

# Mystic Carvers Club

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



February 2020

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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 February 23rd, at The Quianbaug 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 (see schedule). 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)**

January's Project leader was John Harris chip carving out a design in a square. Thanks John. Hopefully we will see some return next month completed.

February's project will be an 8 pointed star by Ed Ertel. Should be a challenge!

Our Project for March will be done by Steve Kensel and will be a small leaf dish:



We lost a long time member of the Mystic Carvers club recently. Bob Smith. Bob was an active member in the club for many years until he got sick. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Enders Island is having a mass in memory of Bob Smith on Tuesday February 25th at 9:00am. All fellow woodcarvers are invited to attend.

Elaine Clark was Vanna again showing off all the carvings that members brought to share. Thanks everyone. It is always nice to see what others are working on.

The meeting was called to order by Alice Mellor because Carol was away.

The Woodworking Show at the Eastern States Building was represented by the Mystic Carvers Club. Thank you to all who showed up to represent our club.

We will be having our annual Woodcarvers Day again this year. It will be held at the Columbia Sr. Center in Columbia. The date will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Get those carvings ready for completion. Volunteers are needed so let Carol know if you can help out again this year. It takes a lot of volunteers to put on the show so please step forward.

January is our election month every other year and this was the year to vote in new officers.

There was a request for nominations. Surprise, no one made a nomination.

Carol Roffey had volunteered to stay on as President.

Alice Mellor volunteered to take over as Vice President.

Ben said he would stay on a Treasurer.

Dennis volunteered to be our secretary

Mary will continue as Novice Leader, She had already left the meeting so we kept her on. She has agreed.

Hilaire has agreed to remain our Membership Chairman.

A vote was taken and passed.

Thank you all for volunteering to be officers.

Ben had worked up a Treasurers report for the year and passed it around for all to see.

He reported at the meeting that we have \$13,300 in our checking account.

He is also working very hard to get all the paperwork done for the state of CT to be Non Profit.

Thank you Ben for doing all this work! We know it is a lot of work and appreciate what you are doing.

Dennis talked about the Retreat in Sept.18 through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

The cost will be \$240 for commuters \$360 for those folks who will be staying overnight.

He has confirmation from the class leaders and you can go on our website,

[www.mysticcarversclub.com](http://www.mysticcarversclub.com) for more information.

If anyone knows of any carving events that they would like to share with the club, please send your notice to Alice @ [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net) so she can add it to the Newsletter.

## Seminars for 2010

## 2020 EVENTS

Mike McCarthy did a bird seminar on Feb 1. We all carved a yellowlegs either resting antique or resting standing.

They came out great. I'm sure we will see some at the next meeting.

Thank you Hilaire for doing all the work to pull this seminar together! Everyone enjoys having Mike come to Mystic. He is a great teacher and a great guy.

Carol has talked to Ryan (Duckboy) Torbett and he said he would return to teach another bird class this year. No date has been confirmed yet.

It's renewal time. **Please get your dues in soon.** Thanks!

You can mail them to the address at the top of this Newsletter or give them to Hilaire at the January meeting.

## Carving Groups:

**Mystic Woodcarvers Club:** Last Sunday of each month, 10 to mid afternoon. At Quiambaug Fire House, Old Stonington Rd. (off Route 1) Mystic, (See web site at: [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)) Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)

**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.

**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 [John.Harris@snet.net](mailto:John.Harris@snet.net)

**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, no fees. Call Art Austin (860-228-3395) [ataustin@hotmail.com](mailto:ataustin@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 [dbfreese@aol.com](mailto:dbfreese@aol.com)

**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. 860-675-5473

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:carveral@sbcglobal.net) 860-450-9198

Treasurer-Ben Anderson (860-536-1762) [bander063@live.com](mailto:bander063@live.com)

Secretary-Dennis Tormey [dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto: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-Mary Brown (860-774-3458) or [mbrown06239@gmail.com](mailto:mbrown06239@gmail.com)

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

Show Chair – Sheryl Popowycz, Carol Roffey, [spopowycz@gmail.com](mailto:spopowycz@gmail.com)

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

Retreat Coordinators -Dennis Tormey [dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.net) 860-337-0053  
& Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto: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 [welsh71@yahoo.com](mailto:welsh71@yahoo.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 (860-450-9198) [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)

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**

## Project Leaders:

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February – Ed Ertel

March – Steve Kensel

April – Pat Andersen

May – Elaine Clark

June – Carl Jerard

July – Dennis Tormey

August – Eugene Good

September – Dennis Taylor

October – Ned Wilson

November – Hilaire Cote

December – Bob Vredenburg