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November / December 2025

2026 GMWC Dues – Time to check your mailing label!

Our Annual Meeting marks the beginning of our new fiscal year. Financially, in the past we have remained solvent, we rely largely on membership dues to cover our expenses like liability insurance, mailings and website expenses, however as you check this years financial report you will see we are falling behind in part due to members forgetting to renew. Many renew their memberships at the Show and Annual Meeting, and it's that time of year again...GMWC dues are now due for 2026. Please check your mailing label. If the date in the upper right corner is not 2026, 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 2025 CarveIn Report:

Mike Rood hosted our September CarveIn at his house in Chelsea. This was a new location for us and he pulled out all the stops to make for a great day of carving for the 10 members that attended. He had good directions as well as signs at the turn up the road, and 2 large tents all set up with picnic tables. The coffee table was all set with fresh bakes blueberry muffins and cranberry muffins to add to our morning snacks. The project for the day was a set of hummingbird toaster tongs in cherry. As everyone arrived we went to work on seeing how many chips we could make in the morning between the tongs and other projects we had brought. While a bit cool at first, the day warmed up as we worked through the morning. By noon a large Crockpot of chili came out with all the fixings including sliced jalapeno chilies from the garden which lets say had a "lot of character", soon followed with hot rolls and apple crisp fresh from the oven. Full from lunch we went back to carving. As usual each carving came out a bit different as some choose to finish as a "smoothy", sanding the cherry tongs. We carved till almost 2:30, with everyone heading home and thanking Mike for a great day of carving.

2025 GMWC Annual Meeting

Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington, VT

The 2025 Annual Meeting and October Carve-In was held at the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington on Saturday October 18, 2025. Fall foliage has turned to stick-season in most of Vermont but seems to be holding in Huntington. President Matthew Strong called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. Although we had 8 members attend the morning carve-in, only 7 members of the club attended the Business Meeting. We even had a few folks wander through from the museum to see the workshop. This included one lady who had done Ivory soap carving years ago, reminiscing about it fondly.

Officer Reports:

Matt Strong handed out copies of the 2024 Meeting Minutes, and highlights from the minutes were discussed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was passed unanimously.

David Tabor, on Treasurer Barbara Taylor's behalf, passed out the treasurer's report, and highlights from the report were discussed. Matt Strong noted that there was a check from Birds of Vermont for our share of the August class, as well as a few dues payments, that were still outstanding and would offset some of the 971.26 loss from the year. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A quick discussion of the August class ensued, with members noting that it was another good class. Those who attended were very happy.

President Strong also discussed another successful Show at the Museum. We had 11 presenters and many people in attendance. The consensus is that the Show's new home is working out well.

New Business:

A donation to Birds of Vermont was discussed. We donated to them last year, since we used the museum for our class. A motion was accepted to continue that \$300 donation another year.

President Strong described discussions surrounding the August Class with thoughts that this would again be a 3-day class, this time to carve a Kingfisher. Bob Lindemann will be the instructor. This group was in favor of these plans.

President Strong also brought up the possibility of a May Class, noting that teaching carving is at the core of our organization, and noting a suggestion of carving a turtle from earlier in the day. Thoughts were that this would be a 2-day class at Birds of Vermont, with Matt Strong as instructor. There was much enthusiasm for this idea from the members. More information will be presented as planning continues.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made to ask Dave Tuttle to cast one vote to re-elect all of our present Officers and Executive Board. The motion was seconded and passed, with a thank you to all those elected for serving another year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Tabor, on behalf of our Secretary, Bob Lindemann.

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Profit & Loss

October 2024 through September 2025

Income	
Membership Dues	325.00
Inventory Sales	10.00
Classes/Workshops	0.00
Total Income	335.00
Expenses	
Contributions	300.00
Operations	
Postage	218.00
Printing, copying	44.27
Website	178.35
Liability Insurance	355.00
Total Expenses	1096.32
Net Income	(761.32)

November 2025 Carve-In

Saturday, November 8, 2025 (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 8th, a week before Deer Season starts so no excuses not to attend... This is a good time to bring along all the Holiday carvings you are working on, as well as some unfinished projects. 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, which he promises to repaint someday.

December 2025 Carve-In Cancelled as usual for the Holidays

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 -

At the September CarveIn Mike provided us with a cutout he was using for his holiday carvings made out of thin cherry. The project went over quite well so for those not at the CarveIn, while due to its length won't fit the page here is photos of the pattern and details of the handle. To keep from splitting be careful with the inside cut and finish the tongs before going onto the hummingbird itself. It can be finished as a carved pattern using a "V" tools to detail the wings or sanded.



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Membership

Current members, don't forget to check your mailing label. If it does not show 2026 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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