



Spirit of Wood

Next meeting April 3, 2016 Middlesex Community College Bedford MA. Building 8 Guest speaker will be Edsel Johnson. Edsel has been carving Caricatures of all types for many years.



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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

March/ April 2016

Newsletter

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President's Message:

HAPPY EASTER!!! Well it now looks like we have escaped all that snow of last year (hopefully). Things seem to be looking up for NEWC also. I spoke to Scotty Arsenault Tuesday night and he confirmed that he would take over the office of President-Elect (thank you Scotty). For those of you whom may not know, Scotty has been a member of NEWC for 25 years. He has been Secretary for NEWC and worked as a Judge at many Spirit of Wood Shows. He has been carving with the Central Mass. Caricatures Club at Monty Tech for more than 30 years. Scotty has also been teaching carving Tuesday nights at Monty Tech. Fitchburg and Quinsigamond Community College, Gardner MA. Please let's all thank him when you see him.

We also have been working very hard on the Spirit of Wood Show. Joe Marshall and Jim Hayden have been heading up a committee to enhance Judging and other aspects of the show. Gail has been working very hard with the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bedford, MA. Gail, Maria and Rick have been involved with supplying articles that the Veterans have requested. Rick Boyer is going to look into the needs for other VA Hospitals other than Bedford that may need help. Lastly I need to request your help in Volunteering for the many tasks that will come up during the year. I will be coming around with my list at our next meeting (Please sign up)

HAPPY EASTER

Keith Oldfield & Family President

The VA Tree of Hope Project 2016

Gail Hansche

The NEWC received a letter of thanks from the Bedford VA Hospital.

'The staff and residents of the VA Hospital express sincere appreciation to the NEWC members for their generous donation of a TV and Blu-ray DVD player. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern and compassion that our community feels for our veterans.' The number one item on the residents' wish list is live entertainment to help combat the boredom of living in a hospital. In response to this need, we will provide an entertainer as a trial and attend the presentation to assess the response of the residents. We would like to provide for the residents year-round rather than just during the holiday season. We welcome any comments or concerns from the members who contribute to this project.

Please start working early on your wonderful carvings for the Tree of Hope. Donations are gratefully accepted year round at the NEWC meetings in Bedford, MA or the Caricature Carvers of Central MA Tuesday nights at Monty Tech in Fitchburg, MA.

Thank you for your support.

Spirit of Wood Show

Enhancement Committee Report

Jim Hayden

Plans are in the works to revamp the Spirit of Wood Show! We have an awesome committee working on it and will make some more BIG announcements soon. The Show will be Sunday October 16th, 2016, with set up day on Saturday, Oct 15.

Registration will be streamlined and there will be new carving categories to make it easier.

We will be awarding an Overall Best in Show. There will also be prizes from some of our vendors for Best in Show, Best in Show by Level, People's Choice and President's Award winners.

Also, we are looking for Scroll saw artists, wood turners and chainsaw carvers to demonstrate their art! Please contact us if you are interested or know of someone who might be.

We will still have all our vendors, raffles, demonstrations, competition and Seminars. New this year will be a non-competitive display area for those who want to show their pieces without competing. Make sure you hold the date!

Treasurer's Report

Joe Marshall

As of March 9, 2016 NEWC has a net worth of \$19,971 Year to date income is \$17,274. Expenses for the fiscal year up to March 9, 2016 were \$19,208 resulting in a loss of \$1,934.

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

MERCHANDISE NEWS

Make sure to stop by the Merchandise table at the April Meeting. We 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 50%! Take advantage of these great bargains!! This does not include 50th anniversary items.

If you cannot attend the meeting, send a check with an additional \$6.95 for handling payable to NEWC to: Gerald Kottmann 32 Madison Way Hubbardston, MA 01452



NEWC Member of the Year Nominee Process

January- March

The board, at the March meeting Approved the nominations of three qualified candidates for Member of the Year.

March- April

1. Ballots will be published in the March-April Newsletter (below. Bring your ballot to the meeting or mail it by May 1 to: Keith Oldfield President, NEWC, Inc. P.O. Box 599, East Templeton, MA 01438. Ballots will also be available for voting at the April 3, 2016 Membership Meeting.

2. NEWC Members in Good standing are eligible to vote. One vote per Member.

May

Deadline for Voting is May 1, 2016

Ballots will be counted by the Executive board at its May meeting.

June

The award will be presented to the 2016 NEWC Member of the year by the President at the Awards luncheon on June 5, 2016.

