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MWCA ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 29, 2008

GROUND ROUND RESTAURANT

AUGUSTA

12:00 NOON

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The Annual Meeting will be followed by a Show Committee Meeting

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

March is just around the corner and the annual meeting of **MAINE WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION**. This most important meeting will be held in conjunction with the Maine Sportsman Show, on **SATURDAY MARCH 28TH at the GROUND ROUND RESTURANT in Augusta**. The Ground

Round is located just across the parking lot from the Civic Center. There will be a brief **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting at 12:00 noon while we eat lunch to take care of any necessary business. After we finish the meal we go right into the **MWCA** meeting. At the last Annual Meeting we elected all officers to two (2) year terms, therefore no elections are required this year. At the organizational **SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING** we agreed to hold the next **SHOW MEETING** following the annual meeting. I have reserved the meeting room from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. We have several team leader positions to fill at that time. Chuck Perry and Chuck Friis have agreed to **CO-CHAIR** this year's show. (**DOUBLE CHUCK** chairs) Thanks guys for stepping up to the plate. Be sure to fill out your meal reservation (located in this issue of **THE CARVER**) and send to Wilma Sarna. She must have a complete head count by the evening Wednesday the 26th. Thanks for you cooperation.

As I am putting this message together, I have been notified that the dates we selected for our Down East are no longer available. Dave Brown is in Florida for two weeks. While checking his e-mail on Friday the 29th he learned of this change. I have called and left a message with Dan Nadeau who is in charge of renting the Armory. As soon I can nail down available dates, I will contact the board of directors and the show committee to set a new show date.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting. Pleas consider serving **MWCA** as a Team Leader, or in any capacity that you feel comfortable. Thank you.

Happy Carving,

Bob Perry, President, M.W.C.A.

MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Wolf opened the meeting at 1pm. with an overview of upcoming events. We had our business meeting. Bob Perry introduced newcomers Ernie and Rhonda Souther. Then we went straight to the Valentine carving contest. Volunteers from the church did the judging and we had some great prizes donated from Oxford Networks and Paychex. Winners were Jack Frost for his violinist, Bob Perry for his sad dog, Justina Hatch for her Valentine card and Laura Freeman for her cupid with a Judges choice going to Chuck Perry for his Clydesdale horse.

We also had some great items for show and tell including:

Steve Hatch – miniatures out of scrap wood

Tom Foley – fish on a plaque

Betty Foley – rose bud

Jack Frost – Valentine violinist

Chuck Friis – applewood bowls and a sparrow on a burl

Luther Perry – turned bowls out of cherry, maple, birch and spruce burls. Cane shafts

Chuck Perry – Clydesdale's and eagle cane

Justina Hatch – Valentine card

Laura – Butt I love you Valentine cupid and bark house

Bob Perry – Valentine dog and heart pin.
Bark houses: the big house, the wee house and the pee wee house.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Freeman, secretary



Carver Street Carvers

Not much to say for February. I didn't get to attend much but others still trying to hold on. Hoping things will improve once these snow storms stop..

Barbara McCutcheon

Coastal Carvers

Our meeting was held at Jim and Barbara Wade's and we thank them for their hospitality. This was an opportunity to share patterns and blanks as well as to work on our own projects.

We also welcomed two new members- Mary and Jim Davidson. They have raised and sheared sheep, gone lobstering, and made metal windchimes. They started out raising North Country Cheviots because of the high quality wool and meat. The wool was used for Harris tweed. They put the sheep on islands and traveled by boat to shear them. The Davidson's showed their sheep at many fairs and shows around the country. They sheared 200-300 head a day as a way to earn a living. Due to arthritis, Jim is a power carver. He showed a pine box with floral decoration on the top and front of the box, a large cat and gnomes.

Beverly and Richard Nickerson each had a cute little skunk. Anne Krebsbach was working on her heron and showed the moose blank for her next piece. Wilma Sarna had a

beautifully woodburned raccoon. Bill Martel had Rockland Light in relief. Gary Sunio is making great whimsy houses out of thin pieces of cottonwood bark. Karen Knowles showed a loon flip chart donated to the club, and also her cute little penguins. Jim Wade had two beautiful wood finished pieces- a loon and otter.

After refreshments, we started working. Karen had cut wood pieces for the miniature penguins and we had great fun trying them. Jim Wade had various blanks including bears. We met Mikayla, the Wade's granddaughter. I think she's going to be a chip off the old block if she keeps on carving.

