

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



September 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 September 25, 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)**

Mary Brown was the novice leader for August. She was teaching folks how to carve a long tailed bird. Thanks for volunteering. Great job Mary!

Ned Wilson will be teaching a Celtic wine holder at the September meeting. What a great Christmas gift.

Vana, (Elaine Clark) did the show and tell table. There were a lot of nice things again this month. A couple of Angels from Dennis's Novice project were on the table. There were a couple of things brought in to show members the projects we did at Jessie O'Brien's Pyrography class and of course Hollis had a few nice carvings and tales to share.

We will miss you Hollis this winter. Have a warm winter.

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

We had a light turn out at the August meeting. Hopefully now that the weather is getting cooler and folks are returning from their summer camps we will have more folks coming to the meetings again.

I want to thank Pat Anderson for bringing in boxes of donuts. Thanks, we are all a few pounds heavier. They were very good.

Under welfare our friend, Dennis Tormey, had his back surgery this week. He is home and getting around. A few of the carvers from Columbia stopped by to say hi after our meeting on Tues and Dennis is walking around. He is still in pain (no, not **Still** a pain). Well, I didn't ask Connie about that. (Sept. 13) Dennis showed up at Columbia Carving today. He looks great. Still not sleeping too well yet but at least he is getting around. He said he can't stay in the same position for longer than 20 min so we just stayed a short time. Get well Dennis.

John Hayes is back in the hospital. Get well John. Hope you get back home soon.  
We haven't heard any news on Carl Gerard but we wish you well and come back to carving soon.  
John Watt fell and injured his knee and will be having surgery soon.

Dennis has requested that members bring in carving stuff so that he has enough gifts for the give away at the retreat. As you all know on Monday, the last day of the retreat Dennis and Carol pull names out of a bucket and everyone gets a chance to choose something off of the gift table. The gifts all come from folks like you who donate stuff: carving tools, books, wood and anything that you are not using these days that someone else could use.

I am asking members if you have a favorite carving project that you like and are willing to cut out a rough out of it and print out a picture of it and maybe some carving directions and make a little project kit, put it in a plastic baggy and bring it to the next meeting would help out a great deal. Those are always good things for folks to take home. Bring them to the next meeting. Give them to Carol or Arlene or myself. Thanks!

At the meeting Bob talked about a woman from East Greenwich (Martha) that called and has some wood and carving items to sell. She lives at 7 Friartuck Rd, Warwick, RI. Her phone # is 267-663-9747. She was going to be there on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> so you will get this newsletter after she is there but you can talk to Bob V at the next meeting to see if she might still have stuff left to sell and maybe he could help you contact her. Bob was going to see her and he will have an idea as to what she has for sale.

## **Coming soon!**

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

OCTOBER 7,8,9,& 10

Have you mailed in your application yet?

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. For novice carvers, Warren Blessing will have a class on Saturday for \$50. It is a beginner class so it's a chance to get your feet wet. He will have many projects to work on. A great way to be with other carvers, carve and just have a great time.

Check out our web site to see this year's instructors. [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com), and to get your application. While you are there, check out photos from last year.

Contact Dennis Tormey [dtormey5519@earthlink.com](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.com) 860-337-0053  
Or Carol Roffey @: [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)

On September 10<sup>th</sup> Woodcraft had their open house. I want to thank 5 of our members who gave up their Saturday to promote carving as a hobby. Tommy, Emile, Lou, Ray and myself were the members who spent the day (some in the rain) promoting the hobby and our club. I believe we had some sincere folks interested. A couple of young folks and that is always a good thing. So we will wait and see if any of them show up someday at one of our meetings.

## **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 [dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:dtormey5519@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.

### **For Sale:**

Gesswein Power/ Hand 2X ECO Torque 280  
Controller with Handpiece and On/Off Foot Switch.  
Asking \$125.00 Call Bill Welsh 860-536-7008 Thanks

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

Applications are coming in every day. Sign up early so you are guaranteed a spot in the class that you would like to take.

Visit our website, [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com) to get all the information you need and to see what classes we will be having this year.

## **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)

We are looking for a co-chair person to help Diane next year on our annual Woodcarvers Show. Please offer to help Diane next year. You can talk to her about the duties but really it is just to be her right hand man. Thanks

Our next carving session will be on **September 25th**. Hope to see everyone there.



**Halloween is coming. These pumpkins are from my garden. The vines took over ½ of my yard but I got 4**

**good size pumpkins. It was fun growing them. These two were a surprise, hiding under the large leaves. Alice**

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- Mary Brown**  
**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- Need Co Chair for 2017**  
**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)**  
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**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:

September-Ned Wilson  
Celtic Wine Holder  
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](mailto: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 Emile Poirier, 860-487-2685 [poirieremile@yahoo.com](mailto:poirieremile@yahoo.com)

**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**