



Spirit of Wood

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Next meeting will be held at Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA
on February 5, 2017 from 9:00am to 12pm

There will be no speaker.



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Newsletter

New England Woodcarvers, Inc.

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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

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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 far as 2016 goes I still think it was more challenging than I could have ever expected. We worked very hard to revamp the Spirit of Wood show to consolidate the Show Competition Judging, along with much more advertising and incorporating cash awards for winners. This was the result of a lot of work from all our subcommittee headed up by Jim Hayden and Ken Wagner. This along with the support of all the workers, and presenters, made the show a success.

The toughest thing was probably the loss of Jim Hayden just prior to the show. Jim had been managing the show since 2012, and the loss of his leaderships now was irreplaceable. We will miss Jim very much, but life must go on.

We, the Board of Directors, are now in the process of reworking the Spirit of Wood Show's managing organization. These tasks to include Judging Competition, Facilities Support, Vendors/Carving clubs, and Advertising. This committee will be chaired by Joe Marshall and supported by Ken Wagner, Scott Arsenault, and Keith Oldfield. Joe has already scheduled a meeting for February 24, 2017. As this committee moves forward they will require much more support and will be asking club members to assist with the show. Unfortunately, without your support we will probably not be able to have the show. There will be monthly updates in the the upcoming newsletters.

Your President

Keith Oldfield

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 for services rendered throughout a recent period. Accomplishments made beyond the club's usual meeting place are acceptable providing they satisfy the intent of the guidelines. The award has been presented since 1976 to individuals who have exemplified club services and leadership, NEWC members of record shall cast their vote in the month of April for one of the nominees eligible to receive 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 the examples given in these guidelines. The nominee's contributions should be substantial and recognized by several 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 carving 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 10, 2017

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Membership No. (if known) _____

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Membership No. _____

Why do you believe this nominee should receive this award? Refer to guidelines for nomination at www.newc.org
>Home>Awards: _____

FY 2016-2017 Income and Expenses

Tree7/1/2016 through 12/31/2016

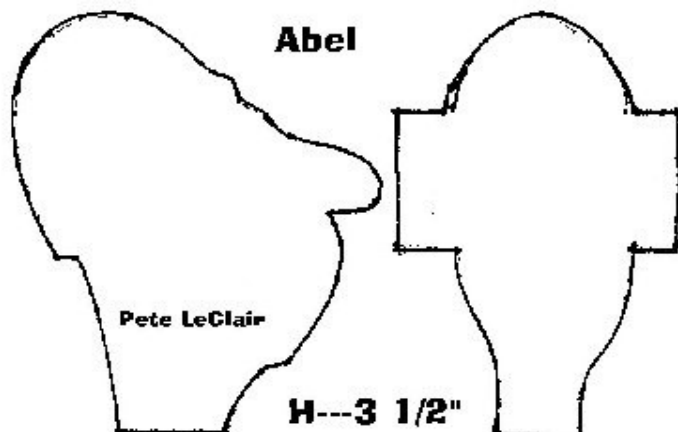
Account	Amount
Opening Balances	
Checking and Saving of Hope	18,020.04
	<u>3,389.81</u>
Total Savings	21,409.85
Income	
SOW Income - Auction /50/50/Raffle/Registration/Admissions	3,456.00
Membership Dues	3,763.50
Tree of Hope	2,448.00
Merchandise Income	684.00
Meeting Auction Income	264.00
Book Sales	345.00
Misc. Income	<u>76.39</u>
	<u>11,036.89</u>
Expenses	
SOW Expenses	2,999.92
Storage	498.00
Newsletter Expense	1,194.67
Tree of Hope	1,750.00
Speaker/Seminar Expense	800.00
Web Expense	228.50
Misc. Expense	<u>308.76</u>
	<u>7,779.85</u>
Adjusted Savings Balances	
Checking & Savings	20,579.08
Tree of Hope	4,087.81
Total Adjusted Net Savings	<u>24,666.89</u>

Super Bowl Sunday Auction

Due to the large quantity of items for our Auction we need to hold a special Auction to reduce the backlog. This Auction will be held on **Super Bowl Sunday February 5, 2016** from **10:AM - 12:00 PM** at our membership Meeting. We have BOOKS, WOODCARVING MAGAZINES, POWER TOOLS, WOOD, CARVING TOOLS Etc. Also, if anyone if anyone has items they would like to have auctioned off please bring them to this meeting. In the future please let me know if you have items for the auction so we can schedule things better. Thank you for your help. Please contact Keith Oldfield at keoldfield43@gmail.com or 978-939-1295

A Pete LeClair

woodcarving pattern



Membership News

Become a NEWC member or renew your current membership.

