

# Mystic Carvers Club



April 2024

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The purpose of this organization is to: stimulate interest in carving as a hobby or a profession and as an art form. Our goal is to provide instruction in carving and to aid others in the practice of carving.

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**The next monthly meeting will be on April 28th** at the Quiambaug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT.

The Fire House will be open at **9:00 AM** for anyone working on his or her project or wishing to carve along with the Project leader.

The club's show and tell table is set up each month so bring your carvings to share with others.

**Check out our Web Site. @ [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**

**All mail should be directed to: Mystic Wood Carvers  
c/o: Carol Coffey, 45 Fairway Dr., Colchester, CT 06415**

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21 carvers were present at the February meeting.

Hilaire was the Project leader for February. The project was a hedge hog pin.  
Thank you Hilaire!

Wayne Smith will be the project leader for April. He will be offering a smorgasbord of projects to choose from. See the items below.

You will get to choose one project. He will have a limited amount of each item so first come first serve. Thanks Wayne!



Hilaire brought iron wood sticks for anyone interested in them at the last meeting. Thanks Hilaire.

**Ed Ertel suggested the following:**

Starting at the next meeting (April) the club will hold a “Flee Market” or “Auction” with a 10% of the money being donated to the club.

Carvers who have items they wish to sell should bring those items to the next club meeting in April. This could be several times a year.

Carol and Mary Brown suggested having carvers carve small items to donate and price them between \$1 and \$5. Any little carving will do.

These items would be collected by Mary Brown and brought to the next “Big E: woodworking show for sale by the club. Hopefully this would stir interest in wood carving for new carvers.

**Desperately needed:!!!!!!!!!!**

**We are looking for project leaders at the meetings.**

This has always been a part of our club. New members and old have enjoyed this feature of our club for EVER!!!!!! All of “US” old timers have been doing it for years and now it is time for the new members to take over. Please volunteer to teach a simple wood carving project at our meetings to continue what has always been a fun thing for members to look forward to doing.

Thank you in advance.

There will be a “Fine Woodworking in New England” open house at the CT. Valley School of Woodworking on April 26, & 27<sup>th</sup>.

This is a 2-day free event with dozens of demonstrations. The School is located at the Wood Craft Shop in Manchester.

## **Up Coming Carving Classes:**

**All classes are done at the Quiambaug Fire house. Classes begin at 9 a.m. unless stated otherwise.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>: Mike McCarthy carving a Killdeer Shore bird.**  
**Mike will be teaching a “Kildeer” standing on 2 legs on a base.**  
Class will start at 9 am and go to 5 pm.  
Cost for the day is \$50 (\$35 for carving and \$15 for rough out.  
Signup sheet will be at the meetings.

**May 3-4- & 5, Bob Stadtlander, Relief carving class.** (FULL)  
Class will begin on Friday afternoon. Check with Ed for exact time.  
Sat and Sunday class will start at 9.  
Ed Ertel is in charge so talk to him with any further questions:  
[erteled@yahoo.com](mailto:erteled@yahoo.com), 860-748-6201

**June 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>: Wayne Smith** will be teaching an animal carving class. The animal will be a wolf head.  
Cost to carve will be \$90 for the 2 days of carving with the cost of the



wolf included. Please pay at the next meeting.  
Painting will be done in August.

**July 28<sup>th</sup>. Painting With Chris O'Dea, The Quilted Santa,** that was carved in April with Wayne Smiths class. Chris O'Dea will be doing a painting class during our regular meeting for the 9 people who carved the Santa. The Santa painting will be done at our Mystic Meeting in July.

Wayne passed out a supply list at his carving class for Chris's class so bring those supplies. Chris will be bringing the paints and a practice piece to work on.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ray Johnson for the loss of his wife. We are deeply sorry for your loss.

