

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



August 2016

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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 carving session and regular meeting is August 28, 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](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**

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Thank you Dennis for being the Novice leader for July! The angels were really nice. What a great Christmas gift. Let's see lots of Angels flying around the hall at our next meeting. Mary Brown will be the Novice leader for August. Thanks for volunteering.

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

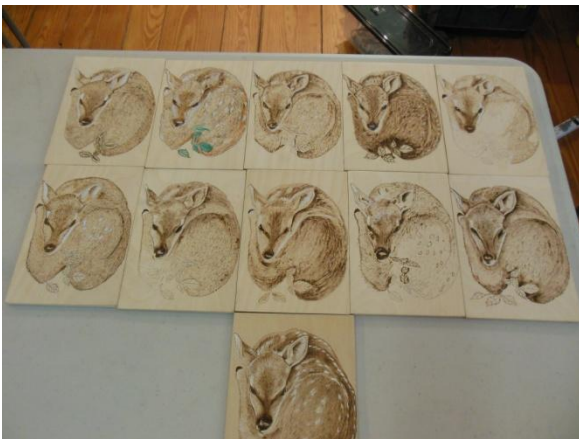
There was some discussion at the last meeting about the AA group wanting the use of the Fire Station on Saturdays and some days during the week when we are in there for our seminars. Well, the issue has been resolved. The Fire Chief said that the hall is ours whenever we need it for seminars. Bob has informed the AA person in charge.



This is a work of art that Hilaire Cote entered into the Mystic Museum of Art competition. I just wanted to share with you all. This is a beautiful work of art Hilaire, congratulations for being chosen to enter this competition. You make us proud!!

I did not win. If you go to [mysticmuseumofart.org](http://mysticmuseumofart.org) and click on 60th regional show (more info) scroll down to see list of accepted works of art to get the list of winners and others. Although I did not win I was happy and honored to have my work accepted and placed in the exhibit along with the work of many professional artists. The exhibit ends September 17th. It can be seen free at the Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St., Mystic from 11 to 5 daily. Hilaire

Thanks for sharing Hilaire, we appreciate it.



Samples of our wood burning skills

Students in Jessie O'Brien's class. Pyrography.



Jessie, Jim and Chuck

We ended up moving our class to Carol Roffey and Arlene Snyder's house because it was so unbearably hot and humid that weekend we never would have survived two full days in the Fire House.

Carol and Arlene

Thank you two so very much for offering your air conditioned work space. What a beautiful room to hold a class.

We did 4 different projects with Jessie. We worked very hard and hopefully some of us will finish a project or two to show off at the next meeting. We already decided to ask Jessie to come back next year but we will plan it for the fall.

## **Alton Jones, Columbus Day Weekend Retreat.**

There are applications coming in everyday now so get yours in to guarantee a spot in the class you want. For New Carvers who have never been away to carve at a seminar this is it. Three days of nothing but **EAT, SLEEP AND CARVE!** It doesn't get much better than that. Go to our website to check out the instructors for this year. There is something for everyone. Chip carving, Cottonwood Bark, Caricature carvings, Bird carving, and more. You will not be bored or go hungry. Check it out.

## **Seminars for 2016**

### **Leah Goddard,-Animals**

September 22, 23 & 24 Cost \$125,

Plus the cost of the rough out

You will have many rough outs to choose from.

Please contact:

Alice@ [Carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Carveral@sbcglobal.net)

### **Chris Howard,-Indian Busts or Faces**

September, 22, 23 & 24 Cost \$125

Plus cost for rough outs

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.

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 [dormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:dormey5519@earthlink.net) or by phone at 860-456-0768.

Or Alice at [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **September 10, 2016**

### **9 to 5 PM**

This is the Open House at Woodcraft that several members usually participate at. You can use any of the following email to communicate. I would like to know who will be attending, basically to ensure we have some representation and coverage for the day.

Dear Fellow woodworker,

Well- it's about that time of year again. The fall schedule of classes is in the works, summer classes are in full swing and it is time to think about the Open House again! This will be our sixteenth open house and I hope it is the best one ever. (That's what I said last year- and the open house last year was undoubtedly the best one we have ever had. The best demonstrators, the most guests, the best gallery of student work- and the best weather.

This year I have a few new demonstrators coming and a few new antique tool dealers- (I think we will have 5 or 6 dealers total).

As always we will have the antique tools and a few of the demonstrators outside and the school gallery, Lie Nielsen handtools, Woodturning and any other demonstrators who want to will be inside.