Send a check: New England Woodcarvers, Inc., for \$20/year, to 4 Cross Street, Medfield, MA 02042. Include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address and choice of e-mail, US mail or both for newsletter. Your NEWC membership card will be sent to you when you enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope or include an additional \$.50 for postage.

Donations to NEWC are welcome at anytime.

Deceased:

Sister Gertrude M. Gaudette, Fall River, MA

Passed Nov. 3, 2016 at age 94.

New Members:

Bruce Caswell, Beverly, MA

John Clarke, Starksboro, VT

Kathleen Fowler, Halifax, MA



The VA Tree of Hope Project 2017

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 Louis Dennis for contributing more than \$1650.00 in funds raised from his bird carvings. Thank you to Rick Boyer for setting up the Tree at many fairs. We raised a total of \$2693.00.



The Veterans at the Bedford VA Hospital were thrilled to have live entertainment provided each month by our donations. We have also donated \$500.00 to the Ladies Auxiliary Legion Post #325 to be used to provide food and comfort items to Veterans who are shut-in.

Please continue to support this worthy project with your ornaments. We accept donations all year. The Veterans are very appreciative of our efforts.

SOW

At the January 14 board meeting it was agreed that I will take the lead for the 2017 Spirit Of Wood Show. Keith Oldfield, Ken Wagner and Scotty Arsenault will also serve on the SOW committee responsible to pulling the show together. We will be working for the next 9 months to put on a show that we can all be proud of. Board members agreed to assist as required on specific tasks as they are identified. Even though we have a good team working the project we will still need help from the general membership especially during the show. We will contact people asking for their help as we get closer to the show date. We cannot plan and implement a successful show without help, please be ready to help when asked.

Joe Marshall

NEWC Woodcarvers Dates

Middlesex Community College, Campus Center Building #8

Please 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 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

February 5, 2017

April 2, 2017

June 4, 2017

September 24, 2017

December 3, 2017

Board of Directors Meetings Trustees House Building #4 conference room on Saturday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Middlesex Community College

Campus closing

In the event, there is a campus closing on a Sunday that we have a scheduled meeting, there are a few things you can do. The first is to contact Middlesex Community College at <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/winter/> to confirm that the facility is closed.

If there is forecasted inclement weather that may close the facility, we will be in contact with Middlesex Community College on Friday to determine their game plan for closing the facility and notify NEWC membership if required.

If you need more formation, please contact Keith Oldfield at keoldfield43@gmail.com or 978-939-1295.





From the Editor

I am always interested in finding talented "Featured Carvers" for every issue. We all would like recommendations for speakers at the meetings. If you are interested in being featured or being a speaker/demonstrator please get in touch with me.

*Gay Gawron
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(603) 654-1083*

EVENTS

Wood Carving Classes

Pete LeClair has agreed to do another class this year. The class will be Friday May 19th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM and Saturday May 20th and Sunday May 21st 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 2017.

The class cost is \$125. You may send a \$50 deposit to reserve a seat.

Make a check out to NEWC and mail to: Louis Dennis
4 Lincoln Circle
Paxton, MA 01612



MERCHANDISE NEWS

Make sure to stop by the Merchandise table at the February meeting. We have several items marked down for our End of Summer Sale! Take advantage of these great bargains!! This does not include 50th Anniversary items

These items are 50% off and the sale prices are as follows: Collared Shirts:\$12, Short Sleeve T-Shirts: \$12, Long Sleeve Shirts:\$12.



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OUR FEATURED CARVER

JERRY GRIMES

Jerry grew up with a jackknife in his pocket. Boy Scouting and years of hiking, camping, and just playing in the woods taught him to enjoy both wild animals and his knives. So it was a natural step for him to try carving. Perhaps his very first “keep it” carving was this 8” driftwood letter opener. It is from the Quabbin Reservoir shore in central Mass. Carvers call this “found wood”. Since this circa 1955 piece, found wood is still one of Jerry’s favorites. See, for example page 162 in our Anniversary book.



After 60 plus years of carving (including breaks), Jerry’s carving life expanded to include NEWC. Membership meetings; three years as Treasurer and Director; a massive book effort; visiting other carvers throughout NE; in his 80th year now, he is trying to slow down. But supporting the Tree of Hope to benefit veterans at Christmas is part of his slow down agenda. Most recently carvings include 16 Downy Woodpeckers (left below) and now a second flock of Cardinals. He hopes to have enough time and energy to master doing realistic human heads.



Jerry has also adopted the Narragansett Historical Society in his home town of Templeton, MA. He is a “local character” carving by the pot belly stove in warm weather. He is also a frequent student at the Birds of Vermont Museum and will be there with instructor Dave Tuttle to do a Snowy Owl on Saturday, 18 th February 2017.