

My Fellow Woodcarvers,
 Let's make this the greatest show we've ever had!
 Leo.....Mr. President



Calendar:

Note: Club Meetings are held at Connecticut Forest and Park 16 Meriden Road, Rockfall CT

May 7 **Monthly Club Meeting** - Project Walking stick

May 13 **Monson Woodwackers Annual Wood Carving Show**- 8 am to 3 pm
 Monson Memorial Town Hall, Main Street, Monson, MA

May 20 **Farm Days @ Flanders Nature Center** 5 Church Hill Road Woodbury - Times to follow

June 2 Set-up for Show!!! As many people as possible needed...times to follow

June 3 **The CWCA Woodcarving & Art Show & Sale**- 8 am-4 pm

New England Carousel Museum 95 Riverside Avenue, Bristol CT

June 10 **Walking Stick Demonstration @ Flanders Nature Center** 5 Church Hill Road Woodbury

June 24 **"Hollow Fest" demonstration/booth** -Location & Times to follow

July 8 **Mystic Annual Woodcarvers Day Show/Sale** -9:30am-3 pm

Olde Mystic Village in the Apple Orchard exit 90 off I-95

July 15 **Faerie Fest @ Flanders Nature Center** -Details to follow.

5 Church Hill Road Woodbury CT

July 22 **CWCA Annual Club Picnic & Monthly Club Meeting** (rain date the 23rd)

Times and location info to follow.

August No Monthly Meeting

Sept 9 **Run for the Woods at Sessions Woods State Park**, Burlington CT

We must start to get **5 completed sticks** done, as we barely got them made in time for the event in 2016. Please make one! The winners were all so excited to receive one!

Sept 10 **Monthly Club Meeting**-Project TBD

Sept 23 **Family Nature day @ White Memorial Conservation Center**

80 Whitehall Road Litchfield CT

There will be no Mystic Woodcarvers Retreat Columbus Day weekend in 2017. There will be a Columbus Day Retreat October 5th - 8th, 2018 at Camp Canonicus, 54 Exeter Rd., Exeter, R.I.



CWCA's past walking stick demonstrations at our monthly meeting...



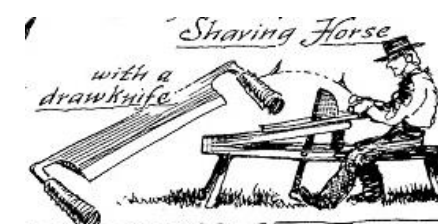
Flanders Nature Center Woodbury CT



Boy Scout Jamboree, the Woodworking Show at the Big E in Agawam MA.



Family Nature day @ White Memorial Conservation Center, and "Run for the Woods" at Sessions Woods



Our CWCA Show is less than 30 days away!

Please enter several pieces to demonstrate your talents and inspire potential new members!

The Show is quickly approaching – plan accordingly! **Go carve something!**



We have added a new **Art Show** to our Competition

Painting- Acrylic, Oil & Watercolor-Wood Burning Drawing, Printmaking & Digital Media

Please enter your **Artwork** to support this new endeavour!

THE CONNECTICUT WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION Wood Carving Show Judging Information

We have had many questions about the show's competition classes and judging. We hope this answers many of your questions and encourages you to come out and enter the show.

We have **four competition levels** based on your experience:

- **Junior** - Carvers age 18 and under. These are young carvers that are just starting out.
- **Intermediate** - These carvers are from beginner to experienced carvers who have not sold carvings, have not won "Best in Show". These carvers typically have beginning to moderate carving skills. Most carvers fall into this category.
- **Instructor assisted** - These are carvings that were done with the assistance with instructors via a class or very close mentoring.
- **Open** - These carvers are very experienced. Often they have sold carvings, won significant blue ribbons or "Best in Show" or teaches classes on carvings.

The judges may elevate a carving up a level if the skill level in the carving or carver warrants. You may enter at more than one level. If you have just started a new technique or carving method, you may be a beginner, or if you want to test your skills, and enter the higher levels.

There are **eleven categories** for each class:

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| * abstract | * caricature | * carving in round |
| * chip | * miscellaneous | * relief |
| * utility | * wildlife – fin | * wildlife – feather |
| * wildlife – fur | * wood burning | |

The judges use the following **judging criteria** to compare the works. All of the criteria are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest, and 5 being the highest. The highest score in each category wins. The highest possible points for a carving is 30.

1. Correctness of Form and Anatomy
2. Details – correct and amount
3. Technical Difficulty
4. Finish Quality
5. Creativity
6. Overall Artistic Impression

We encourage you to push your skills and put them up at the show. The only way to truly improve your skills is to push them. It will make you better. You have made some incredible works, let's show them off.

We are also privileged to be requested by the museum each year to put up some displays to show during the month of June. We can show your work in the museum in display cases as part of a display of the CWCA. Please consider bringing some pieces to be displayed or leave your submittals in the show for a couple of weeks to allow the public to enjoy your great pieces of art.



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"Faerie Fest is Coming!"

Membership 2017 Yearly dues- Please see Mark Austin to get your 2017 membership! \$15 for 2017 calender year, and checks should be made to CWCA and the following mini form mailed to: **CWCA Membership 258 Campville Road Northfield, CT 06778**

Name _____ New Member? ☐ Yes

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

All newsletters will be emailed. No email? Check box for a mailed copy. ☐

