

## Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71  
Mystic, CT 06355



October 2017

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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.

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The next carving session and regular meeting will be on October 29, 2017 at The Quianbaug 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 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](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**

Our project leaders for September were Jim Dutton and Marty Sprock. They had a couple of projects to choose from, a mouse and a pumpkin. Please bring your finished work of art to the October meeting to show off.

Our Project leader for October will be Ned Wilson. Ned will be showing members how to carve some Christmas ornaments. Have fun.

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

I received a note from one of our Mystic members that Earl Holmes, a life member of the Mystic Carvers club, passed away on October 10. Earl was 96 years old. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

### **Minutes from the September 24th meeting.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:21

Bob thanked Marty and Jim for the 2 projects this month.

Bob announced Jessie O'Brien's class this Saturday and Sunday and that Bob Hershey did a cottonwood bark class. Samples were displayed on the table. Bob announced that a relief carving class will be held on June 8 and 9 2018 here at the fire station.

Ed Ertel read from the Constitution the stipulation that the club will have an annual show. The committee reported that the ideal time for the show is mid April to mid May and indoors. Locations are being investigated. Access to highways is a priority. Suggestions are requested. Ed also mentioned that the NEWC show is coming October 15<sup>th</sup> in Bedford Mass. We get 1 table free.

Ray Johnson reported the Woodcraft open house in Manchester was a good show and well attended.

Mary Brown thanked participants in the Mayflower Project.

### **Minutes Recorded by Mary Brown.**

**The following is a message I received from Mary Brown in reference to the Plymouth Project: Thank you for sharing this with the group Mary.**

I want to share this message with all of you carvers. It truly is a magnificent work.

The carving will be on display at Mayflower House, 4 Winslow St., Plymouth if you haven't seen it completed.

Again, thank you for your part in this work

Regards,

Mary

Hi Mary,

Sorry for the delay but I basically have just returned home after attending Congress in Plymouth and then continuing to travel after that. I told you in person at Congress, but I wanted to convey again how much I admired the carved ship that you and the Connecticut Society gave to GSMD. I was blown away by the creativity and imagination to come up with the idea to begin with. And the workmanship of the wood carving is exquisite. Please thank everyone involved with this project and express to them from me and the Alabama Society our sincere appreciation of this most thoughtful and beautiful gift.

Sincerely,

Ann Ferguson, Assistant, General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Alabama

## SEMINARS FOR 2017

### Jessie O'Brien, Pyrography Pyrography

Sept 30 and Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.



Pyrographers at work



A sample of the work



More samples of the work



class reviewing our work

This was another great job done by the pyrographers in our club. A job well done!

Then next carving session is on October 29th. Looking forward to seeing you all.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:bobvredenburg@verizon.net)**

**Vice President Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)**

**Treasurer-Ben Anderson (860-536-1762) [bander063@live.com](mailto:bander063@live.com)**

**Secretary- Pat Anderson [mrsbumble47@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:diane8050@yahoo.com)**

**Retreat Coordinator: Provide leadership to ensure that the October Retreat is run successfully.**

**Retreat Coordinators -Dennis Tormey [dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.net) 860-337-0053  
& Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nsduckhouse@yahoo.com)**

**Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto: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

October: Ned Wilson  
Christmas Ornaments  
November: Hilaire Cote  
December: Bill Simpson

## 2018 Project Leaders

Jan Ed Ertel  
Feb Pat Anderson  
Mar John Harris  
Apr Ken St.Vincent  
May - open  
June Emile Poirier  
and Lenny Szack  
July Chuck Larkins  
Aug Dennis Tormey  
Sept Carl Jerard  
Oct Ned Wilson  
Nov Hilaire Cote  
Dec Eugene Good

