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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

I cannot believe that a full year has gone by since I agreed to be your editor. Recently in a fortune cookie it said “Friends are presents you give yourself” and I feel like I have given myself many presents. I want to thank all of you for your help and encouragement during the year.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Editor

Barbara



**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE
AND
SEASONS GREETINGS**

How quickly time passes. Just yesterday it was Dawn East Show time, and now it is time to celebrate the JOY OF CHRISTMAS. From our home to your home, Merriel and I wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON.

On November 10th the Show Committee met at the Ground Round Restaurant in Augusta for a wrap-up and critique of the 2007 Down East Show. Reports indicate that this year's show was equal to or exceeded last years Great Show. Now we need to begin thinking about next years show, and how we might make it an even bigger success. Dave Brown again did a great job heading up this years show, even though he officially did not hold the Show Chair title. He will head up the advertising for next years show but we need someone to step forward and assume the Show Chair position for 2008. Please think about and consider filling this slot. Kathy Webster again did an excellent job contacting venders, renting booths and arranging floor space and overall show layout. She has undertaken this job for the past several years and now will turn this position over to someone else. Again, please consider filling this position of Vender and Booth Coordinator. We thank both Dave and Kathy for all their hard work and dedication to making the Down East Show's a success. A genuine thank you also goes to all committee chairs, volunteers, competitors and participants in this years show. If you are interested in helping out in these or any other show related areas, please contact me at (Phone 388-2472) or (E-mail merribob@megalink.net). A Show Planning Meeting for 08 will take place after the first of the year. Information pertaining to this meeting will be published in a later issue of the CARVER.

Funds generated by the Down East Show provide the means to arrange and present carving seminars. If you have ideas or suggestions for seminars, type of seminar, or a particular instructor, let us know.

Check your MAINE WOODCARVERS MEMBERSHIP CARD to see if it is current. You don't want to miss any membership benefits, which include the CARVER newsletter, reduced seminar tuition, and more.

Happy Carving, Bob Perry

MWCA Chapter Reports

Streaked Mountain Woodcarvers

Wolf opened our meeting at 1:15 with a small but eager group. We welcomed back Guy Prestia who hasn't been with us for quite some time. Guy brought his friend Dan along. We enjoyed their company and hope they become regulars. The meeting began with a quick show and tell. Merle brought a new gilded sign and a window picture frame he created as gifts for his special friends. Guy brought his feather to continue working on. Wolf and Laura displayed their progression on the whimsical bark house carvings. Jack returned the carvings that were displayed at the Norway library. Jack has made a wonderful effort organizing the carving displays there. We spent the rest of our time carving away at individual projects. At the last minute Bob and Chuck Perry arrived from their meeting in Augusta just in time to help with the cleanup. They brought some great pictures from the Augusta show in September. As always we had plenty of coffee and goodies including Barbara Frost's famous peanut butter cookies and Guy's "warm from the oven" brownies. The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Laura Freeman secretary

Carver Street Carvers

It is that time of year when our membership in the group goes from one member one week to seven the next week. Two of our group work at LL Bean and I have taken an activities aide per deum job at a nursing home. Don't work often but seems to be on Tuesdays, have to change that. Anyway everyone has been working on tree ornaments and Christmas presents and are still having a good time. Richard Spear is trying to help me do some relief carving, I am enjoying learning that.

Merry Christmas to all of your.

Barbara McCutcheon

Coastal Carvers

We are continuing to work on stickbirds (Great Blue Herons) and Jim Wade is the carving instructor with Gordon Harde taking over the painting instructing when we reach that point after the first of the year. We had about 17 people there. Refreshments were great and the show-n-tell as well.

Carol H. Durgin, Chapter Director
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South Coast Carvers

No Report this month.

George Calef, Secretary

Capital Carvers

November's 'show & tell' [1st week of month] had: a couple ducks carved & painted in an 'adult ed' class, a couple of 'Marv Kaisersatt style' caricature heads, a Pete LeClair 'Mr. Scraps' style carving [from the woodcarvers retreat this Fall], a carved Red Sox emblem, & a couple other things that I can't remember or find my notes on. Sorry gang.

