

West Riding Woodcarvers' Association



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October 2022 Newsletter



Martin Norman took us into the world of moulding and cast sculpturing on Saturday 8th October. Has he said, 'I can cast anything', and looking at his display of items, he certainly can. Martin is a sculptor, and Master Mould maker with many years experience. Initially working in the South of England moulding and casting for many eminent artists such as Anthony Gormly, Anish Kapoor and Sophie Ryder.

Martin set up his studio and casting business Sculpture Forms with the Sculpture Lounge working alongside other artists. As a graduate in design, he developed his own range of sculptures, mainly animals with found objects and water features. Showing the versatile nature and strengths of cold cast resins, Martin creates beautiful tactile sculptures often with a strong narrative. His work is shown at various galleries, art and craft fairs throughout the year as well as selling directly to the public. Martin produces moulds that can be used for cold casting stone and metal resins or for bronze foundries. Each mould is made using silicone rubber with a fibreglass jacket. Martin now works from Holmbridge Mill near Holmfirth



Chameleon on ball



Chameleon on bowl



Chameleon on brick



Octopus on Divers helmet



Mouse on Oilcan



Puffin



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Mick Stidever takes Inspiration from a 1306 Staircase in Wells Cathedral to explore perspective in relief carving and discover how to turn his work into a Bronze Sculpture.

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Michael Painter.

Martin Norman : Sculpture Lounge Studios, Yorkshire.



Lady & Wolfhound and Shih-Tzu by Graham.





Michael's Bridge



Margaret's Lady in the
altogether with a Buddha



The Plaques



John Farrar Texts

Thanks to all who brought along carvings to display on the 8th and also for the Harrogate Woodworking Show. I will issue separately a copy of the stewarding schedule and a car park pass windscreen display for members who are on duty on the stand. (No.50)

Don't forget that the next meeting at Dalton will be on the 14th January 2023, medical Dogs.

Menus and booking forms have been issued for the Christmas Lunch: the cut off date is the 20th November. Please return forms as soon as. The entertainment will be provided by Graham Lockwood-monologues-they will be brilliant.

(Gentlemen- don't forget the 'golf club' dress code- jacket and tie)