



September - October 2009

2009 GMWC Banquet/Exhibit Report

After an extremely wet summer, our August Show just happened to fall on the first day of summer, temperatures in the mid 80's and our first 3 day stretch without rain. Some had a bit of trouble getting to the school, as a few days before the Show the major bridge in town was closed to traffic, requiring a very long detour for those coming from the north. As always, Roy had everything well planned, set up began Friday afternoon, and then the Banquet was Friday evening. Attendance at the banquet was a bit low, but those attending had an excellent evening. Saturday proved to be another nice summer day. Roy



provided laminated GMWC Logo signs for the carving tables, which we attached with Velcro strips. Many people after figuring out the detour made their way to the show early. Many commented they wanted to get to the show early and then enjoy one of our few nice summer days. As expected attendance started dropping off by noon.

To add more gray hair to Roy's head, our food vendor dropped out 2 days before the Show, so a Pizza Run provided lunch for the day. Ingrid organized a soap carving class for early afternoon. About 10 young carvers crowded around the table, some trying carving for the first time.

Once again we had a juried carving table. Throughout the day people attending cast votes for their favorite carving on the table. Around 3:00 Roy tabulated the results, and awarded ribbons. Richard Taylor received a 3rd place ribbon with his Indian on a horse. 2nd place was Fred Snay with a Georgia Quail, and 1st place was also Fred with an oversize Smallmouth Bass. Peoples Choice also was also awarded to Fred's Smallmouth Bass.

Once again we need to Thank Roy for all his work organizing the August events and also to everyone who participated, and volunteered to help. We hope to see you all at next years Show.

2010 GMWC Dues Renewal Notice

Now that we are past the transition year, everyone should check their membership label. Our membership year now begins and ends with the August show. Those paying dues at the show should now have 2010 on their mailing label. If you did not pay your dues at the Show, you can do it at the Annual meeting in October, or use the form on the pack page of the newsletter. We are trying to keep our membership dues at \$10. With rising postage and printing costs, we can't afford to mail newsletters to members with delinquent dues. Please check your mailing label, and if it is still 2009 please return the membership form ASAP. If you have an Email, or it has changed recently please also include it on the membership form.

July Carve-In Report

Our July Carve In was hosted by Les Waters at his Summer Camp on Lake Champlain. Matt and family arrived hoping to repeat last years kayaking adventure while Matt was carving but a stiff south wind kept the kayaks on the roof rack. Les still planned his Dutch oven desert, but again with the weather report did his cooking indoors. The weather did cooperate, we had a nice stiff south wind and overcast skies, but no rain during the Carve In. Ford Marden a new member worked on a ball in cage carving, while others worked on a variety of carvings.

By lunch time the wind had picked up, but still dry. Les prepared a soup for lunch and then out came the Dutch Oven Blueberry Cobbler for desert. We had a short meeting and it was reported our numbers for the August show are a bit down. Roy made a proposal to have laminated GMWC logs signs for the carving tables, which was approved. After the meeting we could feel the weather changing, so most headed home while a few stayed around for a while to carve and enjoy the lake side carving location.

September 19th, 2009 Carve-In Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival

Note: this is the 3rd Saturday

Our September Carve-In will be held on the third Saturday, September 20, 2008. For the past three year several of our members attended the Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival with a table provided alongside the Birds Of Vermont Table. It was so well received we decided to again hold our September Carve-In at the Festival. Those attending suggested we once again have our September Carve-In at the Festival. Matt will arrive early to set up the table. The Festival opens at 10:00 and runs till 4:00. There is an admission to the Festival and no pets are allowed. Bring a project and your tools, spend some time at the GMWC table carving, along with the opportunity to see the other excellent exhibits at the Festival.

Directions to Shelburne Farms: From Burlington follow VT Rte 7 south to the first traffic light in the center of Shelburne Village. Turn right onto Harbor Rd. Follow Harbor Rd to the first stop sign and left into Shelburne Farms. Alternatively before getting to Shelburne Village you can turn onto Bay Rd which also goes to the Farm.

GMWC Annual Meeting / October Carve-In Saturday, October 10, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain WoodCarvers will be held at our October 11,2008 Carve-In hosted by the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington, Vermont. 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.

This will be a very important meeting for as many of our members to attend as possible. If you attended this years' banquet or show last month you are aware of the many challenges facing the future of the Green Mountain WoodCarvers. We need your participation and ideas to help determine the direction of our club. Please plan on attending.

