

# Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71

Mystic, CT 06355



June 2023

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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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Our next monthly meeting will be on June 25th (due to Memorial Day on the 29<sup>th</sup>) We will be meeting at Fort Shantock for our annual Club Picnic. See message below. Fort Shantok State Park is located at 340 Massapeag Side Road in the Uncasville section of Montville.

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

The May meeting was attended by around 20 members, Thanks for attending.

Warren Blessing, remember him, has offered to do a flat plane carving class. Let Carol know if you are interested. If enough interest then she will let Warren know and



they can choose a date.

At our May meeting Ned Wilson was presented the Quilt of Valor by Chuck Larkin and Mary Brown.



Sorry Ned. I could not get this picture to rotate??????

Ned served in a unit out of Hartford, CT and spent his whole time there. He never had to go overseas.

If you ask him about it he will be happy to share. Thank you Ned for serving for us!

Also at our meeting Ed Ertel and Dennis Tormey ran a club auction. Members brought in all kinds of carving related articles to auction off. Books, tools, wood, carvings, gourds, you name it we had it. Thanks to all who donated and who bought. It helped put a little more money into our checking account.

The June meeting will be at Fort Shantok (340 Massapeag Side Road in the Uncasville section of Montville) for our annual club picnic.

If it rains we will meet at the fire station as usual.

The club will purchase sandwich fixings and drinks, plates, cups and ice. Please bring a salad or whatever to share. Dish or dessert. We will meet around 9:30

Bring your own chairs and your stuff to carve if you plan on doing any work. Ha, I plan on talking and eating!

At the July and Aug meeting Dennis Tormey will lead a Bellamy style eagle class with a 14" wing span. There was a sign up sheet at the show and tell table in May but members can let Dennis know, if they want to do one, at the picnic or email him at [dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.net).



Our June meeting (25<sup>th</sup>) will be held at Fort Shantok in Uncasville, CT. We will meet around 9 to 9:30. Please Bring a dish to share. The club will supply lunch meat for sandwiches and the drinks, cups, plates and plastic ware. Bring your own chairs and your carvings stuff. See you there.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sailfest 2023! July 7, 8, & 9**

**New London, Connecticut**

**Includes a Woodcarvers Carving Exhibition!**

**Sailfest is Southeastern Connecticut's premiere summertime event, complete with a major fireworks display, amusement rides, free entertainment, ships, and over 200 vendors lining the streets. There will be plenty to see, buy, and eat, so make sure to come hungry and ready to try new food!**

**Woodcarvers Carving Exhibition inside Gallery**

**Mystic Carvers and New England Woodcarvers Inc Will Exhibit at The Sailfest in New London,**

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### ***ALL CARVING LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO EXHIBIT!!!***

#### *Sailfest Hours:*

*Friday, July 7th through 3:00pm – 10:00pm*

*Saturday, July 8th hours 10:00am-11:00pm*

*Sunday, July 9th hours 8:00am-5:00pm*

We are ready to hold the Carving Exhibit, all we need are *your carvings to display* at the Thames River Gallery at 239 Banks Street, New London, Connecticut.

The Sailfest information is on the website [Sailfest.org](http://Sailfest.org) and contains parking, shuttle, and event times.

Mystic Carvers, New England Woodcarvers, Inc and the Thames River Gallery on 239 Bank Street, New London, CT 06320, will partner to present an exhibit of wood carvings on July 7, 8, and 9.

*Any carver from any level* is welcome to exhibit any carving they choose! Just register on the website (link at bottom), and email a photo of your carving to [Kimberly@NEWC.org](mailto:Kimberly@NEWC.org)

There are no categories; this is an exhibit not a contest. Everyone who registers will receive a frameable award certificate from NEWC, Sailfest, and The Thames River Gallery for their participation. Sailfest is visited by over 300,000 people. Bank Street and others will be closed to vehicle traffic so thousands of pedestrians can walk around and view all the venues. **If you wish to sell any of your exhibited items**, the Thames River Gallery will work with you to appraise and help you establish prices if you wish.

