

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71 Mystic, CT 06355



August 2013

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 on August 25TH 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 Alice know and she will set it up.
Check out our website at: www.mysticcarvers.com

The July 28, 2013 meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM, by Vice President Dennis Tormey.

There were two new members at the meeting, Bill Simpson and Rick Ciarcia, Welcome to the club.

We also had about 12 new members sign up at the Wood Carvers Day.

It was reported the Fred Grafton had a blood clot in his lungs, and he is doing better and recuperating. Get well Fred.

John Hayes is doing better since his stroke. There are reports that John has been sighted at various carving clubs throughout the state. Stay well John. Hope to see you at the August meeting.

The novice group was headed by Hilaire Cote. He led the novice group in carving a small fish key chain. We are hoping to see completed key chains at the next month's meeting. Thank you Hilaire for doing all the work to come up with this project, it looks like a fun one.

There was one carved egg novice project for June on the show and tell table. Nice job!

Ben Anderson, our Treasurer, reported that there is \$20,353 in the club checking account. This includes outstanding debts for the upcoming seminars and retreat.

Our Wood Carvers Day Show and competition in July went off without a hitch. Thank goodness!!! It was a 90+ degree day but we got through it again. It was nice this year because we ended the show at 3 PM instead of 4 and that helped to get us all out of the heat just as we were all ready to drop.

A great big "THANK YOU" to all the helpers and the participants. Without all the support and help of members and exhibitors and competitors there would not be a show. Everyone worked hard and it showed.

Entry numbers were down from 2012. We had 90 entries last year and 72 this year. Maybe due to the extreme heat???

The show was in the red about \$100, plus the cost of the ribbons.

Hollis talked about the need to order new ribbons for next year's show. A price limit of \$275 was established; a motion was made and seconded to authorize the purchase.

Ed Ertel thought that the "People's Choice" count was done too early at this year's show and suggested that they be counted later in the day next year.

Ray Johnson reported that there are 31 carvers signed up for this year's Retreat in October. This number is down from last year. If you are planning on attending please get your entries in so Ray can inform the carving instructors so they can plan the number of rough outs they will need to prepare for their classes. It helps if they know in advance and some of the teachers will only come if they have a certain number of students. We can all understand how that works. Thanks!!!

Ed Ertel reported that there were fewer entries for the C.C.A. this year at Lake Placid. Economy, Gas prices, who knows?????

Hollis Price put on a carving seminar in July. The subject was a Brown Thrasher. He indicated that he was pleased with the seminar. The carvers need to complete their birds at home and then Hollis plans on doing a painting class at one of our future meetings. Let's see if everyone can be ready to paint at the August meeting. Hollis will be in touch with the carvers to schedule a time.

Upcoming Seminars for 2013

Jessie O'Brien's Aug. 10 & 11 Pyrography class is full! Alice will be contacting participants with the hours of the two day seminar. Class Was GREAT

Wayne Shinlever's Sept. 20-22 Caricature carving class is being coordinated by Ed Ertel. Ed reported that Wayne has some new rough-outs this year, including a new Santa, Pirate, Hobo, ornaments, Dragon and a Cowboy. Carvers will have their choice of rough-outs to carve.

There is a waiting list for this class.

All carvers who have signed up to attend this class should send their payments in. The cost of the class is \$130.00. Full payment must be made within 30 days of the event or the first person on the waiting list will have the opportunity to pay and get into the class. Get those payments in if you wish to take the class.

2014 Seminars

Pete LeClair will be coming to Mystic on May 30, 31 and June 1st of 2014. There was a signup sheet on the table at the meeting and it will be out at the next meeting.

Leah Goddard & Chris Howard will be in Mystic from August 13th to 17th 2014. Leah will be leading a group in carving a realistic animal. Cost is \$160.

Chris Howard will teach carving either a 2 day Cotton Wood Bark Face, OR a 5 day class in the round Bust. Cost will be \$70 for the 2 day class or \$160 for the 5 day class. Please talk to Dennis to let him know if you would prefer a Cotton Wood Bark class or an in the round Bust. He has pictures of the suggestions Chris is thinking about carving. We need to get an idea of which class to choose so Chris will know what to bring. Please see Dennis at the next meeting if you are

interested in either of these classes. We need to know where the most interest is, for which class, in order to choose one. You don't have to commit to a class at this time. Dennis can take a vote at the next meeting to see which class we want to go with. Thanks.

Bob Stadlander may also lead a seminar in 2014-----date and cost to be determined. He does not formally schedule his classes until later on in the year prior to the class. There is a signup sheet, just to indicate interest in learning from Bob next year at this point.

Hilaire indicated that Mike McCarthy has offered to return to Mystic next February. There will be a signup sheet for him next month.

