

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



January 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 January 29, 2017 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**

Happy
New Year!

At our December meeting Hilaire Cote was the novice leader. He did a cute segmented snowman ornament. All parts moved when completed. What a great project for December. I hope we see a few at the next meeting. Ed Ertel will be doing the novice project in January.

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

We had a very short business meeting in December. Bob mentioned the Wood Working Show at Eastern States coming up in January. Bill was still looking for volunteers.

We had a very nice Christmas party. There was so much food again! Thanks to all who brought in dishes. Everything was wonderful. Bill Walsh and Ray Johnson went to BigY and picked up lunch meat and everything else to complete our meal. Yeah, they even found shrimp on sale so that was a real treat. Thanks again you two for helping again this year.

Bob and I would like to thank Ben Anderson for doing a great job again this year with the hard work he does every month and especially when he has to do the tax report in April. We would be lost without him. Thanks so much Ben!!!

Thanks to all the other folks who volunteer throughout the year. If it wasn't for our volunteers we would not have such a great club.

We would like to donate some money to some organization that works to teach the art of carving or a woodworking group in a school. We are looking for names of organizations that would benefit from a donation. Please think about it and give your suggestions to Bob at the January meeting. We would like to donate to an organization in the Mystic area if possible.

Our deepest sympathy go out to the family of Mystic Member Jim Sheehan:

SHEEHAN, JAMES P. JAMES P. SHEEHAN, 82, OF WALLINGFORD, DIED AT HOME SURROUNDED BY HIS LOVING FAMILY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016. HE WAS THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF THERESA (SCARPA) SHEEHAN. HE WAS BORN IN CAMBRIDGE, MA, JUNE 17, 1934, A SON OF THE LATE JAMES J. AND ANN (O'DONOGHUE) SHEEHAN AND WAS RAISED IN IRELAND BEFORE RETURNING TO AMERICA. HE WAS A KOREAN WAR VETERAN OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND HAD RETIRED FROM ADVANCED PRODUCTS COMPANY OF NORTH HAVEN. MR. SHEEHAN WAS A PARISHIONER OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH. HE WAS VERY PROUD OF HIS IRISH AND AMERICAN HERITAGE AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE IRISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER. HE WAS A VERY ACCOMPLISHED WOOD CARVER KNOWN AS THE "CLADDAUGH CARVER" AND HAD SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CT WOODCARVERS ASSOC. IN ADDITION TO HIS WIFE, THERESA, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, LAURA BELL AND HER HUSBAND THEODORE; AND JAMIE SHEEHAN AND HIS WIFE REGINA; HIS GRANDCHILDREN, RYAN, MEGHAN, AUDREY, COLIN AND GEORGIANA; HIS SIBLINGS, THOMAS SHEEHAN AND HIS WIFE NOREEN, JOAN (MRS. RICHARD) LIPP, MARY (MRS. ROBERT) WARD, AND MICHAEL SHEEHAN AND HIS WIFE TERESA; AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HIS FAMILY WILL RECEIVE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE WALLINGFORD FUNERAL HOME, 809 N. MAIN ST. EXT., ON THURSDAY, DEC. 1, FROM 4 TO 7 P.M. A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL WILL BE CELEBRATED ON FRIDAY DIRECTLY AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH AT 10 A.M.

**INTERMENT WITH MILITARY HONORS WERE AT THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY IN
MIDDLETOWN**

SEMINARS FOR 2017

Mike McCarthy February 11, 2017(snow date Feb 18th)

Shore Bird- \$35 plus roughout

Choose 1 of the 3:

Tundra Swan, Yellow Crown Night Heron, Black Skimmer

Hilaire has pictures of them to see.

Contact: Hilaire Cote, nsduckhouse@yahoo.com

Kathy Webster, Antique Shore Bird,

May 20 & 21, 2017

More details to come.

Bob Hershey, Themed Bark Carver,

September, 7, 8, & 9

Cost will be \$110 plus the cost of the Bark unless you have your own bark.

He works with themes. Bob has written a few articles for Woodcarving Illustrated. I will have pictures of his work attached to the signup sheet. He carves Halloween themed pieces, Christmas themes and now has just started doing Light Houses.

We also have asked Jessie O'Brien to return this year to teach another pyrography class. More info when I find out when she can return to Mystic.

If any other members wish to bring in an artist to teach a carving class please contact Alice so we can work them into our schedule. Also, if there is a certain type of wood carving you would be interested in let Bob or Alice know and we will try to find someone who teaches it.

IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES

You can mail your dues in or pay at a meeting. \$10

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If you are not sure if you owe at this time please send me an email and I will check the list or ask Hilaire at the next meeting.

Our next carving session will be on January 29th. Hope to see everyone there.

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

Chairmanships:

Novice Carving Coordinator: Recruit members to lead a Novice carving at each monthly meeting; ensure back up plan is in place if needed.

Novice Carving 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 – Hollis Price (860- 848-3698)

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 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 2017

January: Ed Ertel

February: Art Austin

March: John Harris

April: Dennis Taylor,
Faces

May: Tom Fritz

June: Alice Mellor

July: Chuck Larkins

August: Dennis Tormey

Sept: Eugene Good

October: Ned Wilson

November: Hilaire Cote

December: Bill Simpson

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-12 - 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



