



Message from the Prez,

Looking forward to the New Year even though Covid-19 is still in the headlights. Not knowing what's to come, safety is of the utmost importance. Life will go on and hopefully it will get better!

With the passing of the winter solstice, the weather becoming colder and the holidays behind us, we can work off a few extra ounces that we may have added spending extra time with family and loved ones at the table with fork in hand!!

Time to replace the fork with a gouge or knife and pickup that carving that is waiting to be finished or started.

Let the chips fly and the carving take shape!!

Happy Carving and have a Safe, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!!!

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## Calendar:

CWCA Club Meeting – January 9, 2022- CFPA, 16 Meriden Road, Rockfall, CT - 10am-2pm.

Open Carving Night - every second Wednesday 7-9 pm at the Bristol Carousel Museum.

Springfield Wood Working Show - Cancelled.

Currently Serving CWCA Officers:					
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## **Hand-crafted Gifts**

It's easy to get caught up in the excitement of a new project. When those creative juices start to flow, and then the challenge of problem-solving kick in as the work progresses - a day (or week) can pass by before you know it.

Then there's the satisfaction of admiring your finished piece . . . sometimes followed by the awareness that you have no idea of what to do with it. And the struggle to find a place to put it until you do figure out what to do with it.

When a handmade article is made as a gift for a particular person, you have a more satisfactory conclusion for that project. To complete the experience of crafting something, it's best to have a plan for who you want to gift it to.

Hand-made gifts: Carry special meaning, are truly unique, and show that you really care.

If you have already overloaded your friends and family with your art, then you can make things for strangers, or donate articles for fund-raising events organized by worthy organizations.

The biggest gifting holiday of the year is over for 2021, but there's next year. And there are many smaller opportunities throughout the year. So start planning for 2022!







New Year Greetings!!!

I hope every member of Connecticut Wood Carvers Association and their families had enjoyable holidays this season!

We have a fresh new year ahead of us, with good reasons to believe that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. Let's commit to spreading a little optimism and positivity. The world always needs that.

So smile while you carve. Listen to uplifting music. Banter with friends and carve in groups.

Let's try to have a sense that we live each day doing the best we can.

Mike Schulde





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