This is the school's sixteenth Open House! Many of you have been here from the beginning and I want to thank you all for your support. As always, the idea is to have a good time, talk to new people (maybe show off a little!) and get everyone back into the shop after a long hot summer.

Demonstrators are the key to a good day and I am looking forward to a great day.

The event starts around 9 am until about 5pm. You can set up anytime that morning- or you can bring stuff over the week before if that helps.

The key is to have a good time, make some new friends and do something fun for the day. Hope you can make it.

Please email me back one way or the other.

Thanks- and have a great rest of the summer

Bob Van Dyke

Director

Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking

## **Woodcarvers Retreat, Alton Jones Campus, RI**

**October 7, 8, 9,& 10: (Columbus Day Weekend)**

Applications are starting to come in. Sign up early so you are guaranteed a spot in the class that you would like to take. Check out our web site to see this year's instructors.

[www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com) and to get your application.

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

Or Carol Roffey @: [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)

## **Spirit of Wood Show Competition**

**New England Woodcarvers, Inc.**

**Sunday, October 16, 2016**

Dear Competitor,

The capstone of the New England Woodcarvers Association's 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary will be *The Spirt Of Wood Show* on Sunday, October 16, 2016. This event will be held at Middlesex Community College 591 Springs Rd. Bedford, Massachusetts, 9AM-3 PM. The show will have its usual blend of wood-art by featuring woodcarving, wood-turning, scroll sawing, and furniture carving. Tom Ricardi will be returning to give his birds of prey presentations.

Entry to the show will be held at the Campus Center in Building #8 directly opposite the parking lot. As in the past, we will be utilizing nearly 10,000 square feet for club demonstrations, vendor displays, carve-a-longs, with a separate room for the carving competition.

***Some new things this year!*** In an effort to make this the best show ever and our biggest fundraiser of the year, we have streamlined the number of competition categories and updated competition rules. These changes are on the NEWC website [WWW.NEWC.ORG](http://WWW.NEWC.ORG)>Meetings,Events and Seminars>Spirit of Wood Show. We are offering non-cash gifts/gift cards for prizes, and also for the first time, a \$200 Gift Card for the best demonstration by a club that engages the public. We hope this will bring in more interest and active participation from our 31 affiliated New England Clubs. There will also be non-cash raffles for entrants in competition, prizes for best of each level, a bucket raffle and 50/50. For those who do not want to rent an entire table, there will be some space for a few items that you may want to sell.

**Registration** will begin on Saturday, October 15 from 4-7PM and re-open on Sunday from 8-9AM.

Currently we have 390 members with last year's attendance at 197. We are putting more focused effort in getting the word out to existing members, non-members and artists and we would like you to spread the word to anyone who may be interested in attending.

Without a doubt your participation has always made ***Spirit of the Wood*** a resounding success. **Do come back!** Together we can make this show better than ever.

Ken Wagner, Chair  
[ken.furniturerevival@gmail.com](mailto:ken.furniturerevival@gmail.com)  
(978) 930-6474)

Our next carving session will be on **August 28th**. Hope to see everyone there.

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

**President –Bob Vredenburg-(401-377-4615) [bobvredenburg@verizon.net](mailto:bobvredenburg@verizon.net)**  
**Vice President Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)**  
**Treasurer-Ben Anderson (860-536-1762) [bander063@live.com](mailto:bander063@live.com)**  
**Secretary- Alice Mellor**  
**Novice Carving Coordinator-Mary Brown (860-774-3458) or [mbrown06239@gmail.com](mailto:mbrown06239@gmail.com)**  
**Show Chairman –Diane Haberer-(860-572-8440)[diane8050@yahoo.com](mailto:diane8050@yahoo.com)**  
**Co Chair- Alice Mellor**  
**Publicity – Warren Blessing (860-742-3253) [warren@ctvalleywc.com](mailto:warren@ctvalleywc.com)**  
**Retreat Coordinators for 2016 Dennis Tormey [dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.net) 860-337-0053 & Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)**  
**Library Custodian – Hollis Price (860- 848-3698)**  
**Mail Man - Bill Welsh (860-536-7008) or [wwelsh71@yahoo.com](mailto:wwelsh71@yahoo.com)**  
**Newsletter Editor & Distribution- Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)**  
**Membership Coordinator– Hilaire Cote (860-599-5722) [nsduckhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:nsduckhouse@yahoo.com)**  
**Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)**

2016 Novice Leaders:

August-Mary Brown  
September-Ned Wilson  
October-Eugene Good  
November-Alice Mellor  
December-Hilaire Cote



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. of every month-cost of materials only.**  
**New comers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-875-6187**