

MYSTIC CARVERS CLUB

P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



November 2016

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 is **November 20, 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**

Happy Thanksgiving

Eugene Good was the novice leader for October. Thanks Eugene. Great job! Alice Mellor will be the novice leader for November. She will be carving a small antique bird with different pictures so you can make it whatever you want to.

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

At the October meeting there was a discussion about the by-laws. At the September meeting when Ben Anderson gave a yearend financial report there was a discrepancy about the balance in the check book because there were some outstanding bills for the Rhode Island Retreat and the books didn't balance. Because we ended our physical year in September as we have always done in the past our records don't balance because of the Retreat. So, there was a discussion about changing the by-laws and going with a January to December year. There will be more discussion to come so that we can resolve this issue.

Also, they ran out of time at the meeting and the issue of November and December dates for our meetings never came up so because of Thanksgiving being on November 24th and folks may be having family and friends over the following weekend for the holidays, the meeting will be early this month. Our November meeting will be this week, on Sunday **November 20th**.

The December meeting was not discussed either and we usually have our meeting the week before Christmas which will also be our annual Christmas Party. So, the December meeting will be on **December 18th**, the week before Christmas. We will be talking about our Christmas party at the November meeting.

SEMINARS FOR 2017

2016 was pretty busy with many seminars and it is time to discuss who we want to come back in 2017. Leah Goddard and Chris Howard said they are not going to be doing Lake Placid this year so they will not be in New England this fall so they will not be back IN 2017.

Jessie O'Brien said she will return this year but maybe not in the summer because it is too hot. (Unless we can talk you know who into hosting again) We can see if she will come in late September or October.

Alice has made plans with Bob Hershey, Cottonwood Bark carver who does theme carvings to come teach at Mystic. He teaches Christmas, Halloween and has now just started doing Light House themes in Cottonwood Bark. You may have seen his work in Wood Carving Illustrated.

Bob has agreed to come to Mystic for a 3 day seminar on Sept, 7, 8, and 9, 2017. I have offered him my house to stay at so that the price will only be \$110 plus the wood. He has a minimum requirement of 8 students and maximum of 12. I have taken classes with Bob in Pennsylvania and he is lots of fun and a very good teacher. So if we get enough interest I can confirm with Bob to teach in September.

If anyone else has any teachers that they would like to contact please let me know.

Thanks.

IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES

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

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!

Our **Annual Christmas** party will be at our December meeting which will be **December 18th**, unless the date is decided otherwise at the November meeting.

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
Novice Carving Coordinator-Mary Brown (860-774-3458) or mbrown06239@gmail.com
Show Chairman –Diane Haberer-(860-572-8440)diane8050@yahoo.com
Co Chair- Need Co Chair for 2017
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2016 Novice Leaders:

November-Alice Mellor
Small antique Bird.
December-Hilaire Cote

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January Kate Clauson
February Dave Freese
March John Harris
April ?
May Tom Fritz

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 10to 12. Located on New Britain Rd., Unionville, CT. Contact Dave Freese 860-673-2154 or John Hayes, 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

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 1st. of every month-cost of materials only.
New comers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-875-6187