If you haven't seen or got Marv's book, I highly recommend it. He doesn't just guide you through a specific carving, but shows you how to get different results using a method of carving. He has stated that once the copies are gone, he doesn't plan to reprint it. Since he did it himself, that's pretty definite.

The rest of the time has been spent by most in finishing up various small projects and preparing for our Christmas party on the evening of Dec 20th at the Fox Glenn Snowmobile clubhouse. All are invited, call George or Loyd for more info. It will be a potluck & have a 'Dutch' gift exchange, so bring some food & a gift[s] - something carving related or handmade [preferable].

I've been remiss in mentioning that one of our Chapter members and the MWCA web master [mistress?] Marcia Berkall has had 3 articles on creative carving published in 'Wood Carving Magazine' this year. A forth is due to come out in the next issue [Jan.]. Check them out. They deal mainly with creating your own patterns by releasing your own creative talents. A very belated 'Congrats' here Marcia.

the last copy of 'Wood Carving Illustrated', on carving a nuthatch pin. A couple years ago, he had one on carving a chickadee pin. Good going George!

Central Maine Carvers

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Speaking of articles by our MWCA members, George Calef, had another article in

INMPORTANT NOTES

A Note of Appreciation

It was a great and pleasant surprise to receive the Friendship Cane during the closing ceremonies at the DownEast carving show on September 30. I take this opportunity to thank my many friends for their thoughtfulness and for their support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with MWCA and its members and hope that I can continue to contribute to its success for a long time to come -- Dick Baldwin



Our Coastal Carvers Christmas Party will be held Dec. 8th at 11:30am at Barbara and Jim Wades home, 68 Walpole Meetinghouse Rd., Walpole, ME. Please e-mail or call if you can come or have any questions. All are invited. We usually bring one of the following: appetizer, main dish, salad or veggie dish, or dessert to share. We also wrap a piece we have carved for the Christmas Chinese Swap. Directions and a map will be in the next Carver. See you there.

Directions to the Wade home: In Damariscotta, turn onto Rt. 130/129 heading toward Pemaquid. When you get to Hanley's Market on your left, turn right onto Rt. 129. The first road on your left will be Walpole Meetinghouse Rd. and there should be a sign there. Take that road! Keep on it until you come to the first driveway without a mailbox on the lefthand side of the road. There is a small sign with Wade 68 attached to a tree as well. That's us!!! Hope to see you all there

**Financial Report MWCA
November 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007**

Starting Balance \$8,587.12

INCOME:

November Memberships 210.00

Ad in Newsletter 80.00

Total Income \$290.00

EXPENSES:

Cost of Show Meeting room 75.00

Booth Refund/partial 32.50

Newsletter Editor, November 40.00

Albison Printing, Nov. Newsletter 195.12

Total Expense \$342.62

Ending Balance \$8,534.50

Details of any transaction are available from the Treasurer, Wilma Sarna

Walter Reed Army Medical Center cannot accept packages, letters, and holiday cards addressed to 'Any Wounded Soldier' or 'A Recovering American Soldier'. The U.S. Postal Service is no longer accepting "Any Service Member" or "A Recovering American Soldier" letters or packages. Mail to "Any Service Member" that is deposited into a collection box will not be delivered.

The Walter Reed Army Medical Center web site at

<http://wramc.army.mil/Lists/WRNews/DispForm.aspx?Id=30&>

has more information on this. They suggest that instead address your cards to

Please address your holiday cards to:

We Support You During Your Recovery!
c/o American Red Cross
P.O. Box 419
Savage, MD 20763-0419

Be sure to affix adequate postage. **Cards must be received no later than December 27. Cards received after this date will be returned to the sender.** Again, senders are reminded that "care packages" are not part of the program--send only cards and notes. Also, please refrain from using glitter or any other inserts that would not be appropriate in a hospital environment.

People who want to express their appreciation to American service members may also consider making a donation to one of the more than 300 nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping our troops and their families listed on the "America Supports You" website, www.americasupportsyou.mil

Other organizations that offer means of showing your support for our troops or assist wounded servicemembers and their families include:

<http://www.usocares.org/>
<http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/tooursoldiers/>
<http://www.redcross.org>

The outpouring of gratitude and encouragement from the general public, corporate America and civic groups throughout the past year has been incredible. Our Warriors in Transition are amazed at the thanks and support they receive from their countrymen