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July / August 2025

### "4 Day Festival of Woodcarving"

#### **GMWC August Show & Sale at Birds of Vermont Museum**

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

In 2023, we reached a milestone, with our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual August Show and Sale at the Rusty Parker Park in downtown Waterbury Vermont. To celebrate our next 50, we decided to move the Annual Show to the Birds of Vermont Museum. As we are already doing our 3 day class there just before the Show, this has sort of created a "4 day Festival of WoodCarving". The move was very successful, and all decided this we wanted to continue for 2025. To meet some scheduling issues our Show this year will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025. This is a good opportunity to get together with fellow carvers, show your work, and get more people interested in woodcarving. We can think of our Annual Show as a large outdoor CarveIn where we invite the public to join us. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us to celebrate our 52nd year of our Annual Public Carving Show. Don't have a canopy or table for the outdoor Show? No problem, we have some to share. As the Show is right after the August class, its also a good time to see the progress on the Herons. For those in the class a time to fine tune the project and start some painting.

**August 20-22, 2025**

**3 Day Carving Class:**

**Scale Great Blue Heron w/ Matthew and Bob**

This years 3 Day August Carving Class will be a scale Great Blue Heron. 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. The project can be completed using mainly a knife and palm size tools. We had a painted prototype for members to look over at the April CarveIn, and will again have it at the May CarveIn at Birds of VT. The cost of the class will be \$125 in addition a small material fee will be collected at the class to cover the cost of the blank and supplies. Registration is a bit different this year, checks need to be made out to the Birds of Vermont Museum and sent to Barb Taylor as well as letting Matt



know you are signing up so we have enough blanks ready. The class will be limited to 10 participants, so please sign up early to reserve your spot. At the June CarveIn, we are already at about 7 signed up and paid, so don't wait till the last minute to reserve your spot.

## May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 CarveIn Report

**Host: Birds Of Vermont Museum- Huntington, VT**

Our May Carve-In was hosted by the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington.. Once again, May forgot to bring Flowers and brought rain again, a good excuse to spend early summer day carving. While we only had six carvers, an Art Group from Middlebury had planned to visit the museum after seeing that the GMWC was planning on carving that day at the Museum. Along with the new lighting, there was also now a heat pump in the shop to help keep the room warm and cool in the summer. We quickly began to make a pile of chips as we talked with the Art group and the museum guest. After seeing the prototype Heron several attending made sure they stopped in and registered for the class with Erin. Matt's and my Common Merganser Hen "work in progress" was brought down to meet "Melvin" the Museum's male merganser for the first time. I have not put in the glass eyes, but Matt was not present he didn't have the opportunity to say they had a "blind date". Again, thank you for a good day to meet and carve.



## June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 CarveIn Report

**Host: Bob Lindemann - Moretown, VT**



Our June Carve-In was be hosted by Bob Lindemann. Once again after almost 25 weekends including rain at least one day, it was lightly raining very early and in the low 50's but as we started carving things began to clear up. By 10:30 carvers kept arriving till we had 11 carvers busy filling the floor with chips. making a pile of chips on the floor, including Bill and Bruce which we had not seen for a few months. Of course the snack table had enough cookies, donut holes, grapes to carry us through the morning.

We talked about the August class and the two sizes of Herons we will be offering. The number is quickly reaching our 10 carver limit. By lunchtime the sun was shining as the grill was lit for the natural casing hotdogs, b-b-cue beans and potato salad people had brought to share, finished off with rhubarb strawberry crisp and ice cream. As usual no one went home

hungry. After lunch, we kept carving, talked about other projects and the upcoming Show. One of the advantages of the CarveIns, members had brought wood and carving patterns to share as well as several blanks. We worked till about 2:30.

## July 12th, 2025 CarveIn

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

For the past several Years, Bill Stinson despite numerous floods and road closures has hosted our July CarveIn, this year he has to take a year off, so at the CarveIOn Dave Tabor has volunteered to host us at Magee Office Products on July 12<sup>th</sup>. As this will just before our August Class and Show, we will be using part of the day to work out all the details of our "4 Days Festival Of Woodcarving" at the Birds of Vermont.

#### 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>

## Carving Pattern - "From Christmas to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July"

Sometimes new ideas are not really "new", often new ideas are sometimes just an older idea adapted to a new use. I have been looking for a simple gnome design that I could use for novice carving classes. A while ago while looking thru the pile of catalogs that seem to just appear in our mailbox each throughout the year, I came across this picture of some gnomes and guess what? Instead of Christmas attire for helping Santa, they seem to have been reinvented to help Uncle Sam. So here is your 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Carving Pattern though I have to admit you have just enough time to get it done by the 4<sup>th</sup>... What other carving patterns can you think of that can be adapted?



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