

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



DECEMBER 2017

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 December 17, 2017 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 in your carvings to share with others.

Check out our Web Site. @ www.mysticcarvers.com



"HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL"

The Project Leader for November was Hilaire Cote. Hilaire taught us how to carve a cute little Penguin Pin/Christmas ornament. Thanks for volunteering to be a Project Leader! December leader will be Bill Simpson carving a spatula, scraper, shallow spoon? Your choice!

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

Minutes from the NOVEMBER meeting:

Ed Ertel discussed the “37th Annual Woodcarvers Day”. The date will be May 5, 2018 at the Beckish Senior Center on Route 66 in Columbia, CT

Folks can start bringing their competition pieces in (registration) at 8 AM till 9:30 AM. Show opens to the public at 10. Judging will be going on from 9:30 AM till the judges have completed their work. (11). Entries will remain at the hall until 3 PM. If you want to enter a piece but cannot stay till 3 please have someone pick up your piece at 3 for you.

We will have vendors selling and showing their carvings, we will have our usual competition tables (so get your carvings ready). There will be food available. Right now for the early birds we will have breakfast sandwiches and coffee and for lunch there will be dogs and burgers. (Menu can change?)

Mary has offered to do a drawing and will be looking for donations to help her make some baskets so please talk to her if you wish to help.

Ed talked about maybe having a table set up for members to do carving demos for the public and maybe having some simple projects for young children to do. Any volunteers?

Contact person: Diane Haberer



diane8050@yahoo.com

Also at the last meeting Mary Brown thanked those folks who helped with the Mayflower heart project and said there will be a Tour of the Mayflower on May 11th for those who participated. Talk to Mary for more details.

Hilaire talked about Mike McCarthy coming in February. Make sure you sign up at the next meeting. Mike’s classes fill fast.

REMINDER, DECEMBER IS OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON SO THE CLUB WILL SUPPLY THE SANDWICH PLATTER, CHEESE PLATTER, AND DRINKS. WE ASK MEMBERS TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE WITH FELLOW MEMBERS. THANKS!

MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 17TH.

Bob mentioned our Christmas party at our December meeting. As usual the club supplies the sandwiches, drinks and members are asked to bring in a dish to share.

The last thing discussed was the Wood Workers Show at the Eastern States building in Ma. We can talk to Bill Simpson at the December meeting to see if Mystic will be setting up tables again this year. This show is in January so Bill will be looking for volunteers if we are to set up a table.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

REMINDER!!!!!!! MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AT THIS TIME. PLEASE GET THEM IN THIS MONTH IF YOU CAN. THANKS.....

Seminars for 2018

Mike McCarthy
February 10, 2018
Quianbaug Fire House.
Green Heron

Cost is \$40 which includes the Rough out.

CONTACT HILAIRE COTE nsduckhouse@yahoo.com

The date is February 10th with snow date February 17th at the Quiambaug firehouse. We're doing a Green Heron. Cost is \$40.00 which includes the roughout, base, legs and glass eyes. He can have it with a short or long neck, standing on 1 or 2 legs and mouth open or closed.

For the signup sheet we only need to know if you want the longer neck or short neck!

Seminars cont.
Ritva Autio, Relief Carving

June 2018

Date and Cost-To be announced

Contact: Carol Roffey: croffey@comcast.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2018

WOOD WORKING SHOW-SPRINGFIELD, MA
JANUARY 12-14

Contact: Carol Roffey: croffey@comcast.net

860-228-0404

The show hours are Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-6, and Sunday 10-3. We will have 2 tables. More information on the show is available on the website thewoodworkingshows.com.

We will need volunteers to staff the tables.

We could break the hours down into blocks and have folks sign up for a block.

Suggested time slots:

Friday 12-3

Friday 3-6

Saturday 10-1

Saturday 1-4

Saturday 4-6

Sunday 10-1

Sunday 1-3

We will need folks to sign up at the December meeting!

FEBRUARY 10- MIKE MCCARTHY GREEN HERON

CONTACT HILAIRE COTE NSDUCKHOUSE@YAHOO.COM

MAY 5TH - 37TH ANNUAL WOODCARVERS DAY

DIANE HABERER-diane8050@yahoo.com

JUNE- ?- RITVA AUTIO, RELIEF CARVING-WOLF

artaio@yahoo.com

IF ANYONE HAS ANY EVENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THIS CALENDAR PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL WITH THE EVENT AND DATE AND CONTACT PERSON.

WOODCARVERS RETREAT IN NEW ENGLAND

Hello Fellow Carvers! As we are sure you know by now there was no Woodcarvers Retreat in New England in 2017. We lost our previous venue and spent time this summer searching for another one. The next Retreat, sponsored by the Mystic Carvers Club, will be held at **Camp Canonicus, 54 Exeter Rd., Exeter, Rhode Island 02822.**

- The dates are Friday, October 5th to Monday, October 8th, 2018.
- The projected price is \$295.00 and includes all meals from Friday's dinner through Monday's lunch, bed rooms (real beds!) accommodating 3 - 4 people per room and your classroom instructions.
- Our Instructors will be returning (Carl Borst, Mike Bloomquist, Harold Kaltenbach, Rick O'Coin, Kathy Webster, Ken St. Vincent, Warren Blessing, Randy Russo, Edsel Johnson & Gary Filliault.) Tool sharpeners Leon & Delores Standish will also be there.
- Individual projects have not been determined yet. Please check our website www.mysticcarvers.com and/or our Face book site Mystic Woodcarvers in 2018 for updates. Registration forms will be available by April of next year. We will also send out more information as it is available. Thank you for your past participation and looking forward to seeing you all next Columbus Day weekend. Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey, Retreat Coordinators

Carving Groups:

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.

Columbia Group: 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.

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

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

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:

President –Bob Vredenburg-(401-377-4615) bobvredenburg@verizon.net

Vice President Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) carveral@sbcglobal.net

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

Secretary- Pat Anderson mrsbumble47@verizon.net

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 July Show is run successfully.

Show Chairman –Diane Haberer-(860-572-8440)diane8050@yahoo.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

**Project Leader
2017**

December: Bill Simpson
Spatula, scraper, shallow
spoon, your choice

**2018 Project
Leaders**

Jan Ed Ertel

Feb Pat Anderson

Mar John Harris

Apr Ken St.Vincent

May –Marty Sprock,

Jim Dutton

June Emile Poirier

and Lenny Szack

July Chuck Larkins

Aug Dennis Tormey

Sept Carl Jerard

Oct Ned Wilson

Nov Hilaire Cote

Dec Eugene Good