*10 carvings will be awarded Best in Show by a Celebrity Judge Panel and 10 carvings will be awarded People's Choice Awards.* Everyone will be recognized for their work. These awards will look great hanging in your workshop. All the proceeds from registrations will go the New England Woodcarvers, Inc. **We need as many carvers as possible to enter!**

**Registration deadline is June 30th. Fees for registration are \$20 for first entry, \$15 Second entry, and \$10 for each additional entry. Fee for late entry after June 30th is \$30 per entry. In-person registration forms will be available at The Thames River Gallery the week before the exhibit if you cannot do the online registration.**

**Mystic Carvers with questions, etc. can call Hilaire Cote at 860-599-5722. Hilaire and Ray Johnson of Mystic attended the event last year, have carvings for sale in the gallery, and have already reserved spaces for this year.**

**You may call the Thames River Gallery at 860-443-0344 and speak to Susan, Liv, or John with any questions about getting your work displayed. You can email Liv at [Liv@thamesriverart.com](mailto:Liv@thamesriverart.com) if you wish.**

Please consider dropping off your carving(s) early on Friday, July 7th or drop them off any day before the exhibit to avoid traffic and allow The Thames River Gallery staff time to set up the displays. You can pick up your carvings on Sunday, July 9th after 4:00 pm or come down any day after the exhibit to visit and pickup your carving(s) and awards.

## **Woodcarvers Carving Exhibition outside Gallery**

There will be *free carving space* outside The Thames River Gallery if you wish to visit and carve with us at Sailfest. A huge tent will be set up on the closed street outside, in front of the Gallery, where wood carvers may set up tables, demonstrate, display, and sell their work! **Saturday will feature renowned carver, Christopher LaMontagne. Bring your own chair and tools and carve with other carvers while greeting**

**visitors to the exhibit.** This will be a fun event and could be an annual event to exhibit our work and attract new members.

There are plenty of hotels in the area, but reservations should be made early to secure a room. Foxwoods is close by, and they have donated \$125,000 for the fireworks display on Saturday.

We need your support and participation to maintain and grow Woodcarving in our area! Thank you.

This is a note from John from the Thames River Gallery:

1. Dates for SAILFEST - Saturday & Sunday 7/8 & 9
2. Time - Saturday 10:00-5:00 & Sunday 10:00-4:00
3. Set-up time - 8:00 - 9:00
4. Parking - Muni lots behind the Gallery which the City of New London charges \$25.00 per day.

Ask Ed about other parking, he may know of more places.

5. We are providing tables and exhibitors should bring their own chairs or stools.

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7. There are two options to display your work:

A. You can exhibit your work on the table under the tent and sell it directly to the public. If you chose to do that, I would ask that you have a cash box and a receipt book. It looks more professional! Any sales made under the tent are NOT commissioned to the gallery.

B. Any work that you would like to have exhibited and sold in the gallery would carry an 80% - 20% commission with the 80% going to the artist. And please note that any work that is located in the gallery will be part of a juried competition.

8. Prizes for the juried competition are 1st place \$150.00, 2nd place \$75.00 and 3rd place \$50.00.

**Upcoming Events cont.:**

October 15, 2023 - Spirit Of Wood: Show to be held at the Peabody Massachusetts Senior Center. Small entry fee. Everyone that enters gets a ribbon. Check our website for more info.

September 15-18, 2023 - Woodcarver's Retreat - to be held in Litchfield, Connecticut. Approximate cost is \$450.00 per person for room and board, plus instructor fees to be determined. Information will be on the Mystic



Woodcarvers website. Registration begins April 1, 2023. All questions to Linda Zibidou (spelling). [REDACTED]

### **Carving Groups:**

**Mystic Woodcarvers Club:** Last Sunday of each month, 10 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 Art Austin (860-228-3395) [aataustin@hotmail.com](mailto:aataustin@hotmail.com) for information.

**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)



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)

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

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

**Library Custodian –Bob Arpin** 860-884-2535

**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)  
[carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)

**Membership Chairman: Look for opportunities to increase membership, eg. Have apps and table set up at Show and Retreat., Maintain Membership list. See that new members are welcomed and engaged in club activities.**

**Membership Coordinator– Hilaire Cote** (860-599-5722)  
[nsduckhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:nsduckhouse@yahoo.com)

**Keeper of Members names and email address: Maintain member's names, addresses and email addresses.** Warren Blessing: (860-742-3253)

**Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey** [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)

**Equipment Coordinator: Maintain club's equipment (sharpening and lights) are in safe operating condition, repaired if needed.** Ed Ertel

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

May & June Tom – Fish, Marlin  
July and Aug, Denis, Eagle

We need more volunteers for Novice projects so please talk to Elaine about being a project leader.

Remember, you will not get your dues paid for any longer like in the past but what we suggest is that you charge a dollar or two more for your project to cover the cost of your dues.

We really appreciate your effort for teaching a class.

Thank you!