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September/October 2025

## **Our 52nd Annual Show & Exhibit – Birds of Vermont Museum Huntington, Vermont**

After the success last year of our Annual Show and 3 day Carving Seminar at the Birds of Vermont Museum creating a sort of "4 day celebration of WoodCarving", we returned this year for our 52<sup>nd</sup>. Once again, the weather cooperated as we set up 6 canopys outside the Museum for the 12 members that attended. As we were setting up, people



already started to arrive. Throughout the morning we had a good number of visitors coming to visit the Museum and see the Show, and being able to talk with us on how carving are made and the variety of carving styles. As a plus, we also picked up two new members we hope to see at our CarveIn this fall. With such a nice day, many chose to see the Show in the morning so after noon attendance started to drop off. Once again a good Annual Show, thank you, Birds of Vermont and to all our members that set up, and shared table space and tents to those needing them to make our 52nd Show a success once again. If you have any ideas for next year's Show, bring them to our Annual Meeting in October.

## **2025 – 3 Day Carving Seminar**

### **Scale Blue Heron w/ Matthew Strong & Bob Lindemann**

Our August Class, this year was a scale Great Blue Heron with Matthew Strong, covering carving and Bob Lindemann texturing and painting. The 3 day class was once again held at the Birds of Vermont Museum. The Museum has recently installed a heat pump to help with the August heat, but the first day of the it class stayed in the high 60's, unusual for August. There was a choice of two sizes with many in the group deciding to do one in the class and the other later. Due to the long bent neck, the blanks were in 2 pieces, so Matt decided to start with the body. Due to the amount of wood needing to be removed, we had a good pile of chips on the floor as we started on the back and lower part of the neck then transitioned to the bottom. By lunch time the blanks were starting to look like headless herons. The afternoon was devoted to finishing blocking in the blank and then laying out the wing location and carving the wings, tail and underside.

Day two was devoted to carving the head. We started with a centerline around the blank and then laying out the major features. Due to the large bend in the neck and possibility of splitting in half, we proceeded slowly to begin rounding the head and establishing the beak, and then rounding the neck staying away from

where the neck is doweled to the body. Matt showed the group how to carve the beak in a variety of steps, with the heads taking shape by lunchtime. In the afternoon the head was final shaped and sanded, and then the eye holes were drilled and eyes set. To finish the day, the head and body were glued together and set aside to dry for the night.

Friday the final day the main parts of the heron now only needed the large lump of wood between the two pieces finish rounded to complete the neck. Matt demonstrated how you have to carve each side of the joint in different directions so as

not to split the wood. After some final sanding, the main feather groups were laid out and carved, then Bob show the group how to some texturing of the neck using power carving with a diamond bit and stone texturing. After lunch it was time to paint. With the bright sun after each step the heron could be put on the front porch to dry quickly in the sun, and ready for the next color layer of paint. By the end of the class friday, just about all the herons were finish carved and painted with a few just needing a few final details painted which were done during the Show on Saturday.



## July 2025 CarveIn Report

**Host: Dave Tabor -Randolph VT**

Due to a conflict this year, Dave Tabor volunteered to host our July CarveIn at Magee Office Products on Randolph. The hot weather continued as we arrived, but the air conditioner was running and the room all set up and very comfortable for the 11 carvers that attended. Once again, Bill Rice was able to drive down the hill and join us plus bringing an assortment of old magazines to pass out. As always the table was full of an assortment of snacks to keep us sustained throughout the morning. Being the month before our Annual class and show, there was a lot of discussion about details from the size of the Heron, and various ways to carve and mount the finished piece to how to make sure we are able to get the word out about the Show to the Public. Lots of Chips were produced, with quite a few coming from comfort and song bird carving projects. We took a working lunch and then continued carving and talking about the upcoming August Class and Show despite our President being absent, till around 2:00 when we decided it was time to head home.

## September 13, 2025 Carve-In

**Host: Dave Mike Rood (802) 685-7706**

**Location: Clelsea, VT**

We are always looking for members to host our Monthly CarveIns and this year, Mike Rood has offered to host our September CarveIn at his house on Chelsea. Plan on Chili for lunch so bring a good appetite as well of course your carving tools to work on the day's project.

**Directions:** Coming from Central Vermont, Take Exit 7 (Berlin) off the Interstate. At the Hospital go down to Barre City. Go thru downtown Barre and take 302 past the History Museum and thru east Barre and at the Roundabout at the top of the hill go right onto 110 south, about 14 miles through Washington and into Chelsea. At the "Welcome to Chelsea" sign on the right, you will take the next left onto Upper Village Rd, he is the 2<sup>nd</sup> house on the left with a green and white tent in the yard.

Coming from the South, take Exit 2 (Sharon) - left to VT Rte 132 to a stop sign. Right onto VT Rte 14 to South Royalton, Right onto VT Rte 110 (follow for 14 miles). You go through Chelsea Village and as you leave the Village at a sharp corner, take the right onto Upper village Rd, 2<sup>nd</sup> house on the left.

In case you use GPS house is 9 Upper Village Rd, Chelsea, VT 05038

## Saturday October 18th, 2025 Carve-In & Annual Meeting

### Birds of VT Museum

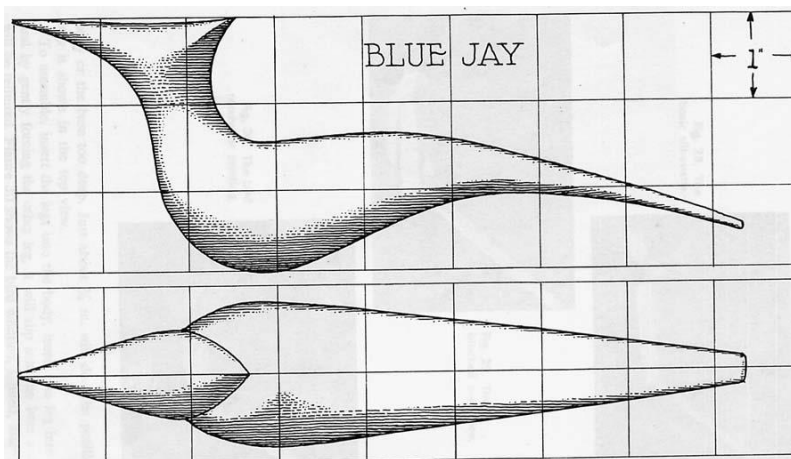
#### Location: Huntington, VT

To once again try to avoid the usual Columbus Day traffic Leaf Peeper jams, the Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Woodcarvers and our October CarveIn will be held this year on October 18th, 2025, the third Saturday in October, hosted by the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington, Vermont. The CarveIn will begin at 10:00, while the Business Meeting will begin at 12:00 to hear the reports of the present Officers, elect Officers for next year and conduct any appropriate business. The Annual Meeting, is not just about electing Officers but, determining the direction of our Club, and what we will be planning for next year.

This will be always a very important meeting for as many of our members to attend as possible. We need your participation and ideas to help determine the future direction of our Club. One of the main topics of discussion will be our Annual Show and Exhibit and discuss the subject for next year's Class. We hope to see you at the CarveIn and Annual Meeting, it's a great place to spend a nice fall day.

### Carving Pattern

At the Show there were a number of tables that had comfort Birds. Bill Stinson has made quite a few he had carved from various types of wood which were fun to see as well as figuring out each of the species of woods they were carved from. Another stylized bird pattern that would be nice to try to carve out of various species of woods would be the Blue Jay pattern shown below, probably not full size, but more the size of a larger comfort bird.



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### Membership

Current member's, 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.

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