### **Carving Groups:**

**Mystic Woodcarvers Club:** Last Sunday of each month, 9 to 1, at the Quiambaug Fire House, Old Stonington Rd. (off Route 1) Mystic, (See web site at: [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)) Carol Roffey, President: [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net) 860-603-2449

**Danbury Group: Hat City Carvers** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00, Danbury Sr. Center 10 Elmwood Place, Danbury, CT 06810. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 12 to 3PM, Lapham Community Center, New Canaan, Contact: Dennis Taylor, [dennistaylor@optonline.net](mailto:dennistaylor@optonline.net)

**Enders Island Group:** Meets each Tuesday from 9 to 2 Contact: Ray Johnson, [wcvray@hotmail.com](mailto:wcvray@hotmail.com) 860-639-9802

**Westerly Senior Center Club Group:** Meets Thursdays from 9:00 AM till noon at the Westerly Senior Center. Contact Gene Good 860-599-2567.

**Rockville Fish and Game Club: Cut ups.** Club House on Fish and Game Road, off of CT Rte.31, Vernon/Tolland Ct line- near exit 67 off of I-84 They meet every Thursday. The first Thursday of every month we start a new project. Hours are 7 to 9, we meet at the Rockville Fish and Game Club, on Fish and Game Road in Tolland (near the Vernon/Tolland line). Sessions are free and open to anyone interested (you pay for materials). For more info call Ed Ertel at (860) 748-6201. . [erteled@yahoo.com](mailto:erteled@yahoo.com)

**Canterbury, CT Finnish American Heritage Society:** Route 169 (North of Route 14) Wednesday Afternoon, 1-4 PM Contact John Harris [johnharrisct@yahoo.com](mailto:johnharrisct@yahoo.com)

**Columbia Carvers: Senior Center carving groups:** Carving group meets weekly at the Columbia, CT senior center every Tues, 9:30am-11:30 - No age limit and no fees. Call Dennis Tormey [Tormey-dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:Tormey-dtormey5519@earthlink.net) 860-337-0053formation.

**Farmington Valley Carvers:** Farmington Community and Senior Center, meetings every Monday from 10 to 12. Located on New Britain Rd., Unionville, Fridays from 10-12:

**Wethersfield Nutmeg Wood Carving Club** Wethersfield Art League, 193 Wells Rd., Wethersfield, CT at the Red School House, Thursday from 1 to 3:30 PM Call Mary-Grace Larke: 203-248-4143

**Mansfield Misfit Woodcarvers:** Meet Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 Mansfield Senior Center. Contact: Mansfield Senior Center, 303 Maple Road, Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268, 860-429-0262

**Ellington Sr. Center, 40 Maple St. (CT RTE 140) Ellington, CT, (across from the High School)** Wednesdays, 9:30- 11:45 they will start a new project the 1<sup>st</sup>. of every month-cost of materials only. Newcomers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-748-6201 [erteled@yahoo.com](mailto:erteled@yahoo.com)

**Middlefield: CWCA Ct Forest & Park, Middlefield, CT (old rte 66) 10 to 2, 1<sup>st</sup>. Sundays** Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-541 [www.ctwoodcarvers.org](http://www.ctwoodcarvers.org)

Elaine asked for volunteers for project leaders.

The Following people have volunteered to keep the club activities moving along:

The club members thank you for your endless dedication and help!

President-Carol [-croffey@comcast.net](mailto:-croffey@comcast.net) 860-603-2449

Vice President –Alice [Mellor-carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mellor-carveral@sbcglobal.net) 860-337-0194

Treasurer-Ben Anderson [bander063@live.com](mailto:bander063@live.com) (860-536-1762

Secretary-Dennis [Tormey-dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:Tormey-dtormey5519@earthlink.net) 860-337-0053

**Carving Coordinator: Recruit members to lead a carving project at each monthly meeting: ensure back up plan is in place if needed.**

Monthly Project Coordinator-Elaine Clark [clarkbr9@aol.com](mailto:clarkbr9@aol.com)

**Library Custodian: Maintain club's library by monitoring current inventory, look for additions and see that inventory is maintained properly.**

Library Custodian –Bob Arpin

**Newsletter Distribution: On a monthly basis see that the club Newsletter is written, copied, addressed and mailed to those not receiving via email.**

Newsletter Editor & Distribution- Alice Mellor (860-337-0194)

Novice projects:  
Please talk to Elaine if you can be a leader.

April: Wayne Smith

May: Dennis Tormey.

We need volunteer leaders . Please see Elaine and sign up for 2024 or we will not have any group

