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3 Day Carving Class- August 20th - 22nd

Carving a Scale Great Blue Heron w/ Matthew Strong & Bob Lindemann

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.



52nd GMWC August Show & Sale - Saturday August 23, 2025

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". 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.

March 2025 Carve-In Report:

Hard to tell if this year March "came in like a lion." With a mix of sub zero days and off and on rain days it is hard to tell, but by March 8th for our March CarveIn hosted by Dave Tabor, it decided to cooperate, more or less. The temperatures stayed in the mid 20's 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. Everyone brought along a variety of projects to work on from comfort birds to spoons, a horse head relief, Santas, and ornaments. Matt brought along the rough rounded Merganser blank, and I brought along three roughed out heads to play with, to start making some more progress. With the recent political situation, we kept the conversation focused on carving with a few old jokes and puns thrown in. As noon arrived we had a good start on the 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. Soon after leaving, ironically 4 of the carvers all met again at the same \$2.99 gas station. The winds had picked up for the trip home with high wind gusts and curtains of snow across the Interstate on the way home. Again, Thank You Dave for a great place to meet for a day of Carving.



April Carve-In Report:

April showers bring May flowers, not quite this year... As the northern group met at the park and ride in Middlesex for the drive down to Dave's in NH, it was raining lightly. By Randolph light snow, by White River Junction, more snow and slush, and most of the rest of the way down the passing lane was almost 2" of slush and rather slow going. But the Northern contingent arrived to start carving by 10 as usual. Dave had the garage heater going, and cutouts ready for carving a Scandinavian Rooster. But we did notice something, except for Dave the six attending were all from Northern Vermont. We had a good morning caring but did notice at times the room didn't seem to have many conversations going as we filled Dave's garage with wood chips. I had brought the Blue Heron painted prototype for the August Class, and talked about how we would be doing registrations for the class this year. By noon we went in the house and were greeted with a warm bowl of corn chowder and carrot cake. Back to carving we worked till we had to leave at 2:00 to find most of the snow and slush had melted and just a rainy drive home. Once again thank you Dave for a great day of carving and excellent corn chowder.

May 10th, 2025 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, and volunteer to help at the Show. Matt will be there to talk about the Great Blue Heron carving Class and Barb hopes be there for you to sign up for the Class.

June 14th, 2025 Carve-In

Host: Bob Lindemann

Location: Moretown, VT

Our June Carve-In will be hosted by Bob Lindemann. Directions: Get off the Interstate at Exit 9 (Middlesex) go to Rte 2, Turn left onto Rte 2, just past the Red Hen Baking and the Store, turn right onto VT Rte 100B. Go past the Middlesex Dam, and turn left onto TH#66 Turner Rd. (if you get to a horse barn you went to far) At the end of the development follow the driveway uphill to the house. There will be a sign on Rte 100B at the turn. As always, if the weather is good, we'll carve by the Gazebo and picnic table, or in the garage if it happens to rain. Bring a carving to work on, and something for the B-B-cue lunch. For Roy I just found some more Maple Spam on sale, not to be missed...

Carving Pattern

Once again Dave provided a pattern and cutouts for a James Miller rooster project at our April CarveIn.



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