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Herkimer, Wed., May 17, 1967

Wendell Gilley, of Southwest Harbor, Me., president of the National Woodcarvers Association, will be featured speaker at the second annual meeting of the group's New York State Chapter, according to Donald M. Penner, state president.

He will speak at a 2 p.m. program Saturday in the Palmer House. The public is invited.

Gilley, one of the best-known whittler-carvers in the United States, is the author of, "Bird Carving," at present being reprinted in paperback from by Dover Publications, Inc.

Since carving his first bird in 1930, Gilley has completed and shipped more than 5,000 all over the world. Among those who have purchased his birds are two past presidents of the United States, a vice president, state governor and several heads of departments of state.

Prior to devoting full time to his carving the past 12 years, Gilley was a plumbing and heating contractor for 27 years.

Also active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Masons, IOOF, Beta Theta Pi college fraternity, director of the Bar Harbor Hospital, Mount Height Cemetery Assn., chairman of directors of the Southwest Harbor Public Library and member of the Southwest Harbor planning Board and Town of Southwest Harbor warrant committee.

Members of his family are also woodcarvers. Both his sister and his daughter-in-law are members of the N. W. C. A.

Also present at the convention will be Ed Galkenstein, editor of "Chip Chats." He will narrate a movie of Alex von Eld, carving a figure from the word "go" to completion.

Franklin H. Gotshall, of Boyertown, Pa., author of "You Can Whittle and Carve," "Making Useful Things of Wood," "How to Design Period Furniture," and several hundred articles on carving, will also be attending.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a noon luncheon.



WENDELL GILLEY  
... National Woodcarvers president

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