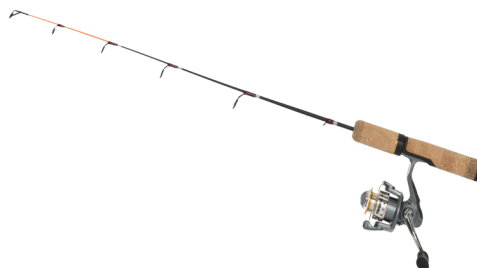
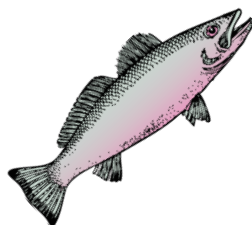
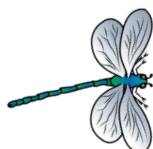




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Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings to all you happy carvers out there! It's almost spring. Covid is on the wane, hopefully. And, unless you live in the northern part of our territory, the snow comes quickly and leaves quickly. So, to those who have been hunkered down for the last two years, I encourage you to come into the sunshine and polish/sharpen your knives. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next members meeting in April. The location will be announced shortly; we are just in the process of confirming that.

Much is happening in NEWC. Your Board is working on expanding our exposure, increasing our membership rolls and making use of technology to better serve all of you. It's exciting! Don't worry if you're not into technology that much; we aren't going to leave anyone who is a dues paying member of NEWC behind.

Now that brings me to a problem. We have many "members" who are accessing services who have not kept up with their dues. That means that there are a lot of folks who are paying for them and that's not fair. If you have not contacted our Membership Secretary, Mary Chouinard, this year to bring your dues up to date, you will begin to lose access to NEWC services, including the newsletter, most valued by members. We welcome guests at our member meetings, however, until they become dues paying members, workshops will only be open to those whose membership is current. The website is always open for exploration by the public but a new members-only section is in the works. This page will be password protected and will hold lots of great benefits that come only with membership. Please remember to renew your membership each year and watch for all the new and exciting WIP.

Pax,

Jan LeClair ,NEWC President

Treasurer's Report

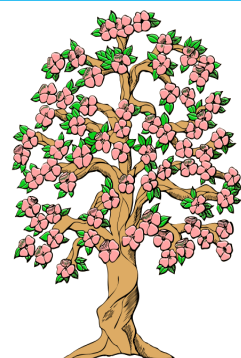
July 01, 2021 - March 12, 2022

Income

Direct Public Support-Individual Contributions	\$230.00
Food Sold at NEWC SOW	16.00
Membership Income PayPal	\$39.21
Misc., Revenue	\$.01
Program Income-Membership Dues	\$1,268.50
Raffle Sales	\$809.00
SOW Competition Income	\$1,261.84
SOW Income	\$645.50
Sale of Woodcarving Products	\$31.00
Vendor Booth Payments	\$380.00
Tree of Hope	
Tunnel to Tower	\$300.00
Total Income	<u>\$14,168.87</u>

Operating Expenses

Banking Fees	\$85.80
Office Supplies	\$104.12
Other or Non-classified Expenses	\$23.88
Printing and Reproduction	\$569.49
Reimbursement to Members	\$250.00
Rent Expense/Storage	\$1,399.00
SOW Cash to Cash Box	\$700.00
SOW Reimbursement for Hodges Badges	\$768.94
SOW Table Rentals	\$949.00
SOW Reimbursements	\$74.82
Taxes-Corporate Tax	\$18.50
Tree of Hope Donations	
\$2,900.00	
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$7,843.55</u>



Tree of Hope

Veterans and their families are still in need of help on a daily basis. While the contributions NEWC is able to make are small in comparison to some funders, those contributions are just as important. Your contributions are important. Ornaments for the holidays, any holiday, add value to the project.

Whether you send a Santa Claus, an Easter Bunny, a memory candle or a Patriots sweatshirt, each one makes a difference. With nicer weather, country fairs will begin again soon and Rick needs stock to keep the Tree full for shoppers. From the tiny pendant to hang from a necklace to a full-size cowboy to go under some child's Christmas tree, your help is appreciated.

Please contact Rick, NEWC Director of Special Projects, to see how you can help.



CT Duck Decoy Show & Carving Competition

May 21, 2022, 10am –3pm presented by the Decoy Boys Network and the Valley Shore Waterfowlers. At the Westbrook, CT Elks Lodge #1784 142 Seaside Ave. Covid protocols.

Dealer and Carver space—Set up time 7:30am

8' x 8' space \$75.00 includes 8' table/chairs

Carving Competition 10am -1pm.

Auction of decoys at 2pm - \$5.00 bid calling auctions, everybody invited to participate.

Contacts for:

Space rentals –Tom Reiley, 860-324-4001, 16 Lincoln Dr., Glastonbury, CT 06037

Competition questions –Larry Appleton, 203-415-2197, 795 Hoop Pole Rd., Guilford, CT 06437

The Pavilion is on Long Island Sound, dress warmly! Covid protocols as per State of CT in May.

Proceeds from this how will benefit wildlife rehabilitation at a place called HOPE.

More information

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2022 Member of the Year Award

Happy Spring everyone! It seems that the world is waking up in so many ways now!! It is the time of year to look at your fellow NEWC members and nominate someone for Member of the Year. This person will be someone who has been a great help to you in the carving world or to the NEWC in general! It is one of the most wonderful awards that you can bestow upon a fellow carver. Deadline for nominations is only a week or two away, April 1st. The nomination forms are in the website, www.newc.org and should be sent to me, Laurie.

