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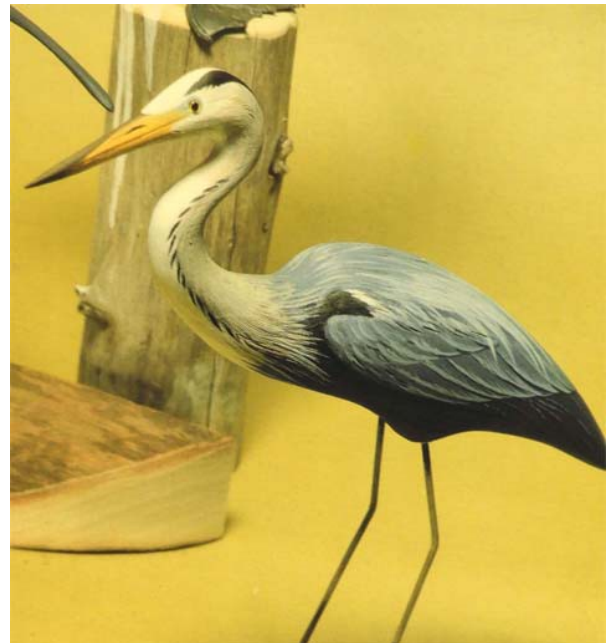
January - February 2025

2025 GMWC Dues - Check your mailing label!!!

Its that time of year again, GMWC dues are now due for 2025 Please check your mailing label. If the date in the upper right corner is not 2025, please complete the membership form on the last page of the newsletter and return to Barb Taylor. We sometimes misplace a renewal update, so please let us know. The dues for 2025 are still only \$15. If you have an Email, please print the address clearly so we can update our membership list. Those receiving the newsletter via Email are now also up for renewal, please also use the form on page 4 If you have not signed up to receive your newsletter via eMail, please do, about three quarters of our members are , and it saves a lot of work printing and mailing the newsletters and helps keep our expenses and membership dues low, plus the newsletter and photos are in color! At times we have to make changes to our CarveIn schedule, email is a quick way to keep you updated . Even if you have been unable attend many of our events for one reason or another, please renew your membership to stay informed and help support the Club. With the rising postage costs, we will soon need to be dropping members not up to date with their memberships.

2025 GMWC August 3 Day Carving Seminar- Scale Great Blue Heron

At the Annual Meeting we began the discussion of the subject for our August 2025 3 Day Carving Class. Several ideas were discussed ranging from a sea turtle to a Santa. Barb thought as we have done several wildfowl in the past sessions maybe something else except maybe a great Blue Heron. At our November CarveIn we continued the discussion, and looked at a pattern for a small Great Blue Heron from Hillman's Carving Water Birds Book. Barb had expressed interest, and 3 others at the CarveIn said they wanted to take the class, so we decided to go ahead. Like the Swan and the Mallard the Heron can be carved in a variety of styles from a simple folk art style to a fully feathered and painted Heron, depending on what each carver wants to do. Plus due to its size, the class is suitable for both novice and more experienced carvers. Like the Mallard, Matt will be the instructor, and Bob will be covering texturing and painting. We expect to offer the class for the same price as before and will have more about the class to pass along in the next issue.



November CarveIn Report:

Our November CarveIn was hosted by President Matthew Strong at his Studio in Stowe Vermont on November 9th. Not being Deer Season yet, your Editor was able to attend along with six other members. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day, bright sunshine with temps in the mid 40's. Matt had the shop all

cleaned and the coffee ready with muffins and donut holes to carry us thru the morning. After a week of Presidential Election coverage, we pretty much kept the conversations on carving and not politics. 3 had brought their Mallards to work on painting, so they moved to one end of the table to focus on painting, while the other 4 worked on carvings, ranging from small and larger spoon carvings, to comfort birds and of course Christmas ornaments. Around noon Matt brought down a large crockpot of chilli and bread for he had made for lunch, and we pretty much cleaned up the crockpot. During lunch we discussed some of the possibilities for the August Class and as three attending said they wanted to sign up to carve a small Blue Heron, decided that would be a good choice, as we already had 4 interested.. We worked till around 2:30 and called it a day.



January 11, 2025 Carve-In

Host: Dave Tabor - @ Magee Office Products - Randolph, VT

January always seems to present challenges with winter travel, we wanted to have a very central location and Dave Tabor has again arranged for us being able to meet at Magee Office Products in Randolph which has a large meeting room and a good place to clean brushes as we will once again working on the finish painting of the Mallard. We will also have the pattern to show you for our Great Blue Heron Carving Seminar this August. We hope you can join us.

