

Mystic Carvers Club

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



April 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.

The next carving session and regular meeting will be on April 28th 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

Project Leader was John Harris with a Whimsy??? Chain. Let's see how many can meet his challenge.

Project Leaders:

April, Ed Ertel: Bird sitting on edge of cup. Looks like a really fun project.

Mary talked about the Mayflower being launched on September 7th into the water at Mystic Seaport. She said it will remain there for a while before they sail it up to Massachusetts.

Mary also thanked all the Mystic Carvers who participated in the Heart Carving project. She said they raised over \$15,000 so far. Thanks to all.

Carol talked about the Woodcarvers Day on May 4th at the Columbia Sr. Center.

Sign up for the competition pieces will start at 8 AM till 9:30. If you wish to enter a piece into competition and you don't want to stay all day then Carol said she will be happy to pick up your pieces at the April meeting and take them to the show. You can pick them up at the show or ask Carol to bring them back in May.

The cost to enter is: \$5 for 1st entry and \$3 for each additional entry.

Please remember to bring items for the raffle table too. Some suggestions: you could do a gift basket that a few of you chip in to put together as a group. Caving tools are a good money maker. Anything that you would want to put a ticket in a cup for a raffle prize. It doesn't have to be wood related. A toy for a young kid! Bubble blowing toy. A car for a boy!. A gift card or gas card!. Just a few ideas!

This provides the income to put this event in the black. A bottle of wine. Use your imagination.

Contact Mary at: mbrown06239@gmail.com

Below is the flyer for our Woodcarvers Day in May. Please make copies and put them up around your town. Thanks

40th Annual WOODCARVERS DAY

**Sponsored by
Mystic Carvers Club
PO Box 71
Mystic, Connecticut 06355**

***EXHIBIT AND SALE HOURS
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM***

***“Beckish Senior Center”
188 Rte 66, Columbia, CT***

***SATURDAY - May 4th, 2019
(This show is held inside the Beckish Senior Center)***

Public Invited---Free Admission

***Ribbons will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
in each category for those entering the competition along with
Cash prizes for Best of Show and People’s Choice***

***WOODCARVERS FROM ALL OVER NEW ENGLAND WILL BE PRESENT TO SHOW AND SELL
THEIR CARVINGS***

***Types of Carvings will include, Caricature, Fish, Human Figures, Animals,
Chip Carvings, Song Birds, Relief Carvings,
Folk Art & Mythical and Waterfowl***

ANNUAL MYSTIC CARVERS DAY SHOW AND SALE

*You are invited to participate in the exhibition and sale of your work to the public at
the*

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER, 188 RTE. 66, COLUMBIA, CT. 06237

EXHIBIT & SALES HOURS

EXHIBITORS SET UP: 8:00AM – 9:30AM

EXHIBITION AND SALES: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

***All entries for the show competition must be registered by 9:30AM
Judging begins promptly at 9:30AM.***

COMPETITION

CASH PRIZES & RIBBONS

*CARICATURE, FOLK ART & MYTHICAL, HUMAN FIGURES, CHIP CARVING,
WATERFOWL,
SONG BIRDS, FISH, RELIEF CARVINGS, ANIMALS
in NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE and OPEN CLASSES*

*THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 CHARGE FOR THE FIRST ENTRY AND
\$3.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ENTRY PAYABLE AT REGISTRATION THE MORNING OF THE
SHOW.*

***This show is open to ALL CLUB MEMBERS. If you are not a member of Mystic Carvers
Club, you may join when completing the REGISTRATION form below.***

ENTRY FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED THE MORNING OF THE SHOW

Competition Class Levels

Novice - A beginning carver who may be a newcomer to competition. Carving can be from a carving class, books, kits and carving blanks. If the carver wins a blue ribbon in this class it is necessary to advance to the intermediate level.

Intermediate - A more experienced carver who may have won several awards for their carvings. The carver is able to create carving with less help. It is acceptable to submit pieces that used kits, purchased blanks or were teacher instructed.

Open - A carver that has progressed beyond the intermediate level having

won a number of blue ribbons and best of show ribbons in previous competition.

At this level the carver shows proficiency in carving and painting skills. No assisted instruction allowed and the carver is expected to advance to the Master level.

Master- Carvers must be at the highest level of their craft. This level is for the profession carver or instructor who carves for a living or for profit. In past competition the carver has won a number of blue ribbons, Best of Show in the open class or it's equivalent.

