

# Mystic Carvers Club

*P. O. Box 71  
Mystic, CT 06355*



October 2019

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Our next monthly meeting will be on October 27th 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 your carvings to share with others.

**Check out our Web Site. @ [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**



This month's Project leader will be Marty Sprock.

We are looking forward to see what Marty will be sharing.

Thanks to Dennis Tormey for bringing 3 different projects in September. It should be interesting to see how many different projects come back this month. Looking forward to seeing them all!

Carol talked about the new changes to the By Laws.

See below. We will be voting at the October meeting on the changes which are in the following document.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MYSTIC CARVERS CLUB, INC.**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **Article 1**

##### **Name**

The name of this organization will be the Mystic Carvers Club, Inc.

#### **Article II**

##### **Purpose of Association**

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- a) Stimulate interest in carving as a hobby or profession and as an art form.
- b) Provide for instruction in carving to aid others in the practice of carving.
- c) Promote and provide a carving show. This show to be held once a year if possible, at an appropriate time.

#### **Article III**

##### **Membership**

- a) There shall be no limit to the number of members that the club shall have.
- b) An application for membership will be filed with the treasurer and will be accompanied by the first year's dues.
- c) There shall be two classes of membership:
  - 1) Regular Member: Anyone can become a regular member of the Mystic Carver's Club by paying a year's dues and filling out an application and registering with the Treasurer of the Mystic Carver's Club. Regular members may vote and hold office and participate in the conduct of club business.
  - 2) Life Member: Life membership may be awarded by a vote of the club at any regular meeting. Life membership is usually awarded for long and dedicated service to the Mystic Carver's Club or to woodcarving in general. Life members are accorded all the privileges of regular members but are not required to pay dues.

#### **Article IV**

##### **Officers**

- a) The officers of this organization shall be: the President, the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and member at large of the Executive Board.

- b) The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer shall not be held by the same person.
  - c) The officers shall be elected at the bi-annual meeting (even years) of the organization and shall hold office until their successors are elected.
  - d) All officers may be elected by a simple majority of those present and voting at the bi-annual meeting.
- All officers are volunteers and are not paid a salary.

**Article V**  
**Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the club and Immediate Past President.

**Article VI**  
**Meetings**

- a) The Club shall hold regular meetings on the last Sunday of each month.
- b) The Annual Meeting shall be the Meeting in September.
- c) Meeting dates, times and places are subject to change and accommodate the wishes of the club in the matter of conflicts with other events, national holidays, state holidays, dinner arrangements, workshops, etc.
- d) A special meeting may be called by the executive board or by written notice from five members at any time. All members shall be given five days notice of any special meeting. Only such business as included in the special meeting notice shall be heard or acted upon at a special meeting.
- e) A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of five active members and one officer in good standing.
- f) The conduct of business of this organization shall be in accordance with "Roberts Rules of Order".

**Article VII**  
**Amendments**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization provided that such amendment was presented at the next previous meeting in writing. A two-thirds majority of those members present, and voting shall be required for an amendment to pass. A electronic notice of the proposed change shall be sent to all members prior to the vote on the amendment.

By-Laws

**Article I**  
**Duties of Officers**

PRESIDENT: The President shall:

- a) Preside over all meetings held concerning this organization.
- b) Appoint all committees and committee chairmen.
- c) Serve as chairman of the Executive Board.
- d) Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall:

Assume the authority and responsibilities of the office of president in the President's absence or at the president's request in the time of illness.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall:

- a) Keep complete and accurate minutes of all meetings of the organization and its executive board.
- b) Be responsible for all communications records and other papers of the organization except those that have been assigned to others.
- c) Be responsible that the members are notified of all regular and special meetings.
- d) Perform such other duties as requested by the membership of the executive board.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall:

- a) Receive and deposit dues and all monies received by the organization.
- b) Pay all bills rendered to the organization.
- c) Give an oral report at regular meetings of the organization and present to the annual meeting a written report of the activities of the office. This annual report will become the official record of the organization.
- c) Keep an accurate and up-to-date list of all members and officers of the organization.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board shall:

- a) The executive board shall have charge of all business and programs of the club.
- b) The executive board shall meet at the call of the president and shall make such decisions as necessary between regular meetings of the club.

## **Article II**

### **Dues**

- a) Membership dues shall be due and payable before the first of the calendar year.
- b) Membership shall be considered delinquent if the dues are not paid by the first of March of the current year and the March meeting notice will be the last mailed to the delinquent member.
- c) The annual dues for the membership in the organization shall be determined at the annual meeting
- d) Life members are not required to pay dues.

## **Article III**

### **Seminar Guidelines**

All names listed on a seminar signup sheet shall be accompanied by a minimum \$50 deposit.

- All deposits are fully refundable prior to 30 days of the event.
- If a member cancels within 30 days of the event for any reason-
- And there are more participants than the minimum required by the instructor, a full refund is given.
- Or there are less than the minimum and a replacement is found, a full refund is given.
- If no replacement can be found and the club is liable for the participants place, all but \$50 will be returned.

## **Article IV**

### **Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

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### A note from Dennis and Carol about this year's Retreat in Rhode Island:

The “ Wood Carving in New England “ Retreat, sponsored by the Mystic Carvers Club, was held over the Columbus Day Weekend this month. There were 8 Instructors, class sizes ranged from 3 to 9 carvers each.