Directions:

Magee Office Products - 463 VT-12 South, Randolph, VT 05060

Take Exit 4 off I-89. At the end of the ramp, turn downhill toward the convenience store and McDonald's. Travel straight about 2.6 miles until you see Cumberland Farms on the left. Turn left at Cumberland Farms bringing you onto Main Street. Follow Main Street for about 1.1 miles and Magee will be on the left, just out of the village. Magee is a long brown building diagonally across from Tire Warehouse. Look for a huge granite sign-post in front of the building, as well as GMWC Carve-In signs. Park in the lot on the left. Enter using that side door. Magee Office Products on Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Magee+Office+Products/@43.9079206,-72.6616911,19z/data=!3m1!4b1>

February 8, 2025 Carve-In

Host: Barb Taylor - Putney, VT

Barbara Taylor will again host our February 2025 CarveIn. Table saw serves as a good table for the coffee and donuts and kuchen, as well as other snack people bring. The woodstove is running to keep us warm, and the soup lunch its always a treat on a cold day. Bring a project to work on and Dave often has a pattern you to try your knives on. It's a bit of a drive from the north, but always worth the trip, and a good chance to Carpool if you live "up north" and feel comfortable doing so..

Directions from the north:

Take I-91 South to the Westminster Exit #5, then Route 5 South to Westminster Center, clock your mileage at this point the shop is about 3 miles on the right. The house has cedar siding and a green metal roof. Watch for the sign on the shop.

Directions from the south:

Take I-91 North to the Putney Exit #4, then Route 5 north (about 6 miles), passing Harlow's Sugar House on the right, just past the Sugar House clock the mileage from the bridge going past I-91, the shop is 2 miles on the left.

A Holiday note from "down under":

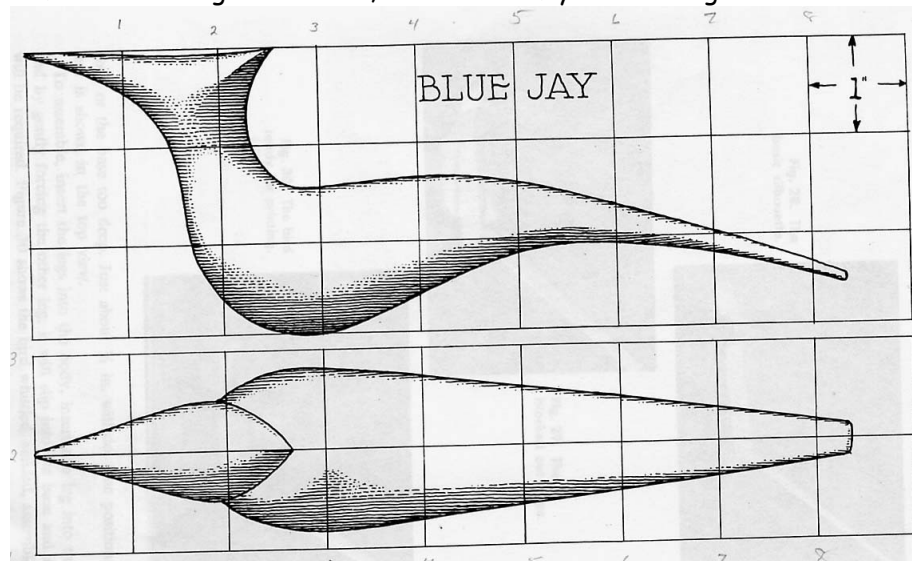
Wow, we have been in Tasmania for 10 years! In that time our $\frac{3}{4}$ acre plot has changed significantly, from a house and lawn, to a fully insulated and renovated house, and enclosed orchard, glasshouse, veggie garden, landscaping, solar and battery, and four rainwater tanks. Graeme is a passionate gardener, and nothing pleases him more than having his hands in the soil tending his vegetables. The veggie garden and orchard are doing well this Spring, with a promise of a good harvest later on. Any surplus gets donated to the local food-bank, and they will also distribute the wooden toys that Graeme has made for needy kids this Christmas.

Ingrid is still planting native shrubs, annuals, and perennials into rabbit-proof cages (the little beasts almost ring-barked our crab-apple tree). The dozens of rabbits are keeping the lawn short, although some mowing is required. We keep busy in the community, with monthly movies (last month was Priscilla Queen of the Desert - what a hoot!), weekly lunches at The Village, and lots of stops at various cafes for a cappuccino. We also do day trips, one month we will drive North one hour to Swansea, and the next month one hour South to Sorell. Either town is our closest hardware, and these outings always include plenty of shopping, and a nice lunch. Life is good. We and the Kids are all doing well. Happy New Year! May good things happen to you.

Ingrid and Graeme.

Carving Pattern -

With the Holidays now past, hopefully unlike me, you were all able to finish your Christmas carvings on schedule. Finding a pattern to put into each issue is always a challenge, Dave has helped out with the patterns and photos from his April CarveIn, and I also rely on past issues of News And Notes from when Collise was Editor. If you have a pattern you would like to share, please make a New Year's Resolution to pass it along so we can share it with others in the Newsletter. This pattern came from a book of stylized patterns, and reminds me of the next step after carving a comfort bird. When rounded and balanced correctly, it is supposed to perch on the edge of a table. A hardwood like walnut, butternut or mahogany would be a nice choice of wood. Enlarge to 6 to 8", and reduce if you are using 1" stock.



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Membership

Current member's, don't forget to check your mailing label. If it does not show 2025 you need to renew your membership. The date printed is when your membership expires. Membership dues are now \$15. You can send a check payable to "Green Mountain Woodcarvers" to Barbara Taylor, Treasurer, 863 US Rte 5, Putney, VT 05346. If you know someone interested in woodcarving, please pass along this form and invite them to join.

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