



# Spirit of Wood

**Next meeting June 5, 2016 Middlesex Community College, Bedford MA. Building 8 Guest speaker will be Pete LeClair. Pete Is a member of the Caricature Carvers of America CCA.**



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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

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**Newsletter**

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## President's Message:

Wow!!! I can't believe it has been almost a year since I took over the job of President of NEWC (time really flies when you are having a good time). All kidding aside it has been very interesting to say the least, also very challenging. Starting off with all the activities for the 50th Anniversary Celebration which also included the 50th Anniversary Book. This all culminated with the Spirit of Wood show in October (no small task to say the least). I am very fortunate to have a very competent and committed Board of Directors, without which none of this would have been possible. The other unsung heroes are our committee chairpersons and the vast amount of Volunteers which make this club possible. Remember this has been Happening for over 50

Years now!!!! The one thing that holds NEWC together are the members. This is where all the officers, Board Members, Committee Members, and Volunteers come from. Without you and your commitment to the club we have no club. For this I would like to say **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.** I have had to ask many of you for your help in filling a vacant position and I am very happy to say that we filled every position with out fail. To those of you that are leaving or have left, such as Paul Ward, Jerry Grimes, Jim Hayden, Gerd Orgeldinger, Joe Marshall and Yvette Holladay, Paul Durant, **THANK YOU.** I wouldn't have been able to do the job with out you. Then for those **NEW** Board Members And Committee chairpersons Martin Truitt, Gerald Kottmann ( Sheryl) Charlie LeBlanc, Gail Hansche-Godin Ken Wagner, Continued on Page 2

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Scotty Arsenault. Then there are those whom have preformed year after year, such as Mary Chouinard, Rick Boyer, Louis Dennis, Justin Gordon, Leo Lambert Bob Schmeichel Jr Maria LaGoy, Rick O'Coin, and Nancy Swiniarski.

Please don't forget the New and Better Spirit of Wood Show October 15 Setup and 16 Show 2016 we will be needing plenty of help for that please email me at keoldfield43@ gmail.com or Call 978-939-1295. Remember our Competition Committee has come up with some format changes which I think you will really like.

If I Have missed anyone, I apologize.

Thank You So Very Much

Keith Oldfield President

## **The VA Tree of Hope Project**

The season for the Tree of Hope is beginning. We will be setting up at various Wood Carving shows and Craft Fairs around New England for the rest of the year. Please look for us and support the project by buying ornaments. We will have the tree at the NEWC membership meeting in Bedford, MA on June 5, 2016.

We hope you are working on ornaments to donate to the Tree of Hope for the current season. Your creations enable us to continue to support the Veterans at the Bedford, MA VA hospital. We provide entertainment and comfort items for the veterans who are very appreciative of our efforts.

We invite all of our members to get involved with this wonderful and successful project for our Veterans no matter what your level of carving experience.

*Thank you all for your support!*

Project Coordinators

Gail Hansche Godin and Maria LaGoy

## Mark your Calendars

**2016**

Middlesex Community College  
(Campus Center, Building # 8)

**Sunday, June 5, 2016**

Guest Speaker for our June Meeting will be our own famous Caricature Carver, Pete LeClair

Come and carve with all your friends and see what's new. Then see what is available at our Auction table, always some good buys. We will then serve a catered lunch (\$10.00 Donation). After which we will have our awards presentations, including our Member of the year Award. To conclude the meeting Pete LeClair will talk about his passion Caricature Carving

### **WHAT'S NEW IN UP COMING Issues of SPIRIT of WOOD**

Featured Carver articles which will include carvers history and pictures of carvings and Pattern of wood-carving projects.

## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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



### **Pete LeClair Caricature Carving Class September 23,24,&25, 2016 Louis Dennis**

Pete LeClair Has agreed to do another Class this year in Paxton, MA

**The class schedule is:**

Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-9:00 PM and

Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

**Classes will be Held at:**

Louis Dennis's House at:

4 Lincoln Circle

Paxton, MA 01612

Phone 508-757-7303

**CLASS FEE IS \$125.00:** To reserve a seat in another great class send \$125.00 to; or send a deposit of \$50.00 made out to NEWC Louis Dennis

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Treasurer's and Spirit of Wood Show Report

Joe Marshall and Jim Hayden

## Treasurer's Report

As of May 1, 2016, NEWC has a net worth of \$19,408 and Year to date income is \$17,985. Expenses for the fiscal year up to May 1, 2016 were \$19,962 resulting in a loss of \$1,977.

Full Net Worth as well as Income & Expense reports can be found at [NEWC.org](http://NEWC.org)>Home> Financial Reports. Spirit Of Wood Show

As reported in the March/April newsletter a committee has been working on identifying enhancements to the Spirit Of Wood (SOW) show scheduled for October 16, 2016.

The committee has completed the updates to the competition rules, categories and category definitions, all are available at [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org)> Meetings, Events & Seminars>Spirit of Wood Show. Check this information out before completing your registration form in October.

A competitors' prize has been added this year. All competitors will receive tickets for a random drawing of a non-cash prize. The number of tickets provided will be based on how many pieces each carver enters. Also, a Best in Show award, selected from the Best in Show by level winners, will be added. Non-cash prizes will be awarded for each of these winners plus the President's Award. Registration will be streamlined with an online form, the regular paper form will still be available at the event. Judges and best of award winners will be encouraged to remain in the competition area to interact with fellow carvers and visitors. If we have any volunteers a judge's critique session will be held using several competition pieces. There will be an award for the club table with the best displays and based on how well they engage visitors. We are also planning a non-competition table for members who wish to show their work but not enter the competition. A more complete description of planned enhancements is on the web site at [www.newc.org](http://www.newc.org) Meetings, Events & Seminars Spirit of Wood Show. Mark your calendar now and start planning your competition pieces.



Finally, your Board of Directors and SOW committee need your help. The SOW is not the board's or committee's show, it is the members' show. NEWC has the largest and best show in New England, pulling that off takes a committed group of people. If our plans are to be successful we need your help. Jim Hayden is the SOW Chair and Ken Wagner has signed on to be the Competition Chair, we still need a Co-Chair plus many others to help set up and tear down, provide security, assist in registration and check out at the end of the show, and many other tasks. If members do not step up we may not be able to implement all of the planned enhancements. In fact without your help we may see the SOW slowly wither away. That would be a tragedy for us all. So when you are asked to help say, sure how can I help make the SOW successful. It will not happen without you!

Jim has announced that this will be his last show (after 5 years) as SOW chairman, so we do need to get some extra help.

“We really do NEED YOU, Keith Oldfield President NEWC”



## SPIRIT OF WOOD

### SOW FORMAT CHANGES

Competition Categories reduced

Rules have been simplified

Registration ([WWW.NEWC.ORG](http://WWW.NEWC.ORG))

Awards include Ribbons, non-cash prizes, tools, and Vendor Gift Cards,





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NEWC.org**

**Carving Clubs in New England.  
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## **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

**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

**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**

### **May/June 2016**

#### **Deceased:**

**Norma Raymond                      Freetown, MA**

#### **New Members:**

**Laurie Farrell                         Bradford, NH**

**Bernie Shuman                        Foxboro, MA**

#### **Re-Instated:**

**Lee & Carol Brown                  Wakefield, MA**