



## 2025 GMWC Dues - Time to check your mailing label!

Our Annual Meeting marks the beginning of our new fiscal year. Financially, we have remained solvent, we rely largely on membership dues to cover our expenses like liability insurance, mailings and website expenses. Many renew their memberships at the Show and Annual Meeting, and it's 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. If you have an Email, please print the address clearly so we can update our membership list. To help keep our expenses low, almost three quarters of our members have signed up to receive their newsletter via eMail. You get your newsletter earlier, its in color, and in the event of an update we can get in touch with you sooner.

## September 2024 CarveIn Report:

Dave Tabor hosted our September CarveIn in Randolph. We had a very nice day with temperatures pushing 80 degrees, and just a hint of the upcoming fall foliage. Nine carvers arrived along with plenty of snacks to take us thru the morning. Several Carvers also brought their Mallards from the class to show progress and start on painting. Matt was working on cleaning his shop and brought along a quite a number of sitting dog blanks, which quickly became the days project. Dave had set up a table for painting, so Matt started applying the basic colors to his Mallard, while I kept a few steps ahead to show the sequence. All morning long we carved, painted and had several good conversations. Our new member also a Matt brought along his the two mallards he was working on as well as his father, and they tackled carving dogs. By mid afternoon when we cleaned up around 2:00 we had quite a kennel full of Dogs , as well as a few Mallards base painted and ready for the final details. Thank you, Dave and Magee Office Products for hosting a great day of Carving.

## 2024 GMWC Annual Meeting

### Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington, VT

The 2024 Annual Meeting and October Carve-In was held at the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington on Saturday, October 12, 2024, with marginal fall foliage here, but those coming from the south reported very nice foilage and cool weather outside. Following a morning of carving, and talking about several Club Issues, President Matthew Strong called the meeting to order at 12:25. 6 members of the Club attended the Business Meeting.

#### Officers Reports:

Bob Lindemann Club Secretary handed out copies of the 2023 Meeting Minutes as well as the Financial Report not available at last year's meeting, and read some of the highlights of the meeting. The report was accepted as printed. Treasurer Barb Taylor, read thru the Treasurers Report, the final bank balance statement had not yet arrived, however it showed we made a \$140.05 this past year. President Strong moved on to Old Business.

#### Old Business:

The August Mallard Drake Carving class went very well, with 9 carvers attending. We were able to get the majority of the Ducks finished and ready to paint, while others are finishing the details and we are using the CarveIns and email tutorials to finish the painting process. Being able to complete the carving as a "slick" or spend more time on details is a definite plus for the Classes. Likewise, Matt reported the Show at the Museum was a great success. We

had great participation by Club members as well as a large number of visitors from the Museum, seeing how carvings are created. WCAX even sent a reporter to cover this year's Show.

**New Business:**

A motion was made to donate \$300 To Birds of Vermont for helping host the Show and Class, motion passed.

What should be the subject for our 2023 August Class? Several ideas were passed on from members including a Santa on a Loon like our past Santa on a Moose class, a Blue Heron, an Owl or maybe a turtle? We have a number of carvers that take the class each year and need ideas of what they would like to see in 2025. Let us know and possible email to past participants for input.

This year's meeting was the first Saturday to help avoid Leaf Peeper traffic, traffic this week has already been heavy, we may continue the first Saturday, and the Bylaws allow any weekend in October, so the last weekend is another possibility if needed.

**Election of Officers:**

A motion was made to ask the Secretary to cast one vote to reelect all of the present Officers, the motion was seconded & passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55

## **Green Mountain Woodcarvers**

### **Profit & Loss**

**October 2023 through September 2024**

**Income**

Fundraising	140.00
Individual contributions	55.00
Membership Dues	585.00
Inventory Sales	45.00
Classes/Workshops	1085.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1910.00</b>

**Expenses**

Contributions	300.00
Fundraising	80.14
Operations	
Postage	219.20
Printing, copying	52.26
Supplies	45.00
Website	178.35
Liability Insurance	355.00
Workshop/Classes	540.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,769.95</b>

**Net Income** 140.05

## November Carve-In

Saturday, November 9, 2024 ( 2nd Saturday)

Host: Matthew Strong

Location: Stowe, VT

GMWC President Matt Strong has volunteered to host our November CarveIn at his Basement Studio in Stowe, this year on November, the 9th. This is a good time to bring along all the Holiday carvings you are working on, as well as some unfinished projects. We also hope to discuss the possibilities for our August Class, as noted in the Annual Meeting Minutes. As always, we usually begin carving at 10:00, bring a project, lunch and a chair.

### Directions:

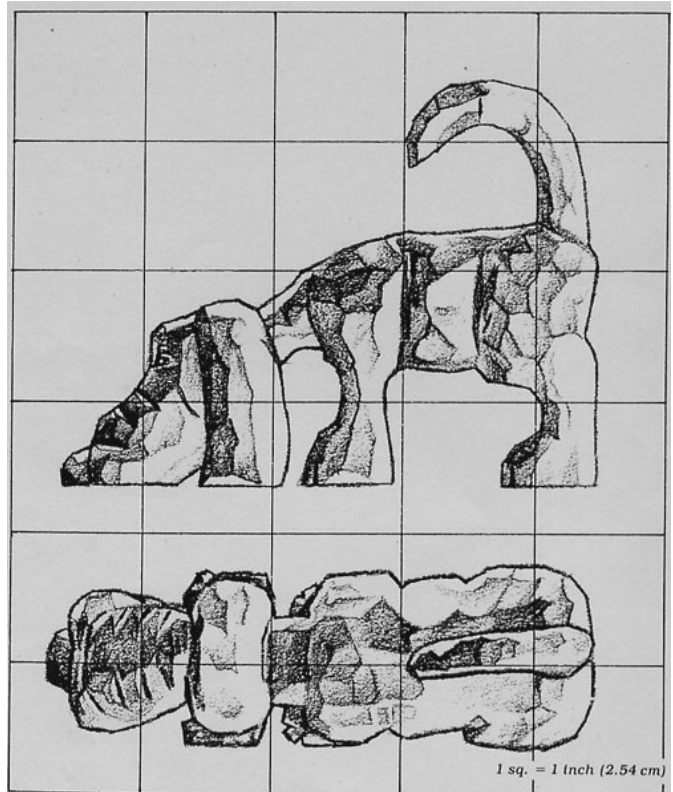
From Stowe Village, turn onto the Mountain Rd VT Rte 108, Turn right on Weeks Hill Rd about .5 miles from the 100/108 Junction. Go up Weeks Hill Rd about 1.6 miles and stay left past Percy Rd, Matt's house is on the right as you go uphill, by the large wooden "Strong" sign.

## December 2024 Carve-In Cancelled

Once again, we will not be scheduling a December CaveIn with all that is going on during the holiday season. A good time to get to work on all your Holiday carving projects

## Carving Pattern -

November is usually the time as I put together the newsletter I looks for some sort of Santa or ornament pattern as this month's pattern as with Leaf Peeping season upon us, we are just getting close the time to think about carvings for the upcoming Holiday Season. But then at the November CarveIn in Randolph, Matt was cleaning out his collection of cutouts, and handed out a cutout of some sort of hound dog. It went over so well that over half the carvers were focused that day working on carving hound dogs. Looking thru my collection of patterns, I came across this one, and here is a chance to try your knife after another one to add to your kennel. The original was on light blue paper, so the pattern is a bit on the dark side. Enlarge to 1" squares.



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### Membership

Current members, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_Renewal Membership

\_\_\_\_\_New Membership

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