

Mystic Carvers Club



January 2024

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 January 28th at the Quiambaug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT.

The Fire House will be open at **9:00 AM** for anyone working on his or her project or wishing to carve along with the Project leader.

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

**All mail should be directed to: Mystic Wood Carvers
c/o: Carol Coffey, 45 Fairway Dr., Colchester, CT06415**

Hilaire has asked that members pay their dues for 2024 if you have not paid them yet.

Pay \$20 at the meeting or mail your checks to:

Mystic Carvers Club, c/o Carol Roffey, 45 Fairway Dr. Colchester, CT 06415

At our December meeting we had a lovely Christmas luncheon. Lots of food and friends!

Chuck Larkin and Mary Brown presented a long time member, Robert Bushey, with a Quilt of Honor. Bob was an MP in the Army. He served his term in Germany and was in the Army for 20 years.

Thanks Bob for your years of service to your country. Enjoy the quilt.

Mary Brown made the quilt. Thanks Mary, great job!



The New England Wood Workers Show was held up at the Eastern States building in Mass.

I'm sure Ed will tell us all about it at the January meeting.

Thanks to all the members who volunteered to donate their time to sit at the club table.

Up Coming Carving Classes:

All classes are done at the Quiambaug Fire house. Classes begin at 9 a.m. unless stated otherwise.

One Day Carving Class

February 7, 2024

9:00 AM

Last Call – Next month

One of our Mystic Club supporting woodcarvers has a new book out (pictured below). Peter Benson taught at our Retreat for many years. Some great projects in this book. This book is also in the latest UK Woodcarving Magazine where Peter is this month's guest editor.

The bear is good for all level carvers and needs to display a certain attitude to make it great. One can as much detail as you choose.

For those who have interest, it will be held at the Mystic Firehouse in February during the week. Those who sign up will vote on the weekday chosen.

I will supply the basswood band saw cut outs. The cost for the day will be \$30 including cut out. When you are complete, you can wax it, stain it or paint it, your choice. I will be there for a 9:00 start and stay until your all exhausted.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Warren Blessing

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Bear carving with Warren February 7 at 9 am.

May 18th: Mike McCarthy carving a Killdeer Shore bird.

Cost for the day is \$50 (\$35 for carving and \$15 for rough out. Signup sheet will be at the meetings.

April 13 & 14: Santa. Wayne Smith, Cost of rough out is \$25.

Carving classes cost \$30, for the two days.

Painting for this Santa will be done with Chris O'Dea at the July meeting at Mystic's normal monthly meeting.

I don't know the cost for the painting class.



June 8 & 9th: Wayne Smith will be teaching an animal carving class. There are 3 animal heads to choose from.
Cost to carve will be \$40 for the 2 days. Plus the cost of the animal.



Wolf \$38
Plus Shipping



Lynx \$40



Snow Leopard \$24

Painting will be done in Aug. Dates not noted yet.

May: No date has been set.

Ed Ertel has asked Bob Stadtlander to come and do a Relief class in May. Ed had a signup sheet.

Hilaire has offered to put Bob up at his home so the price is reduced for the class.

There are so many different rough outs to choose from so see ED at the next meeting.

Carving Groups:

Mystic Woodcarvers Club: Last Sunday of each month, 9 to 1, at the Quiambaug Fire House, Old Stonington Rd. (off Route 1) Mystic, (See web site at: www.mysticcarvers.com) Carol Roffey, President: croffey@comcast.net 860-603-2449

Danbury Group: Hat City Carvers - 2nd and 4th Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00, Danbury Sr. Center 10 Elmwood Place, Danbury, CT 06810. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 12 to 3PM, Lapham Community Center, New Canaan, Contact: Dennis Taylor, dennistaylor@optonline.net

Enders Island Group: Meets each Tuesday from 9 to 2 Contact: Ray Johnson, wcvray@hotmail.com 860-639-9802

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) 748-6201. . erteled@yahoo.com

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

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 and no fees. Call Dennis Tormey Tormev-dtormev5519@earthlink.net 860-337-0053formation.

Farmington Valley Carvers: Farmington Community and Senior Center, meetings every Monday from 10 to 12. Located on New Britain Rd., Unionville, Fridays from 10-12:

Wethersfield 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: Mansfield Senior Center, 303 Maple Road, Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268, 860-429-0262

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. Newcomers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-748-6201 erteled@yahoo.com

Middlefield: CWCA Ct Forest & Park, Middlefield, CT (old rte 66) 10 to 2, 1st. Sundays Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-541 www.ctwoodcarvers.org

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 _croffev@comcast.net 860-603-2449

Vice President –Alice Mellor-carveral@sbcglobal.net 860-337-0194

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

Secretary-Dennis Tormev-dtormev5519@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-Elaine Clark clarkbr9@aol.com

Library Custodian: Maintain club's library by monitoring current inventory, look for additions and see that inventory is maintained properly.

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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 (860-337-0194)

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

Keeper of Members names and email address: Maintain member's names, addresses and email addresses. Warren Blessing: (860-742-3253

Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey croffev@comcast.net

Equipment Coordinator: Maintain club's equipment (sharpening and lights) are in safe operating condition, repaired if needed. Ed Ertel

Novice projects:
Please talk to Elaine if you can be a leader.

We need volunteer leaders . Please see Elaine and sign up for 2024 or we will not have any group carvings.