

Mystic Carvers Club
P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



January, 2016

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.



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and you are ready for a fresh new year with lots of New Year's resolutions.

The next carving session and regular meeting is January 31 2016, at the Quiambaug Fire House, 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT. The Fire House will be **open at 10:00 AM** for anyone working on his or her project or wishing to carve along with the novice leader (see schedule). The club's show and tell table is set up each month so bring in your carvings to share with others. **We are all interested in seeing your work.** If you have anything you'd like to share with your club members, please let Dennis know and he will set it up. **Check out our Web Site. @ www.mysticcarvers.com**

This month's Novice project leader was Bob Vredenburg, Mr. Pres. Bob taught a couple of chip carving Christmas ornaments. Thanks Bob for your help and hopefully we will see some on the show and tell table in January.

January novice leader will be John Harris and John will be carving a ball in a block. Quite a challenge for the newbie's! Have Fun.

Members please keep in mind if you teach a class you get your next year's membership paid by the club.

Request: Please bring single dollar bills to class so leaders will not have to make change. Thank you!

We had one new member join us this month.

We had a lovely Christmas party with LOTS of delicious food. Thanks to all who participated. I want to thank Ray Johnson and Bill Welsh for going to the Big Y store and picking up all the meat and cheese trays and the soda etc, etc. Thanks so much for all your help that you do for the club. It is very much appreciated.

Woodworking Show:

At the December meeting we talked about this show coming up in January. Bill Simpson talked about the schedule and how so many folks volunteered to help out at the club table. If you have any questions as to what time you are scheduled to cover the table please contact Bill at:

simson8300@roadrunner.com

Thanks Bill for all your help in coordinating this.

Eastern States Exposition Woodworking Show

January 22 - 24, 2016

Fri. 12 – 6 PM, Sat. 10 – 6 PM, Sun. 10 – 3 PM

**Eastern States Exposition
1305 Memorial Avenue**

West Springfield, MA. 01089

Once again the Club agreed to attend this event.

We needed someone to coordinate attendance at this show and Bill Simpson took on the job. Many folks volunteered to help out and Bill will be in touch with you all.

Thank you all for your help.

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At the meeting Bob mentioned that Alice received a call last month from a woman looking for someone to help her sell some carving tools that belonged to her husband. He had passed away a year ago. He was a carver and now she has all kinds of tools and books to sell. She asked if we would ask our members if there is someone who would be willing to take a look at the stuff and see if they could sell it for her. Ben Anderson took her name and phone # and hopefully he can help her out.

Thanks Ben for doing this.

Seminars for 2016

Mike McCarthy,

February 6, 2016 (Snow date will be Feb. 13th)

American Oystercatcher Shorebird, $\frac{3}{4}$ size

The total cost is \$40.00 which includes Mike's fee, the roughout, base, eyes and legs. We can do various poses such as turned head, feeding, walking and standing. You can bring your own piece of driftwood or other wood for the base if you want. We can have as many as 24 carvers and there will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting.

Contact: Hilaire- nsduckhouse@yahoo.net



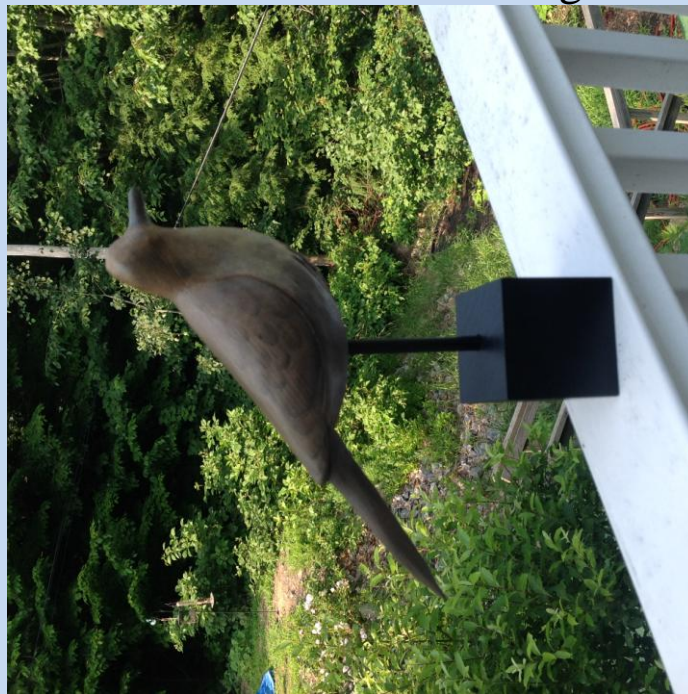
This is the Oyster Catcher that we will be carving in Mike's class.
Sorry it is sideways. I am no computer expert!!!!

Kathy Webster, May-14 and 15

Antique Dove, Cost \$40

All carving levels

Contact: Alice@ carveral@sbcglobal.net



This is the Dove we will be carving in Kathy's class. Sorry it is sideways!

Pete LeClair, June, 10-11-& 12 Cost \$125

Caricature Carver

You will have many rough outs to choose from

Contact: Ned Wilson@ sedwil@ct.metrocast.net

Jessie O'Brien, August 13 & 14

Pyrography Cost, \$100

Jessie always plans some unique pieces to burn. Class can do novice students to experienced students. Jessie will have plenty to keep everyone busy.

