

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



February 2017

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.

The next carving session and regular meeting February 29, 2017 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**

At our January meeting Kate Clauson was the novice leader. She did a cute little Sloth carved out of an egg. It will be cute to see a few on our show and tell table next month. Ed Ertel will be doing the novice project in February. He will be showing club members how to carve an Outhouse? Pew! Should be a fun project!

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

At the January meeting Bob talked about some wording changes to the Club Constitution, nothing major but worth changing a few words. Bob went over them and told members that we would put them in the Newsletter for February. This will have to wait and be done in April.

Bill Simpson talked about the Wood Working show at the Big E in Springfield. He said it was a very good show and they had a nice turn out. We signed up one new member to our club from the show so welcome Jenn

O'Conner. Bill said he would like to start planning for next year's show early. If anyone has any ideas for the show or to help our members promote the art of carving please share them with Bill.

I put out signup sheets for Kathy Webster's class in May and for Bob Hershey's class in Sept. Both classes are almost full so if you are interested you should send me an email so I can add your name to the sheet. I can put your name down and if someone drops out the next person gets to get in. Remember first to pay get in. If you put your name on the signup sheet but you don't pay and someone else does, they get in. So if you want to guarantee your spot you should pay right away.

At the January Meeting a few members asked Dennis where they could find pictures of last year's Alton Jones Retreat in R I. Here is the web address of Bob Schmeichel to view those pictures. <http://www.rws978.com/CCA.html> .

I received this email from Whillock Woodcarving. This is quite an event. Check it out.

Woodcarving News

PO Box 611 - Faribault, MN 55021 * 507-339-0336

Carv-Fest 2017 Classes Just Announced, Registration NOW OPEN!

We have just announced the Carv-fest Class lineup and now is the time to register. Last year we sold out 5 of the classes in just 5 hours! Carv-fest is in its 14th year and features some of the best woodcarving instructors working today. Three days filled with workshops, music, mini-classes, carving auction, wood and tool vendors ... friends! August 10, 11, 12 held in Faribault, Minnesota. (Classes are \$55 per day, plus material fee paid directly to instructor) Below is the current lineup:

Carv-fest 2017 - Woodcarving Festival August 10, 11, 12

Faribault, Minnesota
Registration - NOW OPEN
www.carv-fest.com -507-339-0336

- * Classes \$5 each plus material fee paid to instructor
- * Art Show - Vendors - FUN!
- * FREE Sharpening demo all 3 days!
- * FREE 2hr Beginner's Class all 3 days!
- * Thur Eve: Mini Classes ... teach one, take one!
- * Fri Eve: Woodcarver's Music Jam
- * Sat Noon: Live Auction Fundraiser

For more info go to:

chris@woodcarverswarehouse.com

I received the following email from Dennis Tormey and wanted to share the information with our club members:

Hello Fellow Carvers,

I always thought that if I was ever out South Dakota way I'd stop & visit the National Museum of Woodcarvings. Never got the chance. I had heard that the owner died and the Museum was up for sale, complete with an attached apartment.

Apparently it did not sell as a Museum.

So, the contents are going up for auction in March. You can find it by clicking on the attachment below.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOODCARVINGS – 12111 US HWY 16, CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Utilizing the "Online Only" Auction format

OPEN FOR BIDDING TUESDAY, MARCH 7 through MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 5:00 PM MST. – See www.bradeenauction.hibid.com...

SEMINARS FOR 2017

Mike McCarthy February 11, 2017(snow date Feb 18th)

Shore Bird- \$35 plus roughout

Choose 1 of the 3:

Tundra Swan, Yellow Crown Night Heron, Black Skimmer

Hilaire has pictures of them to see.

Contact: Hilaire Cote, nsduckhouse@yahoo.com

Kathy Webster, "Calling Crow"

May 20 & 21, 2017

Price is \$40

Bob Hershey, Themed Bark Carver,

September, 7, 8, & 9

Cost will be \$110 plus the cost of the Bark unless you have your own bark.

He works with themes. Bob has written a few articles for Woodcarving Illustrated. I will have pictures of his work attached to the signup sheet. He carves Halloween themed pieces, Christmas themes and now has just started doing Light Houses.

We also have asked Jessie O'Brien to return this year to teach another pyrography class. More info when I find out if she can return to Mystic this year.

If any other members wish to bring in an artist to teach a carving class please contact Alice so we can work them into our schedule. Also, if there is a certain type of wood carving you would be interested in let Bob or Alice know and we will try to find someone who teaches it.

IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES

You can mail your dues in or pay at a meeting. \$10

Mystic Carvers Club, PO Box 71, Mystic, CT 06355

If you are not sure if you owe at this time please send me an email and I will check the list or ask Hilaire at the next meeting.

Our next carving session will be on February 26th.

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

President –Bob Vredenburg-(401-377-4615) bobvredenburg@verizon.net

Vice President Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) carveral@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer-Ben Anderson (860-536-1762) bander063@live.com

Secretary- Pat Anderson

Chairmanships:

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

Novice Carving Coordinator-Mary Brown (860-774-3458) or mbrown06239@gmail.com

Show Chairman: Provide leadership to ensure the July Show is run successfully.

Show Chairman –Diane Haberer-(860-572-8440)diane8050@yahoo.com

Retreat Coordinator: Provide leadership to ensure that the October Retreat is run successfully.

Retreat Coordinators -Dennis Tormey dtormey5519@earthlink.net 860-337-0053

& Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net

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

Library Custodian – Hollis Price (860- 848-3698)

Mail Man: Collect mail from Post Office and bring to monthly meeting.

Mail Man - Bill Welsh (860-536-7008) or wwelsh71@yahoo.com

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

Newsletter Editor & Distribution- Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) 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

Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net

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

Novice Classes

2017

February: Ed Ertel

March: John Harris

April: Dennis Taylor,
Faces

May: Tom Fritz

June: Alice Mellor

July: Chuck Larkins

August: Dennis Tormey

Sept: Eugene Good

October: Ned Wilson

November: Hilaire Cote

December: Bill Simpson

Carving Groups:

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 10 to 12. Located on New Britain Rd., Unionville, 860-747-6348 CT. Contact Ray Seymour. Fridays from 10-12: Contact Dave Freese 860-673-2154

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 Emile Poirier, 860-487-2685 poirieremile@yahoo.com

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

CWCA Ct Forest & Park, Middlefield, CT (old rte 66) 10 to 2, 1st. Sundays
Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-5473



