



The MAINE CARVER

....Dedicated to the Artist in Wood

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAINE STATE MUSEUM DEMONSTRATION DAY

Saturday, December 14th
Atrium of the Maine State Museum
AUGUSTA, ME.

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SOUTHERN MAINE WOODCARVERS GUILD

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☺ **CHECK FOR POSSIBLE
CHANGES IN SCHEDULE**

President's perspective

Now that we're head over heels into the holidays, I hope that you are all enjoying the good times, good food, friends and family. I hope you're further into finishing up your Christmas carvings than I am. Some things never change! Enjoy the Christmas parties with your clubs! I am looking forward to our carving event/demo December 15th at the State museum. I have done two successful craft fairs and I'm teaching a Christmas ornament carving activity at Dirigo High School. The adult class that I started in Oct. 2018 has re-started and has attracted several new carvers. Best of all, it's an absolute riot at times!

At the risk of leaving this on a sour note, I have been asking for members to step up to take on the positions necessary to organize a show for 2020.

Most recently with an email to all of you who get email from the association. The only addition to what I have reported in the past newsletters is that I have two volunteers to handout and manage the "best of show balloting". It is becoming apparent that there isn't enough interest in a show to have one.

May these special days ahead bring you and your loved ones joy while making more special memories.

Take care,
Art

Treasures Report

Nov. Report

General Fund

Starting Balance \$7,359.16

Deposits

deposit---dues \$235.00

Expenses

TD bank for paper statement \$3.00

Ending Balance \$7,591.16

Eagle Cane Fund

no change \$3,225.84

From the Editors Desk

Submitted by Bernadette Hodgkins

Please notify me about email address change so that there will be no interruption in your newsletter delivery.

Also, please continue to send me your chapter newsletters and photo's. They are great, very appreciated and enjoyed by all!

Thank You!!!

My email address is: prov3567@gmail.com

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

POLAND SPRING WOODCARVERS

The meeting was opened at 1:12.

The treasurers report was read and accepted. There was no secretary's report.

Old business:

There was no old business.

New business:

There was a discussion on whether to have a Christmas party. It was decided not to have a party as too many people would not be able to be there.

There was a discussion about dust control with power carving; some in favor of not doing power carving at the meeting and some in favor of power carving at the meeting. No resolution was agreed upon at this time.

A lady stopped in to ask where she could get tools or a gift certificate for her son who is a decoy carver. We told her of various places where she could purchase them and also told her that she should encourage him to come visit us at our meeting and she was given one of the MWCA broacher to give to her son.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32

Submitted by Norm Devonshire

Streaked Mt. Wood Carvers

We discussed the date for **2020 Camp and Carve**. In order to coordinate with the bean hole bean supper that has been a traditional part of our event we are going for the August 14 - 16 pending approval from our Congregational Church friends.

It was decided that we'd skip our regular December meeting because of the carving event at the Maine State Museum December 14th, our normal meeting day.

So, our January 11th meeting will be our Christmas /New Year's meeting. We'll begin at **12:00** for pot luck lunch and have our gift exchange. (*could it be a chance for re-gifting???*)

Jim Irish led a discussion of the Eagle Cane project to gain an understanding of how our club felt about the future of the project with in the MWCA. There will be more from him in future newsletters on this topic.

We welcomed Chuck Perry and Norm Devonshire from Poland and "the Gang" as well as new comers to our group, Dave Walton and Berwyn Wetter from S. Paris.

There were lemon squares, donut holes, and pumpkin pie to go with the coffee. YUM!!!!!!

Ray gave the treasurers report.

Bob Perry put on a demonstration with his power carving equipment. He showed a variety of bits and burrs and how they can be used for carving. He used a very nice home-built tabletop dust collector.

We returned our "half carved" project to the original carver. There were a lot of laughs shared along with the exchange of these. It turned out to be a worthwhile project that we might try again in the future.