Once nominations are accepted by the committee, names of nominees will be placed on the website for members to vote for. The deadline for this vote will be May 1st. Please take the quick moment nominate someone who has made a difference to you or the club!!!

Thank you!!

Laurie Farrell, NEWC

Membership News

New Members

Steven Berard

Boylston, MA

John Johnson

New London, CT

Notice from the Editor:

I will be resigning from the position of Editor after the May/June issue has been completed. It has been a pleasure to serve the Board and work with so many wonderful people.

A replacement is needed ASAP.

Gay Gawron

2022 Election of NEWC Officers

NEWC Needs YOU!

View the list of elected officers' duties in the Standing Rules (<http://www.newc.org/Membership/Bylaws>) to match your desire to help and your skills with the Board position you might like to try. Contact Laurie Farrell to submit your name or for more information.

NEWC MEETING DATES

The April 9th Members Meeting will be held at the Westminster Senior Center, Westminster, MA from 9am-1pm

BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are via Zoom at 5pm unless otherwise announced

May 7, August 22, and November 12

MEMBER MEETINGS

All meetings begin at 9am, locations to be announced

April 9

June 18 annual meeting, date and location to be announced.

September 17

October SOW

December 10 Holiday Meeting

If any member wants to arrange to hold a meeting at their usual carving club location, please contact Jan LeClair, NEWC President

All meetings are subject to state and local COVID requirements

NEWC to Hold Exhibit at the Sailfest in New London, CT

Sailfest 2022 will be held July 8-10, 2022. Sailfest is Southeastern CT's premiere summertime event, complete with a major fireworks display, amusement rides, free entertainment, ships and over 200 vendors lining the streets. There will be plenty to see, buy and eat. So make sure to come hungry and ready to try new food!

NEWC and the Thames River Gallery on 239 Banks St., New London, CT 06320, 800-443-0344 will partner to present an exhibit of Master Carvings on July 8-10. NEWC members who have entered carvings in the Master Class Competitions or NEWC members who have done a carving they believe has appeal, quality, and merits exhibition are invited to enter their work for exhibit. This Sailfest is visited by over 300,000 people. Banks St. and others will be closed to vehicle traffic so thousands of pedestrians can walk around and view all the venues. The Gallery is working with Christopher LaMontagne to do a chainsaw carving of a lighthouse. Chris's work can be seen on YouTube.

The Sailfest organizers and John Johnson who is a well-know art dealer and owns Thames River Gallery are excited to work with NEWC and will promote our exhibit in their publicity campaign. This is your chance to show your work in a high-quality studio.

Friday, July 8th will be used to set up the Exhibit and will be the last day to register if there is space. Register early, bring your carving(s) early on Friday so it will be ready for the heavy tourist traffic which begins in the afternoon. Your carving(s) can be dropped off at the Gallery as early as a week before the Exhibit or earlier if you make arrangements with the staff.

If you wish to enter there will be a registration form on the NEWC website (www.newc.org) with entry fees and guidelines. All entry fees go to NEWC. Layout and positioning decisions will be made by the Gallery staff.

More information about judging on the NEWC website (www.newc.org)

Neil Gallagher, VP NEWC

Duck Decoy Show and Carving Competition

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Thirty six years ago, the Valley Shore Waterfowlers began partnerships with wildlife artists, woodcarvers, carving clubs and others in fund raising to promote projects related to wildlife conservation –especially waterfowl. Now after many seasons and events, time is catching up with us waterfowlers. We are considering one more event which was laughingly called the LAST PICTURE SHOW. What we would hope to do is invite back everyone who has loved this for one more time. We're gathering at the Pavilion of the Westbrook CT Elks on Saturday, May 21st, from 10am to 3pm. As we did in "21" we partnered with a group called the BOYS DECOY NETWORK. We expect to have some 26 tables of decoy collectors joining us.

Entry fees - \$5.00 first, \$2.00 thereafter to \$15.00, all additional are free.

Decoys begin this event –here are the rules. This, as far as ducks (I-IV) are concerned, is an open competition-one level decoys. All ducks are floated, must self right. IWCA rules apply for painting, Categories are puddle ducks, divers, sea ducks and goose/confidence. No raised primaries.

- I. Working Decoys –minimal paint and carving.
- II. Decorative working decoys (smoothies) IWCA paint and detail carving on heads.
- III. Canvas Birds—stretched canvas over wood or wire frame.
- IV. Shorebirds (2 categories natural finish, painted finish, choice of feet or sticks).

Awards duck categories, ribbons to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in species best class \$25 plus rosette, best in show \$100 plus rosette.

- V. WOODCARVING –judges reserve right to modify categories according to entries
 - A. Fur –animals, mammals including whales
 - B. Fish—2 headings, fresh and saltwater (2 best of class)
 - C. Feathers—all other bird categories: song birds, raptors, game birds (no ducks) -up to 3 headings
 - D. Utility –carvings that function, i.e. kitchen utensils
 - E. Caricature –no size requirement, your subject
 - F. Abstract (sculpture) unlimited artistic interpretation
 - G. Miniature anything, can include ducks max length 6"
 - H. Youth any subject, age limit 16 years
 - I. Relief, high or low

Awards in this category are ribbons to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in heading, best in class \$25, best in show \$100, 2nd best rosette and 3rd best rosette.

Any carver or collector who would like to support the show by adding a decoy to the auction may do so. Entry fees are waived for carvers who do so. Auction proceeds are shared 50/50. A \$5.00 calling for the auctioneer will be covered by the show.