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2024 GMWC Dues - Please check your mailing label!!!

GMWC dues are now due for 2024. With not being able to meet regularly, it's easy to forget (your newsletter Editor just wrote a check to mail). Please check your mailing label, if the date in the upper right corner is not 2024, please complete the membership form on the last page of the newsletter and return to Barb Taylor. If you have an Email, please print the address clearly so we can update our membership list. As the cost of printing and postage keeps going up, and wishing to keep our membership cost low, please consider email delivery. Plus, the photos are in color and your copy arrives earlier each issue. We will soon be purging our mailing list, so please check your label, as this might be your last issue if you have not renewed recently.

August 17, 2024 Annual Carving Show

August 3 Day Carving Class:

Carving a Mallard Drake w/ Matthew Strong

We received our permit last week recently for the use of Rusty Parker Park in Waterbury for our August Show on Saturday, August 17th, 2024 will mark our 51st Annual August Show. 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 form a simple working decoy, and antique piece, smoothie or a more detailed wildfowl carving. We expect to keep the costs for the class the same as last year, with possibly a small fee for the blank and supplies. If you are interested in taking the class, let Barb Taylor know. Questions? Call or email Matthew Strong or Bob Lindemann. More details to come.



January Carve-In Report:

Our January CarveIn was going to be hosted by Dave Tabor at Magee Office Products in Randolph VT. The space provides a very large room and its central location made it ideal for members from around the state



to get together. But once again Mother Nature decided to rear her ugly side. For a large part of early winter we kept cycling between a nice snowfall then a period of rain and then a freeze up. Having recently experienced another heavy wet snow and rain, once again the forecast was pretty much the same for our CarveIn date. We decided in the interest of Safety to cancel. Having the majority of our more active members using email, we were able to contact members and let them know to stay home, stay safe and use the day to catch up on some carvings. Always a difficult decision, but Dave let us know that yes, Randolph did get a heavy wet snow just as predicted.

February Carve-In Report:

For our February, we returned once again to our traditional Valentines weekend CarveIn hosted by Barb Taylor. This time the weather cooperated with above average temperatures. Matt served as the bus driver for the group of carvers coming down from central Vermont, several from the Putney area, and Leo and Kathy came up in from Connecticut., so we had a d group carving. Dave brought some large pencils to try our knives on doing a Santa face on a pencil, and other worked on everything from trees, small bears and working on finishing some of the unfinished projects we all have. As always the table



saw served as our morning snack table as we made a pile of chips on the shop floor. Roy won the award for the largest pile of chips by noon. Lunch was in the house and we were greeted with plates of prepared sandwiches, homemade soup. After lunch we had a short discussion of the Treasurers report. Barb noted we have a small inventory remaining of Logo items, of odd sizes and colors, maybe we should consider an inventory reduction sale? The discussion then moved to the August Class. The subject will be a Mallard Drake, carved with Matthew Strong and Bob Lindemann will cover the painting aspects . For the August Show, anyone selling carvings, the Town now requires a vendor's permit and sellers to have a Vermont Tax number. Back to an afternoon in the shop carving and then we headed home with much above average weather for early February.

March 9, 2024 Carve-In

Host: Dave Tabor

Location: Magee Office Products - Randolph, VT

After having to cancel our January CarveIn due to an anticipated snow/rain event we decided that, Randolph would once again be an excellent location to get together for our March CarveIn. Dave Tabor reserved the space again for us, providing a nice central location with lots of room to carve. Hopefull in January you were able to use the time to begin getting caught up on one of your unfinished carvings. Bring it along to show progress and of course another to get back to work on. Don't forget lunch and no need to bring a chair as the room is all set for chairs and tables.

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>

April 13, 2024 Carve-In

Host: Dave Tuttle

Location: Walpole NH

For our April Carve-In we will once again need to leave Vermont... Dave Tuttle has again invited us to his house across the river in Walpole NH. The directions seem fairly simple, Take exit 5 off I-91, follow the access road to Rte 5. Go south to Rte 123 across the river to NH. Follow Rte 12 north and by a Ballfield is Upper Walpole Rd. (also labeled as 123S) If you get to the Shaw's Store, you missed the turn. Dave's house is on the right about 1 mile after the turn. If you get to a stop sign, turn around, you missed the house. You never know what to expect at our April Carve-In, at times we find ourselves carving outside in the warm sun, while a year later it's still winter and we head indoors to stay warm. Dave always has the heater going in the garage, and if necessary, we can move to the basement "Studio". He usually has a project cut out to try for the day. This is also a good time to continue working on your "unfinished projects", and bring along some you have been able to finish. Hopefully we will have a rough out of the August Class Mallard Drake ready to show, as well as a chance for catching up on planning our August 51th GMWC Show.

Carving Pattern

At the February CarveIn, for those not working on trying to catch up on their "Unfinished Projects", Dave Tuttle once again brought a project for us to try our knives on. Can you carve a Santa face on a pencil? Well yes you can, but it helps if you use an oversize pencil, the type kids are given when they are learning to write. As the face is still pretty small, it is best to use a very small detail type knife. The pencils Dave provided were red in color to keep with the Santa theme, and are available from several Carving supply companies, or you could look for kids pencils which are usually black. For painting of course you will also need to use very small brushes. Its only February, you have plenty of time to get started on your Christmas carving projects.



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Membership

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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