

# Mystic Carvers Club



December 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 December 17th, one week earlier than normal due to the Christmas Holiday. at the Quiambaug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT. This will be our annual Christmas luncheon. Please bring a dish that you may have signed up for at the Nov. meeting. If you were not at the meeting we ask that you bring a dish of food or a dessert. The club will supply drinks and Elaine is going to bring 2 baked hams. Thank you Elaine!!!**

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, CT06415**

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At our November meeting we had 28 members attend. Our numbers are coming up again.

Ned Wilson did the novice program in Nov. He was teaching a little Turtle. We will be looking forward to see some on the show and tell table. As always, we ask you to bring your carvings in to put on the Show and Tell table so others can see what you have been working on.

Elaine does a wonderful job of showing every ones work. Thank you, Elaine for sharing.

Hilaire has asked that members pay their dues for 2024 if you have not paid them yet.

Pay \$20 at the meeting or mail your checks to:

Mystic Carvers Club, c/o Carol Coffey, 45 Fairway Dr. Colchester, CT 06415

Ed Ertel is coordinating the Big E. Wood Working show signup sheet. The show is in January. He likes to schedule folks to work anywhere from 2 to 4 hours. You can work with a fellow carver that way you can take turns walking around checking out all the other vendors.

If you sign up to work the show then you get in for free. You will have to pay for parking which I believe is \$5.

**The Wood Working Show At Eastern States in Mass.  
Coming in January 13 & 14 No info yet.**

**Woodcarving for Youths at the Wood working show.**  
**Warren will be doing a demo. Hands on for kids age 10-16**

Saturday January 13, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00

Everything needed will be supplied at no cost.

1. Review basic carving tools & wood
2. Review Safety guidelines
3. Review common cuts with knife

- (a) Paring cut
- (b) Push cut and levering cut
- (c) "V" cut
- (d) Stop cut or score line
- 4) There will be several small carvings projects to practice on.

**Supported by Mystic Carvers from Mystic Connecticut and New England Woodcarvers.**  
**[mysticcarvers.com](http://mysticcarvers.com) [NEWC.Org](http://NEWC.Org)**

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## **Up Coming Carving Classes:**

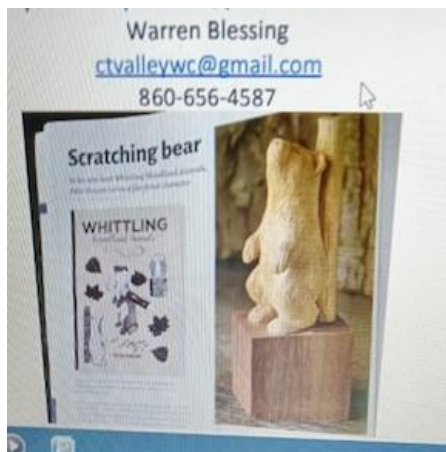
One Day Carving Class February 2024 with Warren Blessing.

The bear is good for all level carvers and needs to display a certain attitude to make it great. One can add as much detail as you choose.

For those who have interest, it will be held at the Mystic Firehouse in

February during the week. Those who sign up will vote on the weekday chosen. I will supply the basswood band saw cut outs. The cost for the day will be \$30 including cut out. When you are complete, you can wax it, stain it or paint it, your choice. I will be there for a 9:00 start and stay until your all exhausted. If you have questions, please contact me.

Warren Blessing [ctvalleywc@gmail.com](mailto:ctvalleywc@gmail.com) 860-656-4587



Bear carving with Warren February.

March 18<sup>th</sup>: Mike McCarthy carving a Killdeer Shore bird.

Cost for the day is \$50 (\$35 for carving and \$15 for roughout .

Signup sheet will be at the meetings.

April 13 & 14: Santa. Wayne Smith, Cost of rough out is \$25.

Carving classes cost \$30, for the two days. Painting for this Santa will be done with Chris O'Dea at the July meeting at Mystic's normal monthly meeting. I don't know the cost for the painting class.



June 8 & 9: Wayne Smith:

Wayne will be teaching an animal carving class. There are 3 animals heads to choose from. Cost to carve is \$40 for the 2 days



Wolf \$38  
Plus Shipping



Lynx \$40



Snow Leopard \$24

Painting will be done in Aug. Dates not noted yet.

May:

Ed Ertel has asked Bob Stadtlander to come and do a Relief class in May. Ed had a signup sheet.

Hilaire has offered to put Bob up at his home so the price is reduced for the class.

There are so many different rough outs to choose from so see ED at the next meeting.

At the November meeting, Chuck Larkin and Mary Brown presented George Eliot with a Quilt of Valor in thanks for his service to our country. George served in the Navy in the submarine service. Thank you George for your service!



Wayne Smith then presented Chuck with a beautiful Eagle topped walking stick that Wayne had carved for Chuck to thank him for all his work on the Quilt of Valor program.



## **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 [johnharriscct@yahoo.com](mailto:johnharriscct@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)



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 –Elaine Clark [clarkbr9@aol.com](mailto:clarkbr9@aol.com)

**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.

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