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January - February 2026

2026 GMWC Dues - Check your mailing label!!!

It's that time of year again, GMWC dues are now due for 2026. Please check your mailing label or email with the link to the issue. If the date is not 2026, please complete the membership form on the last page of the newsletter and return to Barb Taylor. We sometimes misplace a renewal update, so please let us know. The dues for 2026 are still only \$15. If you have an Email, please print the address clearly so we can update our membership list. Those receiving the newsletter via Email are now also up for renewal, please also use the form on page 4. If you have not signed up to receive your newsletter via eMail, please do, about three quarters of our members are, and it saves a lot of work printing and mailing the newsletters and helps keep our expenses and membership dues low, **plus** the newsletter and photos are in color! At times we have to make changes to our CarveIn schedule, email is a quick way to keep you updated. Even if you have been unable to attend many of our events for one reason or another, please renew your membership to stay informed and help support the Club. With the rising postage costs, we will soon need to be dropping members not up to date with their memberships.

2026 GMWC August 3 Day Carving Seminar- Scale Belted Kingfisher

At the Annual Meeting we began the discussion of the subject for our August 2026 3 Day Carving Class. With the success of the past 2 classes we again carving at the Birds of Vermont Museum for the class we decided to go with a Belted Kingfisher. Due to its size, it will be a slightly smaller scale and will include setting feet and mounting on a base or branch. Due to its size, the class is suitable for both novice and more experienced carvers, as the carving can be done as a more basic "smoothie" or more detailed at the carver's choice. However due to its size, carvers should have a good size carving knife in addition to smaller palm tools. We will have more about the class to pass along in the next issue.



GMWC - 501(c)3 Not for Profit Contributions

It seems between "Giving Tuesday" and then the "End of Year Annual Campaigns" my Inbox is full of solicitations this time of year. Several years ago, Barb spearheaded the process of having the GMWC designated as a 501(c)3. You may notice, the membership form has been updated a bit and now has a space where you can make an additional contribution to the GMWC as a Not for Profit at the same time you pay your yearly dues.

GMWC "Black Friday" Sale

Ok, I think we are a bit late, For the past few years, the GMWC has had various GMWC Logo items available for our members. We have just about exhausted our inventory and still have a number of size medium polo's in light and dark blue and red. So maybe a bit later, we are having a Black Friday, Going Out

of Business sale. Make an offer if you happen to wear size medium or know someone that does and be ready for warmer weather.

November CarveIn Report:

Our November CarveIn was hosted by President Matthew Strong at his Studio in Stowe Vermont on November 8th. Not being Deer Season yet, your Editor was able to attend along with nine other members. You never know what to expect with November weather, and as we headed to Matt's house in Stowe, the Front Four ski trails on Mt Mansfield were already covered in white, yet the thermometer was showing a nice sunny day in the low 50's. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day! Matt had the shop all cleaned and the coffee ready and the carvers helped fill the table with cookies and snacks to carry us thru the



morning. Matt had turned a number of miniature basswood rolling pins and an example of carving a Santa face on the rolling pin, so many started on that project while others had brought along spoons, comfort birds and other projects to finish getting ready for the Holiday Craft Shows. Between talking and carving, Chris brought along some of the small songbirds to show us what she had been carving and painting over the summer. Around noon Matt brought down a large crockpot of chili and bread for lunch, and we pretty much cleaned up the crockpot, then Chris uncovered a homemade apple pie which was soon down to just a "polite small leftover piece". During lunch we also looked over the Belted Kingfisher pattern for the August Class. Back to making chips, we carved till around 2:30 and called it a day.

January 10, 2026 Carve-In

Host: Dave Tabor - @ Magee Office Products - Randolph, VT

January always seems to present challenges with winter travel, we wanted to have a very central location and Dave Tabor has again arranged for us being able to meet at Magee Office Products in Randolph which has a large meeting room and with a central location. Hopefully by the CarveIn we will have some roughouts of our summer classes to give you a better idea of how the projects will look. Bring a project and come spend a day with other carvers and work on keeping your first New Year's Resolution to do more carving in 2026 and of course making sure you have covered your membership dues for 2026. We hope you can join us.

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>

February 14, 2026 Carve-In

Host: Barb Taylor - Putney, VT

Barbara Taylor will again host our February 2026 CarveIn. Table saw serves as a good table for the coffee and donuts and kuchen, as well as other snack people bring. The woodstove is running to keep us

warm, and the soup lunch its always a treat on a cold day. Bring a project to work on and Dave often has a pattern you to try your knives on. It's a bit of a drive from the north, but always worth the trip, and a good chance to Carpool if you live "up north" and feel comfortable doing so..

Directions from the north:

Take I-91 South to the Westminster Exit #5, then Route 5 South to Westminster Center, clock your mileage at this point the shop is about 3 miles on the right. The house has cedar siding and a green metal roof. Watch for the sign on the shop.

Directions from the south:

Take I-91 North to the Putney Exit #4, then Route 5 north (about 6 miles), passing Harlow's Sugar House on the right, just past the Sugar House clock the mileage from the bridge going past I-91, the shop is 2 miles on the left.

A Holiday note from "down under":

Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

We are not in the garden today, too hot (30 degrees C./ 88 degrees F.) and wild winds, so we are writing our Christmas cards in comfy chairs in a cool space. Graeme is passionate about gardening. It is just the beginning of Summer, the vegetables and fruits are already coming along well, and we have even eaten our first tomatoes, which were started in the glasshouse. When we are not busy with outdoor jobs, we attend weekly sessions of choir practice, chair yoga, and every Tuesday all our friends meet for lunch at The Village, where everyone brings something, always good fun. Since travel is just too difficult these days, we are visiting cafes and restaurants more often, also fun. We have just been invited to sell our artwork and crafts at the local Spring Bay Maritime Museum, which is just setting up a gallery and a store. Our plate is full, and life is good.

We hope all is well with you, and please forward this to the Woodies, I miss you all, hugs and love,

~Ingrid and Graeme.

Carving Pattern – Fan Carving

With the Holidays now past, hopefully unlike me, you were all able to finish your Christmas carvings on schedule. Finding a pattern to put into each issue is always a challenge, so this time I'll use a focus of making a New Year's Resolution to try another aspect of WoodCarving...

One aspect of carving you may not have tried is Fan Carving. It is a very old form of Eastern European carving, where you slice parts of the carving very thin and then "fan" them to create a 3D shape to your carving. As with any new type of carving you try, there is a bit of a learning curve both in the type and prep of the wood you select and the technique used to slice and "fan" out the slices..

David and Sally Nye have published books on the technique and have a website to help pass Fan Carving on to new carvers. Each year they donate a book on Fan Carving to the Club which we have passed along to several of our members to try. If you would like to try Fan Carving, you can check their website: fancarversworld.com and we also have a copy of their book we can loan you.



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Membership

Current member's, 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.

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