

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



August 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 will be on August 27, 2017 at The Quianbaug 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 Project leader (see schedule). The club's show and tell table is set up each month so bring in your carvings to share with others.

Check out our Web Site. @ www.mysticcarvers.com

Chuck Larkins came to the club picnic with a cute project. He had a Whale to carve and use as a fridge magnet. I hope to see some at the August meeting.

Dennis Tormey will be our leader this month with a Flying Santa, really cute, I think you will enjoy it.

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

We had about 20 folks show up at the club picnic. We ended up with a lovely day. The park was very nice. Hilaire brought his gas grill to cook on. Thank you so much for doing that Hilaire. That was really nice of you to go to all that trouble and then to do all the cooking too. The dogs and burgers were perfect.

Pat Anderson did all the shopping for the food etc for the picnic. She also made a couple of salads and two big pans of brownies and some baked beans. She bought all the condiments and chips and soda and paper goods. Thanks Pat for all your work.

Everyone brought a dish to share. We had more than enough food and everything was soooooo good. Next year we should have a sign up sheet because it would help for shopping purposes.

Thanks to Ray for getting there early and saving the picnic spot. It was perfect.

At the club meeting Bob talked about the upcoming seminars and also mentioned that because Diane and Ed were not present that we would talk about our annual Wood Carving show at the August meeting.

The meeting was short and sweet.



Carol and Arlene, busy, busy, busy! cooking.

Hilaire and Dennis and Stu all enjoying Hilaire's

I received an email from Diane Haberern re: a call she received. Here it is:

I just got a phone call from a guy who has some Shumack (?) Burls he would like to sell / get rid of.

His name is Ralph and his phone number is 860-805-6134.

He said something about 3 pieces of differing sizes.

If anyone knows what it is they can let Diane know at the next meeting.

SEMINARS FOR 2017

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. **There is still room in this class.** It will be fun to have Bob visit us for the first time in September. I would like to get one or two more members signed up for this class to give Bob a big WELCOME to Mystic. Contact Alice, carveral@sbcglobal.net

Two more spaces available. It's time to pay if you have not to secure your spot.

Bring any Bark that you want to carve on or Bob will be bringing Bark to choose from. Bring sharp knives and gouges! If you have a knife specially designed for Bark bring that.

Jessie O'Brien, Pyrography

Pyrography

Jessie's is always a fun class. If you have never tried Jessie's class let this be your first year. You will need a wood burner and a few basic tips.

Sept 30 and Oct 1st. \$100

One more spot is available.

See Alice: carveral@sbcglobal.net

Schedule of Events

Subject: CVSW open house-
Saturday, September 9, 2017, 9 AM to 3 PM

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 seventeenth 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 6 or 7 dealer's total).

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

This is the school's seventeenth 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 3pm. You can set up anytime that morning- we will start setting up around 7:30am- 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

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Our club usually sets up a table to show our carvings and to promote the art of woodcarving and hopefully get some folks interested in coming to a meeting and maybe joining our club. Anyone can come to Woodcraft and sit at our table. It's is always a fun event. Ray usually comes and sets up a table so if you are interested in joining Ray just let him know. Also, bring a chair, last year we needed some. There is usually burgers and dogs cooked outdoors and they have soda.

Then next carving session is on August 27. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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 mrsbumble47@verizon.net

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-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 –Bob Arpin 860-884-2535

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. Ed Ertel

Project Leader 2017

August: Dennis Tormey

Flying Santa

Sept: Jim Dutton/Marty

Sprock

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-11:30 - 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