

# Mystic Carvers Club

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



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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 January 29<sup>th</sup> at Mystic**

at the Quiambaug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT. The Fire House will be open at 9:45 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)**

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The December meeting was attended by 17 members. We had a nice little luncheon and members brought in desserts to share with each other. Lots of good stuff. Thanks to all who attended the meeting. It was held at the VFW just down the street from the Fire House. It was a very nice meeting place. Thanks to Hilaire who was able to get it for our meeting.

At that meeting there was a motion to raise the yearly dues to \$20, the motion was voted on and passed. So when you send your dues in for 2023 please remit \$20 made out

to the Mystic Carvers Club. Please mail your dues to: Carol Roffey, 45 Fairway Dr., Colchester, CT 06415.

We do not have a PO Box any longer. By giving up the PO Box we will be saving \$200 a year.

Since we are not doing the Retreat this year there is not enough mail coming in to warrant having a box so Carol has offered to have the mail delivered to her house.

We as a club are trying to cut down on expenses. We don't have as many paying members any more so we have less monies coming in. No Retreat to generate money and we haven't had a club show in a few years so no money being generated there.

We are asking the novice leaders to raise there prices on their projects a little to compensate for the free dues that they were getting. Novice leaders will no longer get their dues paid so by raising their costs by a dollar or two they will make out better.

We will ask Ed to start up the 50/50 raffles again to generate money there.

Someone mentioned asking members to bring in old carving tools or wood or books or things they just don't use any longer and we could start having an auction a few times a year to raise money.

All this is being done to keep our club up and running. Many clubs around us have fallen to the wayside and we want to keep ours alive.

We are still asking members to see if there is a class with a particular teacher they would like to see again at the club. Or a new teacher. Many members have shown an interest in starting up classes again but we need your input. Please let Carol know if you would like a particular teacher and then you can contact that person to see if they are still teaching and interested in coming to Mystic.

It was suggested that we contact Mystic Sea Port to see if it would be possible to have a Mystic Club Show at the Sea Port. We could put up tents with tables and do a show right there on sight. This is a possibility that someone can look in to if the club is interested.

Someone also asked if we could run our meetings longer because the members who come from a distance would like to stay and carve longer after traveling an hour to get to Mystic. Well, it has been mentioned in the past that members can stay. Now it is easier for members to stay and carver because we do not need to lock up when we leave. So members can stay longer as long as they clean up and put the tables and chairs away and leave the place looking nice and clean.

Another subject was brought up, someone suggested we have snacks to eat while at the meeting. Well, because we are trying to save money, not spend it, anyone who wishes to bring a dessert/snack can do so at any meeting. You can bring snacks to share or just bring something to eat for yourself. This has never been a problem. We whould all be happy if someone wants to bring snacks to share.

If any member would like to teach a class talk to Carol about it and maybe we can get some local talent to teach.

It looks like there may be a retreat this year. A combination of 3 clubs are looking at putting something together so keep your eyes on our website to see what is developing on that subject. You can also talk to Dennis, he may know who is in charge.

**Our January meeting will be back at the Fire Station so see you all there on Jan 29<sup>t</sup>**

### **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** - Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00, 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) 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) 875-6187. . [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 [johnharriscr@yahoo.com](mailto:johnharriscr@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:

**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 Emile Poirier, 860-487-2685 [poirieremile@yahoo.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 1<sup>st</sup>. Sundays  
Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-541

**If any of these groups are no longer meeting please let me know so I can remove them from the list:**  
**Alice,** [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)

**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.

January: John Harris- Bird in a cage

March; Fish Carving

We need more volunteers for Novice projects. Remember, you get your dues paid for a year if you