Any carvers who are interested in attending these classes, but who are not present at the meetings to sign up may contact Dennis at dtormey5519@earthlink.net or by phone at 860-456-0768.

Warren Blessing sent an email regarding:

Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking's 13th annual
Open House.
September 20th and 21st, 2013
9 AM to 5 PM

This open house is held at Woodcraft on Spencer St. in Manchester. This year there will be a Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event along with Central Ct. Wood Turners who will be there to demonstrate the art of turning.

Mystic Carving club would like to set up a table. Carvers are encouraged to participate in this event to demonstrate and promote the craft of woodcarving and to bring items they have carved for display. Any questions or to express an interest in attending and spending part or all of the day at our club table, please contact Warren at warren@ctvalleywc.com

Show and Tell Table:

There were many carvings on the Show and Tell Table, featured carvings included: A White Egret by Hilaire Cote, an Indian and Moose in the round by new member Rick Ciarcia, a Cowboy carving and Indian head walking stick by Ernie Hill. Thanks to all who shared their carvings with the club. Nice Job!

Eugene Good brought in many of his acrylic paintings from home to show the group. We found out at the bird seminar that Eugene was an artist and asked him to share. He brought in some of his paintings which included absolutely beautiful portraits, birds and still life pictures. Most club members never knew we had such a talent in our midst. Thank you for sharing your talent with the rest of us.

If any other members have talents that they would like to share with our club please feel free to bring them in to show. We are always interested in what our members have for other hobbies besides carving. Please share your interests!!!

50/50 raffle was held. George Elliot won the first prize and Rick Ciarcia won a fly swatter as the second prize. (We all could use a fly swatter with all the flying critters around this year) Congrats to the winners.

The next meeting will be on August 25th.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:35 PM

Minutes taken by Iris Hill.

Notes from your President:

As I type this newsletter I am sitting in our camper, in a field in Pennsylvania, while my husband is shooting in a National Shooting Match. So I have plenty of time to write this month's letter.

I missed the last meeting because I was up in Maine attending a Summer Music Festival that my nephew was in. He sang a few opera songs along with many songs from Porgy and Bess and West Side Story. What a wonderful show. Talk about talent!!! There are so many different forms of talent out there as we all know after viewing Eugene's paintings (that I missed). We all have talents and it is great to share them with all our friends. As I mentioned above, if anyone has some crafts/talents of their own we would love to have you share them with us at our meetings. If you have something you think we may be interested in sharing and are just not sure, please feel free to send me an email and ask, I'd love to hear from you. carveral@sbcglobal.net

I received notice of the passing of Phyllis Miele, Historian for the New England Wood Carver's Club in Mass. I have included the notice that was sent to me to share with all who knew her and may not have heard of her passing:

It is with the heaviest heart that I send this notice out to our members about the passing of a long time member and club Historian, Phyllis Miele.

Family and friends will honor and remember Phyllis' life by gathering to visit in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Wednesday, July 24th, at 9 a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint Patrick's Church, 212 Main Street, Watertown, where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?NewEnglandWoodcarver/f51d6b209b/f1b338afe0/0a2283f764>

Most sincerely yours,

Yvette Holladay
Newsletter Editor
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Our Deepest Sympathy to Phyllis's family

Thank you, Yvette, for informing us.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends from the Mystic Carvers Club.

In my latest newsletter from NEWC there was a notice about their upcoming show in October.

This is a show worth attending if you have never gone to it. Keep it in mind.

The Spirit of Wood Show at the New England Woodcarvers at Middlesex Community College, Campus Center, Building #8, 591 Springs Rd, Bedford, Ma 01730 will be held on October 20th. This is a one day show and competition. Anyone interested in entering and wants more information just go to www.NEWC.org for info on entering your carvings. All the info on the competition rules etc, are on the web site.

Keep on Chipping,

Alice

Mystic Club Seminars for 2013

September 20-22

Caricature Carving with Wayne Shinlever

\$130, Space Available

Contact Ed Ertel, erteled@yahoo.com

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 11th – 14th

Columbus Day Retreat, W. Alton Jones Campus, W. Greenwich, RI

See Web site for more info, registration & teachers

Or Carol Roffey: croffey@comcast.net

Or contact Dennis: dtormey5519@earthlink.net

October 20th

Spirit of Wood Show

New England Woodcarvers, MA

Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking's 13th annual

Open House.

