



2025 GMWC Dues - Please check your mailing label!!!

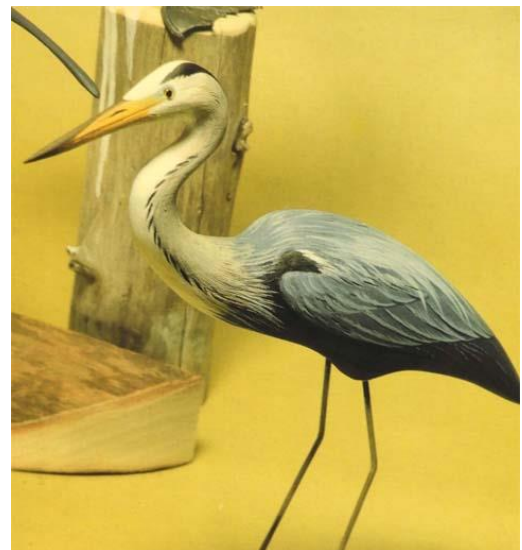
GMWC dues are now due for 2025. With not being able to meet regularly, it's easy to forget (your newsletter Editor just wrote a check to mail). Please check your mailing label, if the date in the upper right corner is not 2025, please complete the membership form on the last page of the newsletter and return to Barb Taylor. If you have an Email, please print the address clearly so we can update our membership list. 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.

2025 Annual Carving Show - Saturday August 23, 2025

3 Day Carving Class- August 20th - 22nd

Carving a Scale Great Blue Heron w/ Matthew Strong & Bob Lindemann

At the Annual Meeting we discuss possible subjects for our August Class. 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 hope to have a blank to show at the April CarveIn and will have more about the class to pass along in the next issue.



January Carve-In Report:

Our January CarveIn was hosted by Dave Tabor at Magee Office Products in Randolph VT. Once again January weather wanted to be tricky. We have had everything from freezing rain in the past and last



year we had to cancel due to a storm, this year 1 to 3 was predicted, and as expected it was snowing on the way down, but the Interstate was not too bad if you "drove the conditions". We had 6 carvers attend, but 2 didn't make it trying to "keep it between the lines"...Dave had the space all set up, and Roy even commented it was time to take off a layer while carving. The table had donut holes and Fruitcake cookies to sustain us thru the morning carving. Matt brought along his finished elephant to show us, and I worked on another unfinished project the otter from several years ago. Dave worked on one of the dog blanks Matt had at the last CarveIn. Carl was going to work on spoons like Roy was, but I had brought along a WCI article for a simple Gnome and that became his day's project. Chris had brought along her Mallard, so after a morning of carving, it was time to do some painting. We made a good pile of chips on the floor, and by 2:00 the snow had stopped, the roads were clear and it was time to call it a day.

February Carve-In Report:

For our February, we returned once again to our traditional Valentines weekend CarveIn hosted by Barb Taylor. Another 4-6" storm was in the forecast Saturday night, the weather cooperated with good weather during the day for our CarveIn. Matt served as the bus driver for the group of carvers coming down from central Vermont, so for Leo and those of us driving a longer distance, things worked out very well. We had 10 carvers and welcomed Clark, a new Member attending. Dave brought along some small pendant carving pattern for a very small cardinal with a pine cone and branches. A table and table cloth took the place of the table saw table for the donuts, biscuits, rice crispy bars and coffee to sustain us thru the morning along with the woodstove keeping us warm. Due to the size of the project, the chips were much smaller this time, so Leo and Roy worked on a few Santas to enlarge the pile of chips on the floor. Lunch call was made at noon so we headed to the house for hot vegetable soup and sandwiches. We had a short meeting after lunch, discussing our August Class and how new State Regulations requiring Unemployment Insurance payments being paid for anyone teaching one of our Classes. We are working with the Museum as they also offer classes to figure out the new regulations. Back to carving, we worked till around 2 when several had to leave, cleaned up the Shop and headed home before the storm arrived. After note, Northern Vt was blanketed Sunday morning with 6" in the morning, and Barb reported her plow guy said he plowed 9-10" from her driveway in Southern VT....



March 8, 2025 Carve-In

Host: Dave Tabor

Location: Magee Office Products - Randolph, VT

At our January CarveIn we decided that, Randolph would once again be an excellent location to get together for our March CarveIn as who knows what kind of weather we might have.. Dave Tabor reserved

the space again for us, providing a nice central location with lots of room to carve and easy to clean up the chip pile we always seem to make. We begin carving at 10:00. 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 12, 2025 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 we stay very comfortable. He usually has a project cut out to try for the day, or bring along a project to show others what you have been working on.. Hopefully we will have a rough blank of the August Class Great Blue Heron ready to show, as well as a chance for catching up on planning our August 52nd GMWC Show.

Carving Pattern



At the February CarveIn, Dave Tuttle once again brought a project for us to try our knives on. This time, a small pendant showing a cardinal sitting on a pine cone and branch. The blank he provided was $\frac{1}{4} \times 1 - \frac{5}{8} \times 2 - \frac{3}{4}$, but you can enlarge the photo to whatever size to match available wood. Small holes were drilled to help with the cutout areas. As mentioned in the CarveIn writeup, the piece is very small, so a glove should be used and don't expect to have a pile of chips after carving. It took the majority of us to finish the carving in a few hours, with quite a bit of time working on the small details. Painting is straight forward, hopefully you have access to small detail brushes

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