



3 Day Carving Class- August 12-14, 2026 **Carving a Scale Belted Kingfisher w/ Bob Lindemann**

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 be offering our August Carving Seminar with 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 included 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 carvers choice. However due to its size, carvers should have a good size carving knife in addition to smaller palm tools. The project is not recommended for beginner carvers. Members were able to see the progress on the prototype at the January and February CarveIns. During the class participants will be able to finish carving, setting the eyes and legs, and beginning to paint. We will finish painting at the Annual Meeting as needed. More details in the next newsletter and email.



53rd GMWC August Show & Sale - Saturday August 15, 2026 **Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington, VT**

In 2023, we reached a milestone, with our 50th Annual August Show and Sale at the Rusty Parker Park in downtown Waterbury Vermont. To celebrate our next 50, last year 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". Our Annual Show has traditionally been held on the 3rd Saturday, and again this year we are going back to our traditional date to avoid any scheduling difficulties for our members. 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 53rd year of our Annual Public Carving Show. Tables are free, don't have a canopy or table for the outdoor Show? No problem, we have some to share.

March 2026 Carve-In Report:

Hard to tell if this year March "came in like a lion." We had a major warmup and flood warnings, but by March 14th for our CarveIn hosted by Dave Tabor, it decided to play games again with a snow, but things cleared a bit on the way in as the 8 carvers arrived to find the room all set up, and the snack table was quickly filled with all sorts of things to carry us through the day carving. A highlight, Dave brought one of his telescopes for us to see and Matt brought one of his Dragon, and a visit from Bill Rice. Others brought along a variety of projects to work on from a few spoons, a musical frog one of Matt's hound dogs and of course a Santa thrown in for variety. With the recent political situation, we kept the conversation focused on carving a with a few jokes and puns thrown in as we carved. It was a bit hard to tell when noon arrived, as the time had changed and the wall clock was also a half hour slow, but some took a short lunch break and then went we back to making a good chip pile on the floor, which kept growing till around 2:00 we decided to call it a day and started cleaning up the room. As we left some noticed with the spike in gas prices, downtown it had not spiked as other places yet. On the way home our weather window began to close, the winds had picked up for the trip home with snow across the Interstate, and heavier snow once we got home safely. Again, Thank You Dave for a great day of Carving.

April Carve-In Report:

April showers and an early week snow helped bring early spring weather for our trip to Walpole for our April CarveIn... The northern group was down to just Matt and myself, and as we arrived, Dave was starting the heater to warm up the garage and had some "shelf elf" style Santa cutouts for the day's project. Others soon arrived and we were up to 9 carvers. As always the snack table was stocked with coffee, kuchen, scones and cookies to hold us over till lunch. While many worked on the shelf elf Santas, Dustin and Oliver again focused on spoon carvings. A few time during the morning, Dave made a trip to the basement to help touchup some of our dull tools, while lots of chips filled the floor throughout the conversations during the morning. We covered everything from the summer class, the Lunar flight the night before and the arrival of tick season. Back to carving we worked till around noon Bowls of Corn Chowder and bread arrived. During lunch, Dale, "the Carvin' Barber" arrived and showed us the same Santa he had carved during the week with Dave as well as photos of the chainsaw carving he has been working on. We called it a day at 2:00 and did a few of us did a short side trip to Barb's to help start sorting thru Wood's wood collection in the attic, including a few carvings we can finish and put on the fundraising table at the August Show.. Once again thank you Dave for a great day of carving and excellent corn chowder.



From the Mailbag:

Barb recently got a note from James Lockhart, our past President and a Facebook post from Karyn De Punte of the former Cape Forge Knives. Jame's schedule has not let him attend the CarveIns for a few years. He reports he recently was awarded the Art Teacher of the Year Award and was going thru an Art Gallery and saw some vintage carved pieces and hopes to get back to carving soon, as he is getting ready for retirement and looks forward to once again picking up his carving tools and being able to carve with us.

Karyn - "Hi Barbara - Glad you're still going. It's been awhile since I made a knife. Dad (Mike) passed in 2022 and my Mom in 2020. I changed careers over 8 years ago, and now I work primarily in Glass. I am the executive director to the International Glass Bead makers society. I miss my knife making days and all the wonderful woodcarvers we had the pleasure of working with. I pass by Putney and think of you! Keep Carving! "

May 9th, 2026 CarveIn

Host: Birds Of Vermont Museum- Huntington, VT

Our May Carve-In will be hosted by the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington. Most of our members know the directions, but just in case, take the I-89 Richmond exit, go into Richmond, go south and follow the signs to the Museum. As we will be meeting indoors in the shop area, and Museum guests will be visiting, please remember to bring a mask. The Museum houses our extensive book collection, this is a good time to check out our carving book library. As we are planning for our August Class and Show at the Museum, this is also a good opportunity to get the latest updates, see the prototype Kingfisher and being at the Museum, its easy to sign up for the class as well.

June 13th, 2026 Carve-In

Host: Matthew Strong

Location: Stowe, VT

Due to a conflict (my sister-in-laws funeral) I will not be able to host our June 13th, GMWC President Matt Strong has volunteered to host our June CarveIn at his Studio in Stowe. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can carve outside. This will be a good time to get the latest details on our August Events. 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.

Carving Pattern

Once again Dave provided a pattern and cutouts for a Santa style Shelf Elf project at our April CarveIn. In case you missed the meeting, here is a photo of the sequence along with the finished Santa style Shelf Elf. The pattern he used is the standard shelf elf pattern cut from a 1 ½ X 2 X 4 block., with a cut in the back so it can sit on a shelf. He added a few candy canes along the hat for finer details. Snow is pretty much melted, so a good time to get started early for next Christmas.



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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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