This year we welcomed a new Instructor, Marcia Kripke Berkall, who gave a class in carving female faces in cottonwood bark.

We also welcomed back Warren Blessing, who led a class of two in carving a robed Santa and taught three novice carvers the basics of woodcarving. The youngest student in this weekend long class was eight years old!

Rather than door prizes this year we raffled off 14 items, mostly rough outs and other carving related items and collected a little over \$200 as a result of that raffle. We would like to do this again next year and we are now asking Club members to donate items this year to offer them up for raffle at next year's Retreat.

Retreat Evaluation Forms were reviewed before we left the Camp on Monday and several concerns were raised, mostly all food related. Specifically, the high salt content and low temperature of the meals served. Those concerns were raised with the Camp liaison before we left the facility.

All in all, it was a good weekend. Carvers were overwhelming supportive in their feedback about the Retreat. Some pictures have been added to the Club's Facebook page, more will be added to it and to the [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com) website once they are received.

Thank you to all who faithfully returned this year and special thanks to our excellent volunteer Instructors. Without them we would just be a group of woodcarvers sitting in the woods of Rhode Island with nothing to do!

Dennis Tormey and Carol Roffey

## SEMINARS FOR 2019



### Ryan “DuckBoy” Torbett



### Black Bellied Plover

November 9 and 10, 2019

At the Quimbaug Fire Station

\$45 for class, (includes roughout)

Contact: Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)

If you haven't mailed your check by now then please pay at  
the seminar.

## **OTHER EVENTS:**

### ***Spirit of Wood Show Information***

**October 19/20, 2019 at Woburn Senior Center  
144 School St Woburn, MA 01801**

- Competition registration is Saturday, October 19, 10:00 AM through 2:30 PM and Sunday, October 20, 8:00 AM to approximately 9:30 AM
- Judging will start at 9:30 sharp. Late entries will be displayed on a separate table and will be judged for best of show, visitors choice and presidents choice ribbons only.
- Open to the public October 20, 2019 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- A bucket raffle featuring items donated from vendors as well as member carvings takes place throughout the day on Sunday.
- This year we are also raffling full size carvings graciously donated by wonderful bird carver, Louis Dennis. Don't miss this chance to own an original Dennis carving!
- Seminars on Sunday will cover the topics of chip carving, scroll sawing, painting, and photographing your work.
- Vendors including MDI Woodcarvers Supply, Tuckaway Lumber and others selling quality tools, materials and woodcarvings.
- Carving Clubs from all around New England will be available. Meet the members and watch live demonstrations throughout the day.
- Click the links below for additional information about the Spirit of Wood Show.
- Visit [www.NEWC.org/spirit-of-wood-show](http://www.NEWC.org/spirit-of-wood-show), for more information



## **RI Audubon Bird and Wildlife Carving Exposition**

**November 2 & 3, 2019 -- 10-4pm**



[Wooden Feathers, Painted Wings | Bird & Wildlife Carving Expo - asri.org](http://asri.org)

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Exquisitely carved songbirds, raptors, waterfowl and other wildlife will be showcased at the Audubon Society of RI Bird and Wildlife Carving Exposition on November 2 & 3, 2019 at the Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium.

***Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium  
1401 Hope St.  
Bristol, RI***

<https://asri.org/birdwildlifecarving.html>

If a member knows of an upcoming event, please send me an email if you would like it put in our newsletter.

[carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)

The November meeting will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



**It's that time of year again when we should be thinking about renewing your membership for next year. Please don't wait till the end of the year. Thanks**



## **Carving Groups:**

**Mystic Woodcarvers Club:** Last Sunday of each month, 10 to mid afternoon. At Quiambaug Fire House, Old Stonington Rd. (off Route 1) Mystic, (See web site at: [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)) Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)

**Danbury Group: Hat City Carvers** - Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00, call 203-746-1544 or contact Martin Sprock, [mjsindbyct.yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Canterbury, CT Finnish American Heritage Society:** Route 169 (North of Route 14) Wednesday Afternoon, 1-4 PM Contact John Harris [John.Harris@snet.net](mailto:John.Harris@snet.net)

**Columbia Carvers: 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) [ataustin@hotmail.com](mailto:ataustin@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.

**Rockville Fish and Game Club: Cut ups.** Club House on Fish and Game Road, off of CT Rte.31, Vernon/Tolland Ct line- near exit 67 off of I-84 Contact Ed Ertel, 860-875-6187 or [erteled@yahoo.com](mailto:erteled@yahoo.com)

**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 [dbfreese@aol.com](mailto:dbfreese@aol.com)

**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 Mansfield Senior Center. 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 along:**  
The club members thank you for your endless dedication and help!

**President-Carol** [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net) 860-603-2449

**Vice President –Ed Ertel** [erteled@yahoo.com](mailto:erteled@yahoo.com) 860-875-6187

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

**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 May Show is run successfully.**

**Show Chair – Sheryl Popowycz, Carol Roffey,** [spopowycz@gmail.com](mailto:spopowycz@gmail.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**

**2019:  
Project Leaders:**

**Oct Martin Sprock  
and Jim Dutton**

**Nov Hilaire Cote**

**Dec Randy Russo**