REGISTRATION:

NAME _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL (Please print): _____

CT TAX NUMBER _____ (IF YOU PLAN TO SELL YOUR GOODS)

EXHIBIT SPACE IS FREE TO MEMBERS

1. MEMBERSHIP FEE (IF NOT PRESENTLY A MEMBER) - \$10.00..... \$ _____

2. TABLE RENTAL - \$10.00 EACH (MUST BE RESERVED AND PAID IN ADVANCE)

NUMBER OF TABLES _____ AT \$10.00 EACH \$ _____

3. I WILL BE BRINGING _____ TABLES (NO FEE CHARGED)

TOTAL Amount Due: \$ _____

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$ _____ PAYABLE TO MYSTIC CARVERS CLUB, PO BOX 71, MYSTIC, CT - 06355

IMPORTANT: IF BRINGING YOUR OWN TABLES, YOUR REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 26, 2019,

INDICATING THE NUMBER and LENGTH OF TABLES THAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF THERE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE SPACE FOR YOUR TABLE(S).

IT IS AGREED THAT EACH EXHIBITOR ASSUMES ALL RISKS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO HIS PERSON AND PROPERTY AND WAIVES ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE MYSTIC CARVERS CLUB, INC. & THE BECKISH SENIOR CENTER.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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SEMINARS FOR 2019

KATHY WEBSTER

MAY 18 & 19

Ruddy Duck

**Class is full but will take names in case someone
cancels**

Contact: Alice: carveral@sbcglobal.net

Price \$40

Jim O'Dea

Power carving a song bird

\$95 instructional fee for the 3 day class plus \$15 for the Tupelo Bird blank, eyes , pattern and pewter legs.

Date to be announced later

This will be a 2 or 3 day class on power carving.

You will need a portable table top dust collector. Jim will bring a few but if you have one then bring it.

Contact Carol Roffey:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2019

BOB YORBURG

Presents

“Coney Island Jewish Immigrant Carvers”

Bushnell Park Carousel

1 Jewell St, Hartford, CT 06103

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019 5:00 pm



Woodcarver and historian, Bob Yorburg, will guide you through a photographic journey into the workshops of some of the most brilliant carvers imaginable.

Experience the flamboyant style of carousel and architectural carving created by the Jewish immigrant carvers at the turn of the 20th century. Marcus Charles Illions, Charles Carmel along with Solomon Stein & Harry Goldstein raised the art of carousel carving to a new level. Their realism and extraordinary

ornamentation defined the Coney Island style of carousel carving.

The art of the carousel carvers extends beyond amusement rides into the historic synagogues of Brooklyn. These beautiful architectural carvings reflect the designs of the carousels.

The tour ends with a question and answer period followed by a live woodcarving demonstration revealing the time honored techniques used to create these magnificent menageries and glorious architectural features.

Tickets are \$10 by reservation only
Call 860 585-5411 or book online at
thecarouselmuseum.org/book-online
Light refreshments will be served.

Visit Bob's website at:

www.bobyorburg.com

May 4th – Our **Annual Woodcarvers Day** will be on May 4th.

Mystic's Annual Woodcarvers Day, Columbia Sr. Center. Route 66,
Columbia, ct

We will be looking for volunteers to help for the day.

Please think about what you will be entering into competition and if you will need an exhibit table.

Please contact Sheryl Popowycz to offer to help her: spopowycz@gmail.com

May 18 and 19: Kathy Webster, Bird Carver

Saturday, June 1st:

**The Connecticut Wood Carvers Association (CWCA) is having their
Annual Show & Competition** Carving, competition, demonstrations,
supplies, sales and guided tours at the:

New England Carousel Museum
95 Riverside Avenue (Route 72)
Bristol, CT 06010,
860-585-5411

Entries will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. when the judging will begin.

Rain or Shine

Adults - \$6.00, Seniors - \$5.00, Children Age 4 to 14 - \$2.50 (updated museum admission) Competition Registration is a per piece fee & includes admission.

Please pass on to anyone you know. This is our annual showcase come in and enjoy

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and break down for the show. Show set up will begin on Friday at 12:30 p.m. Final set up will commence at 6:00 a.m. until the show starts at 10:00 a.m. with final set up of the displays and assisting the vendors.

Many thanks and heartfelt appreciation to everyone for your assistance and entries! Without your help we would not have this wonderful event.

The museum installed a new carousel last year! Please come and support them.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND SEMINARS THIS YEAR!!

Wood burning classes

Face carving classes

Chain Saw Carving

All clubs will be demonstrating techniques and carvings.

Aug. 8, 9, & 10: Carv-Fest Woodcarving Festival 2019

PO Box 611, Faribault, MN 55021

507-339-0336

Visit them on line for their schedule

July or August?

Jim O'Dea will be teaching a woodcarving class at Mystic

The price will be \$95 for instructional fee plus \$15 for the tupelo Bird blank eyes, pattern and pewter legs.

Jim has dust collection equipment for 4 students. He will take 6 students so two would need their own dust collectors. Also, micro motor tool, mask and bits.
He will teach the basics of song bird carving with power.
Talk to Carol if interested.

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) 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.

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:

Apr Ed Ertel: Bird
May Eugene Good
June Art Austin
July Bob Vredenburg
Aug Dennis Tormey
Sept Dennis Taylor
Oct Martin Sprock
and Jim Dutton
Nov Hilaire Cote
Dec Randy Russo