

Mystic Carvers Club
P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



March 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 **March 20, 2016**, a week early due to Easter being on the following Sunday, 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**

Ed Ertel showed the novice members, and of course others too, how to make an Owl Whistle. Please bring your completed Owl to the next meeting because I heard that there is a competition and there will be a vote for the best one. Ed has a prize for the best of show!

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

I wasn't at the last meeting so Bob Vredenburg,(Mr. P) sent me notes on the meeting.

Bob reported that the meeting was short and sweet.

At the February meeting there was a discussion on when and how the Mystic Carvers Club began. The club started in 1979. The members met at the Mystic Seaport for the first few years. Twice in the early 1980's they tried to sell their carvings but had little success. At the second sale the members were put in the Seaport parking lot. Not too many people were interested in buying. Not many sales again. Later on in the years they moved the show to the Apple Orchard where it remains to this day.

The members started meeting in the Mystic Library for a short time before moving to the firehouse where we are today.

In the beginning the members met only to socialize and didn't carve too much. Gee, for some of us that habit continues today. Ha Ha!

If anyone has any more information on the beginnings of our club please let me know. I'd like to share more.

Ed Ertel talked about our show and possibly giving out more ribbons and less money prizes, more on that in the future.

Bob mentioned to the club members that Carl Jerard was in the hospital for stints into his good leg. Bill Simpson added that Carl could use some get well wishes. Carl's address is: 55 Charles Ave. Charle, RI 02813.

I'm sure some get well wishes will cheer him up.

Get well Carl we miss you at the meetings.

One of our members mentioned that John Hayes is home after a stay in the hospital. Get well John, we miss you TOO! John's address is: 9 Cobblestone Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002.

The meeting ended with a reminder that the March meeting will be held on March 20th due to Easter being on our normal last Sunday.

Also, a note from Dennis Tormey, stating that there will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade, on the 20th. It will start at 2 PM so just be aware of the added traffic in the area that day.

Seminars for 2016

A reminder, please send in your payments if you are on a list. We need to let the teachers know how many in each class so they know how many students to plan for and if it is worth their time to come to Mystic. Remember, this is how these nice folks make a living so it helps with their schedule planning.
There is still room left in each class. First ones who pay in full get in. Thanks

Kathy Webster, May-14 and 15

Antique Dove, Cost \$40

Time to get the payments in so you guarantee your spot.

All carving levels

Contact: Alice@ carveral@sbcglobal.net

Pete LeClair, June, 10-11-& 12

Caricature Carver Cost: \$125

You will have many rough outs to choose from

Please send in your payments we need to let Pete know if we have a full class. Thanks

Contact: Ned Wilson@ sedwil@ct.metrocast.net

Jessie O'Brien, August 13 & 14
Pyrography Cost, \$100

Jessie always plans some unique pieces to burn. Class can do novice students to experienced students. Jessie will have plenty to keep everyone busy.

Contact: Alice@ carveral@sbcglobal.net

Wayne Shinlever, Caricature Carver
Sept. 16, 17 & 18 Cost \$140
Contact: Ed@ Ertel-erteled@yahoo.com

Leah Goddard, -Animals
September 22, 23 & 24 Cost \$125
Many rough outs to choose from
Contact: Alice@ Carveral@sbcglobal.net

Chris Howard, -Indian Busts or Faces
September, 22, 23 & 24 Cost \$125
Chris will have rough outs and if you want to carve on a piece you already have that is ok to. You can do a face in cottonwood if you so choose to do that.
Contact: Alice@ carveral@sbcglobal.net

Please assist the Mystic Club organizers of these events by paying for classes well in advance. Checks can be mailed to the club at address on top of this Newsletter. Or you can pay the day you sign up to guarantee a spot in the class you wish to attend.

Any carvers who are interested in attending any classes with Mystic Carvers, 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.

Or Alice at carveral@sbcglobal.net You do not have to be a Mystic Member to join in on a seminar. Anyone can sign up. It is always first ones to pay get in the class.

If you really want to get in a class then you would be advised to pay when you sign up. This would certainly make it easier for the person who has arranged for the seminar. It is not fun to have to chase people down for payments. Thanks

A minimum deposit of 50% of the cost of the seminar will be paid, in order to hold a space, at signup. Full payment must be made by 30 days prior to the event.

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 will be given.

If there are less than the minimum, and a replacement is found, a full refund will be given.

If no replacement can be found, and the club is liable for the participant's slot, a 50% refund will be returned.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OUR WOOD CARVING COMMUNITIES

I would like to list any events that are coming up in our area so members will have the information to attend carving shows or seminars that other clubs might be offering. If you have some events that you would like to list please let me know at: carveral@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

Alice

- **July 9th, Olde Mistick Village Woodcarvers Day, Mystic Apple Orchard**
Sponsored by Mystic Carvers Club. Contact person, Diane Haberer @ diane8050@yahoo.com more info on our Website www.mysticcarvers.com
- **October 7, 8, 9,& 10: Woodcarvers Retreat, Alton Jones Campus, RI**
Contact Dennis Tormey dtormey5519@earthlink.com 860-337-0053
Or Carol Roffey @: croffey@comcast.net more info on our Website www.mysticcarvers.com

Reminder, Membership renewal time!

Please bring or send in your dues this month. IF YOU ARE NOT PAID UP IN MARCH YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MEMBER LIST

REMINDER, MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 20TH. THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY WILL BE EASTER.

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

President –Bob Vredenburg-(401-377-4615) bobyvredenburg@verizon.net
Vice President Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) carveral@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer-Ben Anderson (860-536-1762) bander063@live.com
Secretary-Jodi Higgins (860-701-8089) jodi.higgins@hotmail.com
Novice Carving Coordinator-Mary Brown (860-774-3458) or mbrown@ct.metrocast.net
Show Chairman –Diane Haberer-(860-572-8440)diane8050@yahoo.com
Co Chair- Alice Mellor
Publicity – Warren Blessing (860-742-3253) warren@ctvalleywc.com
Retreat Coordinators for 2016 Dennis Tormey dtormey5519@earthlink.net 860-337-0053 & Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net
Library Custodian – Hollis Price (860- 848-3698)
Mail Man - Bill Welsh (860-536-7008) or wwelsh71@yahoo.com
Newsletter Editor & Distribution- Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) carveral@sbcglobal.net
Membership Coordinator– Hilaire Cote (860-599-5722) nsduckhouse@yahoo.com
Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net

2016 Novice Leaders:

March-Tom Fritz
Small Easter Basket
April-Lou Monaghan
May-Bob Arpin
June-Ray Johnson
July-Dennis Tormey
August-Art Austin
September-Ned Wilson
October-Eugene Good
November-Alice Mellor
December-Hilaire Cote

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, 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 Art Austin (860-228-3395)

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

March meeting:

Because Easter falls on our normal meeting day, the last Sunday of the month, we will hold our meeting on: **March 20th, The "First Day of Spring" Yeah!!!.**

