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**2009**

**Woodcarving**

**&**

**Wildlife Art Show**

**Augusta Armory**  
**Western Avenue**  
**Augusta, Maine**

**September 19 & 20, 2009**  
**Saturday 9-5**  
**Sunday 9-4**

**Featured Carver**  
**Kathy Webster**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings from Bob Haven

Where did the summer go? I can't believe it is September, back to school, Common Ground Fair, and Down East Show time. This year at the Common Ground Fair (Sept, 25, 26, 27, Maine Wood Carvers will be represented by Ed Beach, Chuck Friis, Dave Peatfield, George Gunning, Joe Washburn, Art Carano and myself. We will be demonstrating and promoting the art of woodcarving as we have for the past several years.

The Down East Show is coming together but still much to do. Booth rentals are slow coming in, and we still **don't have anyone** to man the Gift Shop Booth. With out volunteers, we may have to abandon that portion of the show. Arrangements have been made for a Chain Saw Carver at the show. He will set up outside the auditorium. The Wildlife Educator with Birds of Prey will be located in a room adjacent to the auditorium. We need all members who can help out in what capacity they can to make the show a success. Give me a call if you want to volunteer or need more information, (207 388-2472 or [merribob@megalink.net](mailto:merribob@megalink.net) ).

I plan to attend the New England Woodcarvers Show "THE SPIRIT OF WOOD" on October 18<sup>th</sup> in Bedford MA. If you are interested in attending this event and would like to help man the Maine Wood Carvers table, please get in touch with me.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the show. We will have a great time as we show of our newest creations, and demonstrate our skills while promoting the art of WOODCARVING.

Until next time  
Happy Carving  
Bob Perry  
President, MWCA



## MWCA Chapter Reports

### Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

No Report this month.

### Carver Street Carvers

Still hanging in there with our carving. Have managed to get there twice again this month. I am always amazed with the relief carvings that people are working on. Hoping one day I can figure out how to do it.

Still hoping to get some of the Central Maine Carvers to come join us. Maybe now that fall is coming some will come visit us sometimes..

Keep carving and hoping to see everyone at the show.

Barb

### Coastal Carvers

The Coastal Carvers will not be meeting in the month of September. Our next meeting will be on the 4th Saturday in October, the 24th. See you all at the show!

### South Coast Carvers

A group of five Southcoast Carvers met at Woodcraft in Newington, N.H. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month. Thank you Woodcraft for the use of your wonderful facility.

Our Show and Tell produced numerous nice pieces. Brian Barber had moose pins, santas, mice, elf ornaments and a fluke. Paul Durant was carving a farmer holding an apple. Todd Wisell had eight golf ball with caricature faces, and Vohnny Weyrick had a Sting Ray-stylized piece out of red cedar, swimming over a piece of coral as well as a dolphin necklace. George showed several birds in various stages of completion.

George Calef, Secretary

### .Capital Chapter

No Report this month



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Greetings everyone.

The 1<sup>ST</sup> TOP OF MAINE CARVING COMPETITION and SALE SHOW was a great success. Over 1500 people passed through to view the entries and to vote on People's Choice.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and assisted us with our first show. We were especially pleased to welcome Dave Merreck, Bob Perry, James Irish, Jerry Vigneault, Kathy Webster and Chuck Friis ...all representing various carving groups around the state.....to our show. Their support did not go unnoticed...it was certainly appreciated. We hope to see you all again next year.

There were 26 carvers with 65 entries. Judging the entries were Dollard Cote, Robert H. Perry and Kathy Webster. We were very humbled to be able to have them judging the entries. They brought with them many years of experience and knowledge of woodcarving.

Overall **Best of Show** and **People's Choice** went to Tom Cote for his *Hunter with Deer* carving. This carving also won **Best of Show** in the Masters category.

Best of Show per Category:

Open: James Irish for his Intarsia of Goose.

Intermediate: Annette Tardy for her relief carving of a Robin with Berries

Novice: John Violette for his Indian Motif

Youth: Elizabeth Bensevanga for her relief carving of a lighthouse

(Elizabeth was also the winner of a \$150 Gift Certificate donated by Flexcut Co.)

Taylor Tompkins took a second place in the Youth category for his 2 bears climbing a tree. Taylor won a set of carving tools donated by MDI Woodcarver's Supply Co.