A letter of acknowledgement and appreciation will be sent to all nominees and nominators

PREVIOUS MEMBER OF YEAR

WINNERS

1976	Bob Buyer
1977	Edgar Sacks
1978	Frank & Dot Cotter
1978	Charlie Foster
1979	Sam Cherone
1980	Rip Stangroom
1981	Russ Coburn
1982	George Mackinnon
1983	M. Paul Ward
1984	Bob & Phyllis Hogg
1985	Dexter & Flo Schaffner
1986	F. Richard Amirault
1987	Nathan Markowitz
1988	Fred Hugel
1989	Bo & Mary Doucette
1990	Norma Raymond
1991	D. Judson Hinds
1992	Edwin C. Guy
1993	Basil A. LeBlanc
1994	Rip Stangroom
1995	Jim Brightman
1996	Maria LaGoy
1997	Leo Lambert
1998	Ken Brannock
1999	Moe Manny
2000	Doreen Abraham
2001	Al Gray
2002	Justin Gordon
2003	Pete LeClair
2004	Joseph Olson
2005	Phyllis Miele
2006	Floyd Truitt
2007	Yvette Holladay
2008	Lorne LaGoy
2009	Louis Dennis
2010	John Marino
2011	Roger D Melanson
2012	Lenny Hill
2013	Gary Filliault
2014	Edsel Johnson

OFFICIAL NEWC 2016 BALLOT

Three Nominees for “Member of the Year” (Check One)

This year we are fortunate to have three deserving nominees for member of the year, they are;

Jerald & Mary Grimes (Membership # 3034) 2008

Jerry has been an active member since day one of joining NEWC since 2008. He has been our Treasurer for four years, while being appointed to the board of directors for seven years. He was instrumental in resurrection of the club Merchandise effort. Jerry was always involved with his local carving group in Templeton, Ma and at the Council of Aging (COA). Both Jerry & Mary traveled to places like Mystic, CN and Augusta, ME spreading the word about NEWC. He also helped new members to get involved. But his most outstanding contribution to the club was the creation and publishing of our 50 Years of Carvers Book. The level of effort that he and Mary put in to the completion of this task was unparalleled in the journals of this club. They dedicated almost a full year in its completion and sales.

Joseph Marshall (Membership # 1141) 1986

Joe has always been one of those members willing to promote the NEWC whether it is at a club meeting or his local carving groups. When Jerry felt it was time to step down from his Treasurers position Joe, was willing to step in and help out. When no one else wanted to take over the job, Joe was willing to extend his level of effort an additional year. When our Newsletter Editor resigned and there was no one else to take over the job, he worked with other board members to resurrect the Spirit of wood Newsletter. He took over rebuilding a dysfunctional Website and made it into something anyone would be proud of. Last but not least, Joe spearheaded a committee to enhance the Spirit of Wood Show Judging competition effort. He is now writing a bi-monthly article about the club in Chip Chats magazine. He was also on the editorial staff for the 50 Years of carvers Book. Joe was received the Volunteer Award in 2014.

Robert Schmeichel Jr. (Membership # 1874) 1999

Robert has been a devoted member of NEWC for 22 years always ready to lend a helping hand in any project. Robert has been the photographer for many years and has always been available to take the photographs needed by NEWC. He has taken the pictures for our membership meetings, along with the Spirit of Wood show. Robert has also travelled to places like Mystic, CN in the quest for pictures of NEWC . He was also awarded the Volunteer Award in 2006 and the President’s Award in 2009. Through out the years Bobs pictures have adorned many if not all issues of the newsletter. Robert has also been previously nominated for this award.

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 May 21th & 8th 2016

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 _____

NEWSLETTER

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NEWC.org**

**Carving Clubs in New England.
Officers of NEWC Fiscal Year 2016.
Committee Chairpersons.
Membership Application**

NEWC Woodcarvers Dates

Middlesex Community College, Campus Center, Building #8

Please note DO NOT assume the Meeting (s) will fall on the first Sunday of the month. Check the schedule below for accuracy of meeting dates and times

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Workshops, drawing, Show-N-Tell, Guest speaker, meetings. Sundays, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

April 3, 2016

June 5, 2016 (Annual Meeting)

September 25, 2016

December 4, 2016

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS Trustees House Building #4 conference room on Saturday from 9:00 AM - NOON

May 7, 2016

September 10, 2016

November 5, 2016

SPIRIT of WOOD SHOW Campus Center, Building # 8 on Sunday.

Set-up on Saturday, October 15, from 1:00 PM– 6:00 PM Carving Registration from 4:00 - 6:00 PM

The show is held on Sunday, October 16, carving registration is from 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM no carvings will be accepted after 8:45 AM. General Public admission is 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

March/April 2016

Deceased:

Elmo L. Albertelli Salisbury, MA Passed May 14, 2015

Lenny Chaisson Bow, NH Auto accident Jan. 12, 2016

O James Inashima Woburn, MA

New Members:

Leslie Barton Mulledy Hanson, MA

Paul Crowley Gardner, MA