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July / August 2024

**THE SHOW GOES ON IN A NEW LOCATION...Our 51<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
GMWC August Show & Sale at Birds of Vermont Museum  
Saturday, August 17, 2024**

In 2023, we reached a milestone, with our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual August Show and Sale at the Rusty Parker Park in downtown Waterbury Vermont. While we continue to have many of our members participating in the Show, both the number of tables and the public attending have dropping. Last year the Town had mentioned there would be some changes to use of the Park this year as the Town and Village were merging. The result was this year we needed to file and pay for both an "Entertainment Permit" to use the Park and an approval of the Select Board, plus anyone selling needed to have a "Vendor's Permit as well as carrying liability insurance, a lot of new obstacles. As we have been holding the Show for 50 years and want to continue, Matt and I talked about the issues and what will our next 50 years look like, and came up with an idea, talked with The Birds of Vermont Museum and was discussed at the April CarveIn. In August we hold a 3 Day Carving Class at the Museum, why not move the Show to the Museum, and start a "4 day Festival of WoodCarving". We are now all set, so circle Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, and plan on attending. This is a good opportunity to get together with fellow carvers, show your work, and get more people interested in woodcarving. We can think of our Annual Show as a large outdoor CarveIn where we invite the public to join us. Please plan on joining us to celebrate our 51<sup>st</sup> year of our Annual Public Carving Show.



**August 14-16, 2024**

**3 Day Carving Class:**

**Mallard Drake Decoy w/ Matthew Strong**

For our 3 Day August Class again to be held at the Birds of Vermont Museum, we have decided to stay with a wildfowl theme and will be carving a  $\frac{3}{4}$  scale Mallard Drake. Matthew Strong will cover the carving and Bob Lindemann will assist with the painting. As with the Swan, each carver will have the option of creating the piece from a simple working



decoy, and antique piece, smoothie or a more detailed wildfowl carving. We will keep the cost of the class at \$120, plus a small materials fee collected at the class. If you are interested in taking the class, let Barb Taylor know right away as we need to begin preparing blanks very soon. Questions? Call or email Matthew Strong or Bob Lindemann.

## May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 CarveIn Report

### Host: Birds Of Vermont Museum- Huntington, VT

Our May Carve-In was hosted by the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington.. Once again, the day started out a very nice day spring day. Erin had the room all set up for us as the 9 carvers began to arrive. It was very good to see some of our newer members join us for a day of carving. Everyone brought a project to work on, including Roy working on a relief "green man", Oliver brought along two spoons, and Matt a piece of cottonwood bark to transform into "bark tiny house". Barb brought along the Treasurer's Report, and a few signed up for the class. We had a short discussion about the August Class and Show held at the Museum in August as noon arrived for a lunch break. Several had to leave at noon, while the rest continued to make chips till about 1:30 when it was time to clean up the shop. A very nice way to spend an early summer day carving as well as meeting several Museum guests that came out to see what carving entailed, and welcome some of our new members to the group.

## In Memory of Joe Willette

We are sad to hear of the passing of one of our Barre members Joe Willette on May 22, 2024.

## June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 CarveIn Report

### Host: Bob Lindemann - Moretown, VT

Our June Carve-In was be hosted by Bob Lindemann. Once again the June weather didn't quite cooperate with light rain in the early day, then sunshine, but by lunchtime it was raining again and temperatures dropping so we opted to carve in the garage once again. Attendance was a bit low with only 7 carvers attending, possibly due to it also being school graduation day. Soon, we had plenty of chips on the floor with everyone working on a variety of projects, and as usual very good conversations during the morning, and Tundra had a very good time going from carver to carver to see what everyone was up to. Matt brought along some rough blanks for the August Mallard Class, and he and I worked on mallard roughouts so we'll have the prototype and painted example finished before August. Oliver once again was working on a spoon, and Bruce showed us his finished wedding present. By noon, the grill was lit, and lunch was ready with hot dogs, and grilled Bacon Spam, finished off with rhubarb crisp and ice cream. After



lunch, Matt had to leave while the remainder we continued carving till around 2:30 when it was time to head home.

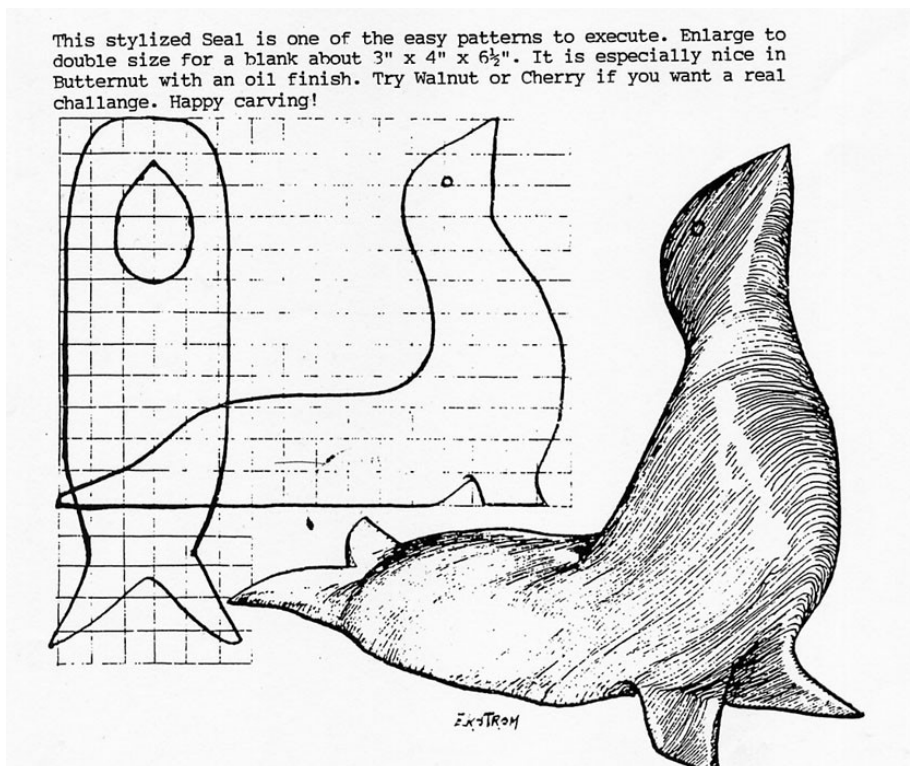
## July 13th, 2024 CarveIn

### Host: Bill Stinson - Waitsfield, VT

About 3 years ago, Bill Stinson volunteered to host our July CarveIn, and we look forward to carving at his home in Waitsfield once again. Plus the added bonus of also getting to see his model train setup. As we have been doing this past year, we will start around 10:00, and bring your own lunch and of course a project to work on. Of course, there likely will be snacks to carry us through the morning. We will again have the option of carving outdoors in the driveway or inside if it happens to decide to once again rain.

**Directions:** Follow VT Rte 100 to Waitsfield or take the Middlesex Exit 9 off the interstate, turn left on Rt 2 then Right onto Route 100B. Follow Rt 100B through Moretown and continue to Waitsfield at the Library, turn left on Bridge St-East Warren Rd. Through the covered Bridge, and follow the road up the hill to the right, turn right at Palmer Lane. Watch for the first intersection (sometimes hidden with trees, and in a left bend in the road) and turn right on Sugarhouse lane, here are the first house on the left, it is a gray house, with a long driveway, 71 Sugarhouse lane. 802-496-3450

## Carving Pattern - "From the Archives"



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Current members, don't forget to check your mailing label. If it does not show 2024 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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