Contact: Alice@ carveral@sbcglobal.net

Wayne Shinlever, Caricature Carver

Sept. 16, 17 & 18 Cost \$140

Contact: Ed@ Ertel-erteled@yahoo.com

Leah Goddard, -Animals

September 22, 23 & 24 Cost \$125

Many rough outs to choose from

Contact: Alice@ Carveral@sbcglobal.net

Chris Howard, -Indian Busts or Faces

September, 22, 23 & 24 Cost \$125

Chris will have rough outs and if you want to carve on a piece you already have that is ok to. You can do a face in cottonwood if you so choose to do that.

Contact: Alice@ carveral@sbcglobal.net

If anyone else has a seminar leader lined up please let Alice know so she can make a calendar for next year's schedule. If you have someone that you would like to see come to Mystic to teach a class, please let Bob Vredenburg or Alice know. Remember, anyone can teach a class. We don't always need a well known teacher. It would be nice to have some club members volunteer to teach a subject they are comfortable with. We are always open to suggestions. If you want to teach a seminar let us know.

Please assist the Mystic Club organizers of these events by paying for classes well in advance. Checks can be mailed to the club at address on top of this Newsletter. Or you can pay the day you sign up to guarantee a spot in the class you wish to attend.

Any carvers who are interested in attending any classes with Mystic Carvers, but who are not present at the meetings to sign up, may contact Dennis at dtormey5519@earthlink.net or by phone at 860-456-0768.

Or Alice at carveral@sbcglobal.net You do not have to be a Mystic Member to join in on a seminar. Anyone can sign up. It is always first ones to pay get in the class.

If you really want to get in a class then you would be advised to pay when you sign up. This would certainly make it easier for the person who has arranged for the seminar. It is not fun to have to chase people down for payments. Thanks

A minimum deposit of 50% of the cost of the seminar will be paid, in order to hold a space, at signup. Full payment must be made by 30 days prior to the event.

All deposits are fully refundable prior to 30 days of the event.

If a member cancels within 30 days of the event for any reason:

And there are more participants than the minimum required by the instructor, a full refund will be given.

If there are less than the minimum, and a replacement is found, a full refund will be given.

If no replacement can be found, and the club is liable for the participant's slot, a 50% refund will be returned.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OUR WOOD CARVING COMMUNITIES

I would like to list any events that are coming up in our area so members will have the information to attend carving shows or seminars that other clubs might be offering. If you have some events that you would like to list please let me know at: carveral@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

Alice

- **July 9th, Olde Mistick Village Woodcarvers Day, Mystic Apple Orchard**

Sponsored by: Mystic Carvers Club. Contact person, Diane Haberer @ diane8050@yahoo.com more info on our Website www.mysticcarvers.com

- **October 7, 8, 9,& 10: Woodcarvers Retreat, Alton Jones Campus, RI**

Contact Dennis Tormey dtormey5519@earthlink.com

Or Carol Roffey @: croffey@comcast.net more info on our Website www.mysticcarvers.com

Reminder, Membership renewal time!
Please bring or send in your dues this month.

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

President –Bob Vredenburg-(401-377-4615) bobyvredenburg@verizon.net
Vice President Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) carveral@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer-Ben Anderson (860-536-1762) bander063@live.com
Secretary-Jodi Higgins (860-701-8089) jodi.higgins@hotmail.com
Novice Carving Coordinator-Mary Brown (860-774-3458) or mbrown@ct.metrocast.net
Show Chairman –Diane Haberer-(860-572-8440)diane8050@yahoo.com
 Co Chair- Alice Mellor
Publicity – Warren Blessing (860-742-3253) warren@ctvalleywc.com
Retreat Coordinators for 2016 Dennis Tormey dtormey5519@earthlink.net & Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net
Library Custodian – Hollis Price (860- 848-3698)
Mail Man - Bill Welsh (860-536-7008) or wwelsh71@yahoo.com
Newsletter Editor & Distribution- Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) carveral@sbcglobal.net
Membership Coordinator– Hilaire Cote (860-599-5722) nsduckhouse@yahoo.com
Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net

2016 Novice Leaders:

January-John Harris:
 Ball in a block
 February-Ed Ertel
 March-Tom Fritz
 (Small Easter Basket with eggs)
 April-Lou Monaghan
 May-Bob Arpin
 June-Ray Johnson
 July-Dennis Tormey
 August-Art Austin
 September-Ned Wilson
 October-Eugene Good
 November-Alice Mellor
 December-Hilaire Cote

Danbury Group: Hat City Carvers - Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00, call 203-746-1544 or contact Martin Sprock, mjsindbyct.yahoo.com, for information and directions. Meetings are held at Danbury Senior Center, 10 Elmwood place, Danbury, Ct. 06810

Enders Island Group: Meets each Tuesday from 9 to 2 Contact: Ray Johnson, wcvray@hotmail.com

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

Vernon Group: Meets 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) 875-6187.

Columbia Group: Senior Center carving groups: Carving group meets weekly at the Columbia, CT senior center every Tues, 9:30am-12 - No age limit, no fees. Call Art Austin (860-228-3395) aataustin@hotmail.com for information.

Rocky Hill: Group meets every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 in Rocky Hill. It is Located at 961 Old Main St. in the Town Hall. Call Warren for info 860-742-3253.

Farmington Valley Carvers: Farmington Community and Senior Center, meetings every Monday from 10to 12. Located on New Britain Rd., Unionville, CT. Contact Dave Freese 860-673-2154 or John Hayes, jhayesghs@comcast.net

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 Contact Art Austin (860-228-3395)

Avon Senior Center, 635 West Avon Rd. Avon, CT. Friday's, from 1 to 3
860-675-4355

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 1st. of every month-cost of materials only.
New comers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-875-6187

Our next monthly meeting will be on January 31st.

Hope to see you all there.

