of one or more membership meeting activities.

NEW ENGLAND WOODCARVERS MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

To nominate a NEWC member, please complete this form and land mail or email it to Keith Oldfield PO Box 599 East Templeton, MA 01438, keoldfield43@gmail.com. Please type or print all information. Additional or supporting information on the nominee should be attached to the nomination form. A form is also available on the NEWC website at www.newc.org > Home > Awards. Nomination forms are due no later than March 11, 2016

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Membership No. (if known) _____

Nominator Name: _____

Nominee Membership No. _____

Why do you believe this nominee should receive this award? Refer to guidelines for nomination at

IN MEMORIAM

RIP

Lorne LaGoy

My Apology for incorrectly

Spelling Lorne's first name

Keith Oldfield

Information now available on NEWC.org

Carving Clubs in New England Carving.

Officers of NEWC Fiscal Year 2016.

Committee Chairpersons.

Membership Application.

**New England Woodcarvers Calendar Dates
2016**

Wood Carving Classes

Louis Dennis

Pete LeClair Has agreed to do another Class this year. The class will be Friday May 20th, 6:00-9:00 PM and Saturday May 21st & Sunday May 22nd 8:00 AM –5:00 PM

To reserve a seat in another great class send \$125.00 to; Louis Dennis 4 Lincoln Circle

Paxton, MA. 01612

Or send a deposit of \$50.00 made out to NEWC Louis Dennis

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

NEWSLETTER

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NEWC Membership

By Mary Chouinard

January/February 2016

New Members:

Michele McAfee

Roslindale, MA

Donna Kielinen

Westminster, MA

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

April 3, 2016

June 5, 2016 (Annual Meeting)

September 25, 2016

December 4, 2016

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS

March 12, 2016

May 7, 2016

September 10, 2016

November 5, 2016

Spirit of WOOD SHOW

October 15, 2016 (setup)

October 16, 2016 (Spirit of Wood Show)

MERCHANDISE NEWS

Make sure to stop by the Merchandise table at the February meeting. We have 50th Anniversary Shirts, Hats, Canvas Bags and Sweatshirts.

We also have several items marked down for our Winter Sale! Collared Polo Shirts, Mugs, Sweatshirts, Long-Sleeve Shirts, Aprons and Canvas Bags have been marked down by 20% to 25%! Take advantage of these great bargains for your Valentine or buy a nice gift for yourself!

Submitted By Sheryl & Gerald Kottmann