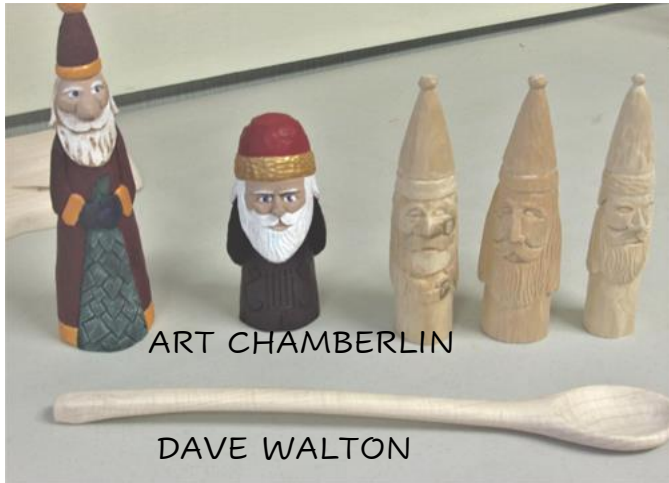
Take care,
Art



THE FINISHED "HALF CARVED" PROJECT



Streaked Mt. Wood Carvers



ART CHAMBERLIN

DAVE WALTON



BOB PERRY

JIM IRISH



BOB PERRY

COASTAL CARVERS

Coastal Carvers Meeting Nov.23

Attendance 14

O.B. Carol reported on the need for next years helpers needed for the show and the plans made so far. Also, Dec. 14, the Maine State Art Museum is having exhibits/demonstrations from 10-4.

N.B. The Christmas/New Years party will be held Jan. 4th at the Wades 11:00am. We will still be having our usual swap of gifts and a sign up sheet was passed around for food items. If you would like to come there is still time to sign up by e-mail or phone (563-8470). If we have bad weather, the party will be held Jan. 25th, 2020. Hope to see you there.

Karen and helpers will deliver all of the wonderful carved and painted ornaments etc. to the Home for Little Wanderers after Thanksgiving. Many thanks to all who made them they were delightful. Thank you to all and a special thanks to Karen for her efforts. See photos for all the creative ideas.

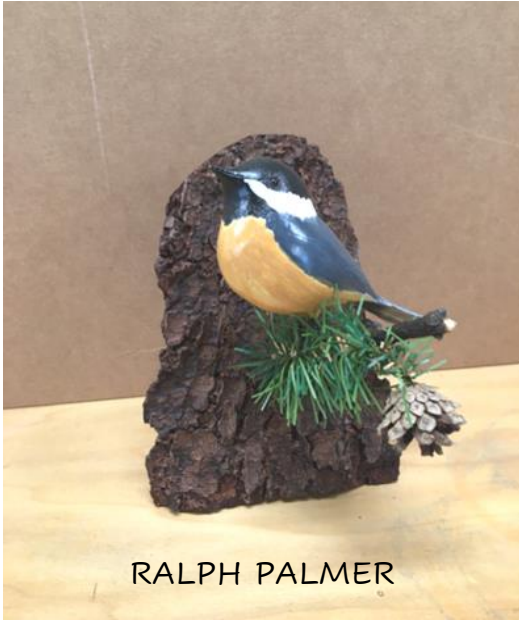
Show-n-tell: Besides the ornaments, that were shared Richard N. had a mounted turtle to share. (39 ornaments were also shared.)

Discussion was held for future meeting projects. **Jan.** Cotton Wood Bark projects taught by Gary, Karen and Gordon; **Feb.** Fish carving 4"x7" taught by Hariph: **March and April** Spoon carving taught by Karen.

Refreshments were eaten while we carved different projects. Many thanks to all who provided them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara

COASTAL CARVERS



RALPH PALMER



LLOYD



GARY SAINIO



TONY AND MYRTLE LACROIX



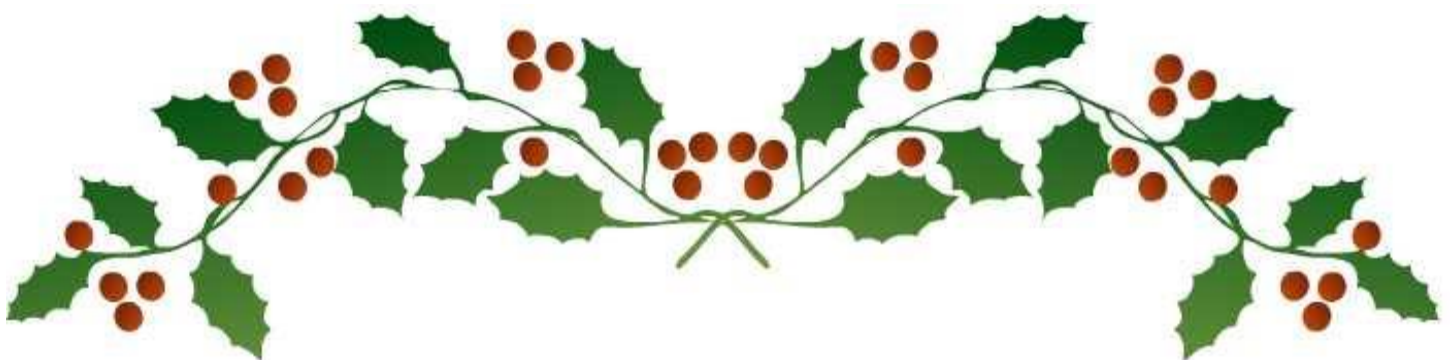
KAREN KNOWLES

Photo's submitted by
Karen Knowles

ORNAMENTS BY COASTAL CARVERS FOR THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KAREN KNOWLES



INTRODUCING WILLIAM FRANCIS BROWN.....

William Francis Brown, a long-time period furniture maker and carver, will have classes starting this Spring at his coastal Maine workshop.

He will be hosting some top notch teachers and thought that members of the MWCA might be interested. Part of his goal is to introduce young folk to the joys and satisfaction of carving. He has initiatives and programs for kids with interest and motivation to be a part of these classes.

www.MaineCoastWorkshop.com

Brown has won numerous awards for his historically inspired furniture and for his Bellamy Eagle carvings: www.LineAndBerry.com

Part of William's vision for the *Coastal Maine Traditional Arts Workshops* is to increase exposure to and inspiration for early American hand crafts with an emphasis on traditional carving. Part of his mission is to introduce young folk to these life-changing skills. Brown plans to offer reduced rates, scholarships with free tuition, and other incentives to induce high school and college age students to take part.

One of the first members of the Society of Period Furniture Makers (SAPFM) and elected to the *Early American Life Directory* of Top American Craftsmen the past two years, Brown will be focusing his workshops on Traditional American Craft, with an emphasis on hand-tool skills, period furniture making, and traditional carving. His school will offer a number of traditional woodworking classes in an intimate small shop setting, nestled in the historic district of Camden, ME.

Instructors for his first year include some of the finest makers and teachers in the world, including a number of SAPFM Cartouche Award winners. The legendary British author and hand-tool expert Graham Blackburn will be teaching a hand tool class making a traditional chest. The winner of the 'World's Best Carver' award, Russian Alexander Grabovetskiy will teach two separate classes on beginner and advanced carving. Peter McKenna runs the Nautical Arts Workshop in MA and will teach Carving and Gold-Leafing your personalized period house sign or quarterboard. Ray Journigan will teach the making of the iconic John Elliott Phila. Chippendale style foot stool with options of either ball and claw or trifold feet. Ray is also teaching a traditional sconce class that will be a wonderful exercise in dovetail joinery, carving of fans, shells, and gooseneck moldings, all ending with a wonderful and useful product. Matt Kenney will teach a 6-day class Tea Chest class, a delightful project featured in Fine Woodworking Magazine. Alf Sharp will teach an ambitious class on how to carve everything you need for an 18th century highboy! Also featured will be a number of one-day sharpening classes taught by Journigan and Alf Sharp.

Classes range from beginner to advanced skill levels. Come enjoy an artisan retreat in a wonderful vacation spot. There are many B&B's within a few blocks of the shop and we also have host families offering low rates for lodging. Sign up now because class size is limited. (10% discount for Maine Wood Carvers members).



The 'Sconce' class taught by Ray Journigan.....



Alf Sharp carving....



Ray Journigan carving... Here's the stool we'll be making in one of Ray Journigan's classes

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- ★ A voice in running the organization through your vote, attending meetings and running for office
- ★ The opportunity to network with other Maine wood carvers.
- ★ A free Carver Profile on MWCA's website and a link to your website
- ★ Information through your free subscription to MWCA's monthly newsletter "The Maine Carver"
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Please return completed application, with your check made payable to "**Maine Wood Carvers Association**" or "**MWCA**" to:

Maine Wood Carvers Association

Bernadette Hodgkins
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Lewiston, Me. 04210

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December 2019

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To your enemy - forgiveness.

To an opponent - tolerance.


To a friend - your heart.

To a customer - service.

To all - charity.

To a child - a good example.

To yourself - respect.



*“This Christmas, my wishes
for you are endless; I wish that you have
the best health, find love, delightful
days, blissful year, bright future, ener-
getic hours and everything that comes
with good tidings.*

Merry Christmas!”



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Steve Hatch (207) 320-0144

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