September 20th and 21st, 2013 9 to 5

Contact Warren Blessing warren@ctvalleywc.com

2013 Calendar

August 10 & 11- Jessie O'Brien
Pyrography Seminar

August 25, Monthly Meeting

Sept. 20-21-22
Wayne Shinlever Seminar

September 29, Monthly Meeting

October 11-14th
Wood Carvers Retreat
Alton B. Jones Campus

October 20th
Spirit of Wood Show
New England Woodcarvers, MA

Novice Leaders: **2013**

August-Dennis Tormey
Small open book

September-Ernie Hill

October-Wayland Stetson

November-Rick Johnson
40 Min. Santa

December-Eugene Good

The following people have volunteered to keep the club activities moving:

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

Vice president – Dennis Tormey (860-456-0768) or dtormey5519@earthlink.net

Secretary – Iris Hill (860-663-1274) ernesth746@aol.com

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

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Retreat Coordinator-Ray Johnson (860) 848-8194) or wcvray@hotmail.com

Equipment Coordinator –Ernie Hill (860-663-1274) or ernesth746@aol.com

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Membership Coordinator– Hilaire Cote (860-599-5722) nsduckhouse@yahoo.com

Website Coordinator, John Hayes, Web Master, Dave Shultz-(860-242-0162) jhayesghs@comcast.net

Weekly Carving Meetings

Danbury Group: Hat City Carvers - Thursdays 12:30 to 3:30, 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: Small carving groups meet 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: 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

Milford: Milford Woodcarvers meet the second Wed. and the last Thurs. of each month at 35 Mathews St. Milford. For more information contact: Bill Brill 203-878-1999

Mystic Logo Items for Sale

Club patches \$5

Hats-\$10 with MCC logo

Tee-shirts with logo \$15 Med, LG, XL

Sweat Shirts with logo ordered per request about \$30 (get ready for winter)

Jackets can be ordered per request about \$70-\$80 has large logo on back with members name on front.

If you are interested in purchasing club items please talk to Ray Johnson at the next meeting or email him at:

wcvray@hotmail.com



Pictures from the Wood Carvers Day,
Mystic Show

How many men does it take to put up an EZ-UP???
Now, where does this piece belong???



Hey! We finally got it together, wait a minute,
where is everyone? I think everyone went home!!!!!!

Sorry guys, I told you that you would see these pictures somewhere!!!!!!!!!!!!

2013 Woodcarvers Retreat in New England Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____
(required for cabin assignment)

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ e-mail _____

Emergency contact person _____ Phone# _____

Vegetarian Meals requested? Yes _____ No _____

Do you want early riser cabin (before 6:30 AM _____) or late riser cabin after 6:30AM _____.

I volunteer to teach an informal evening class:
subject _____; blank cost _____; # nights _____

Enclose a check for **\$242** . payable to Mystic Carvers Club (or **\$100 vice \$242** if taking the URI group class) and mail to Mystic Carvers Club, PO Box 71, Mystic, CT 06355. **Reminder a \$20 instructor fee payable to your instructor.**

Local people not wanting to sleep over at URI or those desiring to get local motel accommodations may pay **\$182 vice \$242**. There is space available for a few self-contained RVs, call Jim or Ray to discuss this option.

Any blanks used can be purchased directly from the instructor during the class. A map, directions and CHECK-IN information will be provide with the acknowledgment of your registration. **Assignment is first come first served (by mailed date).** If you would like to see which classes are still available call Ray Johnson at 860- 848-8194 or e-mail to wcvray@hotmail.com

Please indicate your preference of class/activity to attend with the numbers 1,2,3. We expect you will be assigned to one of your 3 choices, if none are available we will contact you by phone to resolve your selection.

Jack Miller – on Sat and Sun - Carve a “Green Heron”, shore bird . Blank Cost \$20 -----

Kathy Webster on Sat and Sun – **Black –necked Stilt** Shore Bird Smoothie . Blank cost \$20.-----

Edsel Johnson on Sat, Sun -Carve “**Helga the Carver Caricature**” figure Blank Cost \$8.00.-----

John Shortell on Sat ,Sun **Will carve 12 inch decorative Pineapple** Blank Cost \$20-----

Mike Bloomquest on Sat , Sun **Will teach Flat Plane carving ”** Blanks cost \$10.-\$20 -----

Ernest Hill on Sat, Sun, “ **Wood Spirit walking Stick** ”, blank cost \$25-----

Carl Borst- on Sat, Sun **Carve a “Female Bust”** blank cost \$20-----

Hollis Price- on Sat, Sun and Mon “ Carve a 6” Squirell/Oak Leaf Dish” Cost for the 2 blanks \$40.-----

Group Project- on Sat, Sun and Mon “ **Finish Great Horned Owl**” + **start Red Fox** carving donated to URI, ----

On my own (work on your **own project**), may attend impromptu evening classes & Monday sessions)-----

Monday Carving sessions - sign up sheets at table when you arrive.

Refund Policy: Full refund if we are notified by 26 September 2013. After that date a refund should not be expected, but some portion may be able to be refunded depending on our finding someone to fill your spot.

If you have any wood cutouts, “those projects you intended to do some day” but never got around to and would like to donate them for our door prizes, please bring them along. Perhaps someone can make use of them