Future Carve-In Dates

At the August show, we went around to compile a list of Carve-In locations for the next year. Here is your chance to fill in your new 2010 calendar. We have December open as this time of the year is a very busy as people get ready for the holidays.

November 2009 - Matt Strong, Stowe VT
December 2009 - OPEN
January 2010 - Burr Morse, Montpelier, VT
February 2010 - Barb & Wood Taylor Putney, VT
March 2010 - Everett Demeritt, N.Wolcot, VT

April 2010 - Dave Tuttle Walpole, NH
May 2010 - Don Heureman Barre, VT
June 2010 - Bob Lindemann Moretown, VT
July 2010 - Les Waters St Albans Bay, VT
August 2010 - Annual Show & Exhibit

Dave Tuttle - Cowboys and Gnomes - August Carving Class

Dave Tuttle was our instructor for our 2009 Carving Class. In the past, we have used the basement of the American Legion Hall, but this year, Wood arranged for us to use the Morrisville Senior Center, a much larger space, with air conditioning and large stain glass windows for light. Our subject for this year was a character carving of a cowboy gun fighter. 9 members attended the three day class. The award for the person traveling the greatest distance goes to Graeme Rhind who traveled half way around the world from Australia just to attend our August Class and Show.

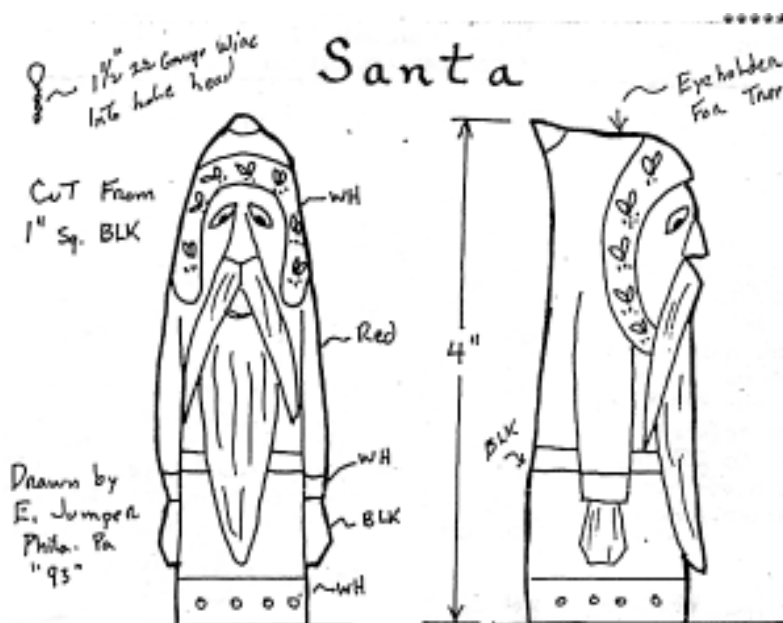
After handing out the cutouts, we quickly got to work removing excess material and blocking in the basic features. By the end of the first day we had made enough progress that Dave handed out practice blocks so we could learn to work on the procedure for carving faces. By day two, we had made so much progress we set aside the cowboy and carved a Christmas Gnome, practicing carving faces again. After lunch we went back to carve the cowboy face and hat, and adding more details to the figure. By the third day out came the paints. Dave demonstrated his painting technique on the gnome first and then as we finished the cowboy, we started painting the cowboy. By the end of class most had finished both carvings.

The Senior Center provided an excellent location for the class. As we were sharing the space, other activities were also going on at the Center. One day there were local musicians, and another a dance class, which Ingrid quickly joined in to learn a few more steps. Once again we had a great August, thanks to Dave offering to share his experience with the Club. Next year? If you have ideas give Wood a call.



Carving Pattern

We have printed this gnome pattern in the past, which is similar to the one we carved with Dave. Dave used a basswood block 2 x 2 x 5, and we carved the hood first and then the hands and face along one edge of the block. You can layout the beard and robe anyway you wish. Although everyone followed the same pattern, no two looked alike. Dave use the pattern to help teach how to carve faces, and painting technique



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MEMBERSHIP

Current members, don't forget to check your mailing label for when you need to renew your membership. The date printed is the year you have paid dues for. Membership dues are \$10. 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 this form on, and invite them to join.

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