Our next meeting will be at D&L on March 22nd. Kathy Webster, Gordon Wade, and Jim Wade will be instructing the painting of our herons. Please be sure your bird is ready to paint. It needs eyes, and to sealed and ready.

You will need the following:

- # 1 round
- # 4 round and a liner brush
- brush or sponge for base coating
- hair dryer
- water container
- paper towels

Kathy will bring the paint. This will be a great time for all. Can't wait to see the completed projects!

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Durgin, Chapter Director



South Coast Carvers

Twas a dark and stormy night the last time the South Coast Carvers had our meeting. A storm was in progress and our attendance was not up to our usual standards. We had a very enjoyable meeting in spite of it!! Many nice carvings were shown and discussed, including a very nice Cypress Knee Wood Spirit by Vohnnie Wyrick. Also a cedar stylized Chickadee with a very soft smooth finish, several mice and two partially completed ducks.

Discussion was held on wood species good for carving, various tools used and several dust collection options.

An inquiry was made to the Woodcraft Store about joining the club and George Calef will follow up on it..

George Calef, Secretary

Capital Carvers

We only met twice this month, due to the storms & road conditions. Our show-&-tell, saw a stylized chicken, several 'mountain folk', a partially completed Santa, a nicely done 'Mrs. Santa' type, with cookies on a tray, a relief carved woman's head on a cherry panel [work in progress], some wood spirits carved on reg. size pencils, and some Tom Wolfe style hound dogs.

We are planning on doing some of the 'eagle canes' for veterans as a club project. Marcia has gotten a source for ash shafts & the local turners club interested in doing the 'shafts' & a walnut spacer for the transition of the head to the shaft. As noted in the newsletter previously, she is the State contact for this project and has all the patterns & info for any members interested in the project. She is hoping to get a 'reserve supply' of canes, so that when a veteran wants/needs one the 'turn around time' could be weeks, instead of months to make & personalize one. There is presently one that was done for a veteran & in the 6 mos it took, he has since moved on & they are still trying to locate him [last I heard]. If the canes are completed, then only the personalization is

necessary.....which shouldn't take as long. The carver's & turner's names will also be included. Marcia's contact info is at the end of the newsletter.

Keep your tools & wits sharp, your fingers out of the way, & the chips flying, ;-D
Loyd

FYI - A couple weeks ago we had an A.C. Moore craft store open in Augusta. They have a large asst of paints & had their own brand of acrylics at \$0.33/ bottle. I'm sure they will be offered 'periodically' at that price [normally 59 cents].....and they have a large asst of colors & hues.

Central Maine Carvers

No meeting in February due to weather.

Jarod White, Reporter

Downeast Woodcarvers

The Downeast Woodcarvers Bunch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in Ed Hawkes Carving Studio. For directions call Ed directly at 288-5746.

We did a feather pin project in the Fall taught by Ed. Cureently we did a “work from start to finish” on a block of wood and pattern for a final product.

Our next meeting is Jan 9th at 6:00 PM and have had up to 15 attending. Some nights more projects than carvers!

We welcome all and hope you'll join us.

Poland Spring Carvers

Hi folks, greetings from the small but the mighty.

We now have five active members in our little group. Howard Hildebrant from New Auburn, Rev. Stanley Tanner from East Poland, Keith Messer from Poland, and our newest member but certainly not the least talented Carol Akers. I visited the Streaked Mountain Carvers prior to our own meeting and was pleased to see all my old carving friends. I might mention that it was a thrill to see one of the founders of the MWCA, Tom Foley. I hope that I can gather together as much talent at my club as gathers in Sumner. Happy carving everyone:

Chuck Friis

ANNUAL MEETING MAINE WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION

MENU, NOON MEAL

 CHOICE #1 BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN BREST
\$13.90 INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUIETY.

 CHOICE #2 BAKED HADDOCK WITH LEMON SAUCE, \$13.90 INCLUDES
TAX AND GRATUIETY.

Please make your selection (check mark in blank space) and send your reservation to MWCA treasurer.

Wilma Sarna

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Make check payable to Maine Wood Carvers Association, Wilma will make one check payable to the Ground Round Restaurant. Your reservation must be in the treasurer's hands by the evening of Wednesday the 26.