

Mystic Carvers Club

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



November 2019

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.

Our next monthly meeting will be on November 24th 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





This month's Project leader will be Hilaire Cote.

We are looking forward to see what he will be sharing.

Thanks to Marty and Jim for doing the October project. I hope we get to see some finished works of art at the November meeting.

Dennis Tormey wanted to tell you a little about our friend Ralph Eboli's new adventure:

- Ralph Eboli and his wife have sold their home in Mystic and moved to Oklahoma, to be closer to their son and family. Ralph is a Mystic member. He was an active member in the Mystic Carvers Club, attending monthly meetings and many seminars and retreats for years.

He is good at both wood carving and wood working and was always willing to help the Club out whenever asked.

Dennis Tormey received a nice note from Ralph saying they are very happy in Oklahoma. They have found wonderful doctors for his wife and Ralph is very happy with the house taxes compared to Connecticut. They have a big house and live only 20 minutes from his son and his wife, Carrie, so they are close for help when Ralph needs it.

Ralph told Dennis that they have been in the new house for one month and absolutely LOVE it.!

We will miss Ralph here in Mystic and hope that he finds another wood carving group in Oklahoma, and stays out of the way of tornados for which they have a tornado shelter on their property!!!!!!

Best Wishes to Ralph and his wife. We will miss your lovely smiles at our meetings.

The annual Mystic Carvers Club Retreat was held over the Columbus Day weekend.

There were 8 classes of three to nine carvers each.

- Despite lower than last year enrollments, the Retreat ended up “ in the black “, meaning the Club did not lose money on this event
- Just when we thought we were good to go for next year’s Retreat, we were informed that Camp Canonicus was increasing its fees, and introducing new ones:
 1. The price for overnight accommodations was being increased by \$15.00 per night for the Pierce Lodge, and by \$10.00 per night for the cabins, resulting in an increase of \$45.00 or \$30.00 per bed respectively.
 2. There is now going to be a “meeting space” fee of \$540.00 to use the facility over the weekend.
 3. State taxes were being applied this year, which added another \$500.00+ to our bill.
 4. The price of all meals was going up approximately \$2.00 per meal.
 5. There were three other groups indicating a desire to use Camp Canonicus over the Columbus Day weekends in the future.

These increases are too high, and would result in an increase in tuition that we do not believe the registrants would be willing to absorb. We will submit an alternative proposal, that will essentially cut their increases by approximately 50%, and await their response. Should they agree, before we commit to next year, we will canvas carvers who have attended the Retreat to see if they would be willing to come back next year when the tuition would be approximately \$40.00 - \$50.00 more than it was this year.

If not, after 23 years of Retreats sponsored by the Mystic Carvers Club, this tradition may come to an end.

Several other sites were referred to me by members of the NEWC (in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine) but were either not appropriate for our use (Mass.) or were more expensive than the increased price at Camp Canonicus.

We will keep the Club informed of future developments.



There are no more seminars for 2019 but if anyone knows or any carving events that they would like to share with the club, please send your notice to Alice @ carveral@sbcglobal.net so she can add it to the Newsletter.



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It's that time of year again when we should be thinking about renewing your membership for next year. Please don't wait till the end of the year. Thanks

The December meeting and Luncheon will be on the 15th.

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) Carol Roffey 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

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.

Canterbury, CT Finnish American Heritage Society: Route 169 (North of Route 14) Wednesday Afternoon, 1-4 PM Contact John Harris 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) 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.

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 Contact Ed Ertel, 860-875-6187 or erteled@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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 860-603-2449

Vice President –Ed Ertel erteled@yahoo.com 860-875-6187

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

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 May Show is run successfully.

Show Chair – Sheryl Popowycz, Carol Roffey, spopowycz@gmail.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 written, 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

2019: Project Leaders:

November – Hilaire Cote

December – Mary Brown
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January – John Harris

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