Congratulations to both Elizabeth and Taylor.

We had many first, second, and third place winners not listed here. We were very proud to be able to exhibit and show all the entries. We wish everyone could go home with a ribbon...they were all that good!!

Now for a little note about an upcoming event that Tom will be involved in. Tom has been invited to be the [2009 Artist in Residence](#) at the Fiber College on Penobscot Bay in Searsport, Maine..... September 10-13. As a master woodcarver, Tom will be demonstrating traditional woodcarving techniques. If you would like

more information, the website is [www.FiberCollege.org](http://www.FiberCollege.org). or call 207.548.6059.

We are looking forward to the 2009 Woodcarving and Wildlife Art show coming up in September at the Augusta Armory.

Annette Tardy for the Top of Maine Carvers

### **Central Maine Carvers**

**No report and no word if they are still meeting somewhere else.**

### **Downeast Woodcarvers**

**No Report this month.**

**Alan Talbot**

### **Poland Spring Carvers**

No report this month.

### **McGaffey Mountain Carvers**

No Report this month.

### **NOTE**

In May the cost of mailing the newsletter went to 44 cents per copy. The newsletter is also on the web site at the same time and some people wondered if there are members would like to .either download from there or receive it via email.

So far I have gotten fairly good response to this and hope more will consider one of the above choices.

Thanks for helping to keep the expense down.



### **BIG THANK YOU**

Thanks to Wayne Edmondson for printing the new membership cards for 2009-2010. He has been doing this each year for several years, at no cost to the association.

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## **Reminder to Renew Your Membership**

If you haven't paid your dues by now...you are overdue! The annual membership dues are due on September 1 each year.

In order to insure that I have your current information, please complete the Membership Application form found in the August newsletter and return it with your check ASAP. Thank you.

We are attempting to limit postage costs as much as possible. Please be sure to indicate that you want the newsletter mailed to you, if you are unable to access the newsletter via our website, [www.mainewoodcarvers.org](http://www.mainewoodcarvers.org)

If you plan to pay your dues at the show, please include the form from the newsletter with your name, address, phone number, and all current information, etc....especially if you will be giving me cash!!!!

Wilma Sarna, Treasurer

**See page 9 for membership application form**

Eagle Cane Project

Thank you to Napoleon "Paul" Tabora, of York, Maine for his donation to the Eagle Cane Project. Mr. Tabora is associated with the York VFW and served in Vietnam. Thank you Mr. Tabora for your service, your sacrifice and your generous donation to the Eagle Cane fund.

## A wishful NOTICE:

The raffle table at our annual MWCA show needs your support! Please consider carving item(s) that you will be willing to donate for the popular raffle table. Each year the raffle table has been able to provide a dozen or two items for folks to bid on. As you may remember, the show admission ticket price includes a \$1 raffle bid slip to encourage folks to purchase more bid slips to bid with on the wonderful items donated for the raffle table. We depend greatly on the quality of the raffle items to encourage folks to submit significant bids for the raffle items. As always, we appreciate *very much* your kind efforts to support the MWCA with quality (donated) carved items for the raffle table. You may drop(not really drop!) them off on Friday(the 18th) between 2PM and 4PM or between 8AM and 9AM on Saturday(the 19th). See you at the show!

Dave Brown and Jim Violette

## Wood ‘n’ Things

So...by now you have a whole box of things you’ve carved over the summer; some to enter into competition and lots to sell at your Wood ‘n’ Things booth.

Did you go through all your carving “stuff” and set aside those things (including books and old magazines) that you’re not using anymore? Pass them on to the new folks and make space for the “absolutely must have” things you’ll want to add to your carving “stuff”.

We hope you’re feeling especially generous, because we would love to have donated items. All proceeds go into the Treasury and then back to you again by way of seminars and special projects.

We will sell your items for you; all you have to do is drop them off at the booth. In return, MWCA retains a small percentage (10%), which goes back into member benefits.

We will accept items priced at **\$100.00 or less**. You control the price for the items you submit. You may submit up to ten (10) carvings/creations. There is no limit to the number of carving related magazines and books which you may submit.

We will accept your carvings, carving kits, ornaments and/or artwork. Because of possible space limitations, we will display at least five of your items at any time