

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71

Mystic, CT 06355



August 2023

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.

Our next monthly meeting will be on August 27th at the Quiambug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT. The Fire House will be open at 9:00 AM for anyone working on his or her project or wishing to carve along with the Project leader.

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

The July meeting was attended by around 20 members, we had a nice turnout. Jim O'dea visited us which was a nice surprise. I think we had such a big turnout because Dennis Tormey was teaching a Belemy .Eagle. Thanks Dennis for doing that project and everyone can finish next month.

Elaine has asked that members bring in the Friendship cane blocks that they have carved. So if anyone still has one to finish or has one finished, would you please bring it to the Aug. meeting.

She is going to raffle off the friendship cane in September so she will need the blocks before that. Bring any finished blocks to the meeting.

At the July meeting, Mary Brown and Jack Costello presented Steve Finton with the “Quilt of Valor” for his years of service in the Coast Guard. Thank you Steve for your service to your country!



Warren Blessing will be teaching a flat plane carving class. See pictures below.

Carving session on September 12th Tuesday at 9:00.

Mystic Firehouse

Either bring lunch or we can break for lunch.

I will provide basswood blank.

Cost - \$30.00 for the day.

There are additional openings available.

There is also one scholarship place for someone who can't pay.

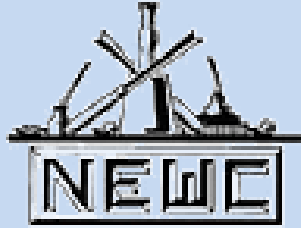
Please call me with any questions or wanting to sign up.

Warren Blessing

860-656-4587

See picture below





**New England Woodcarvers
"Spirit of Wood"**

Show and Competition 2023

Open to wood artists in all categories

Visit www.newc.org for the most up-to-date information.

Open to the public:

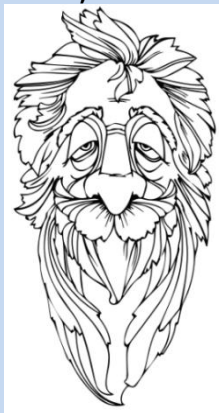
When: October 15th, 2023 from 10 AM to 3 PM

Where: Peabody Senior Center
79 Central Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Cost: Admission is Free

Competitor Registration:

When: October 14th, between 1 PM to 3 PM
October 15th, between 7 AM to 9:30 AM



Cost: See Competition Registration Form

Vendor Space is available! To reserve a table, contact Darren at
Darren@newc.org

Spirit of Wood Show and Competition 2023

October 15, 2023

CLUB/VENDOR/SALES RESERVATION FORM

Deadline for reservations: October 1, 2023

(for additional information as it becomes available, go to www.newc.org)

Download and print this form. Complete all the pertinent information before mailing.

Part 1. REGISTRATION

Applicant name (print): _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Contact email: _____

Name of Business or Club: _____

Mailing address (street): _____

Tax ID# (if applicable): _____

City/Town: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Part 2. BOOTH/TABLE REQUIREMENTS/PAYMENT

Check One: ☐ **Artist** ☐ **Carver** ☐ **Vendor** ☐ **Club**

Describe what activity will take place (e.g. sale of tools/kits; display of artwork/crafts; members carving (floor covering required etc.)

Electric outlet required ☐ Yes ☐ No

Registration fee (required for all): **\$40**

Number of 8 foot tables/spaces required or number of 8 foot table spaces required if bringing your own tables ☐ x **\$10.00** per table space = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED {Reg. fee plus table rental}: \$ _____

Send payment (check made out to *New England Woodcarvers Inc.*), with this signed form, to

New England Woodcarvers, Inc

Atten: Steve Berard

34 Melrose Street

Boylston, MA 01505

Part 3. AGREEMENT - By signing below, you agree to the following:

- Exhibitors/Artists/Clubs must provide their own table covers, table skirts, floor coverings, carts, dollies, electrical cords and any special lighting.
- NEWC is not responsible for loading, unloading or the set up or dismantling of any displays.
- NEWC will not be responsible for loss, theft, damage or destruction to any personal property. All reasonable care will be taken by NEWC.
- The exhibitor agrees not to tear down, pack merchandise, remove merchandise or equipment until the close of the Show at 4 pm on Sunday, October 15, 2023.
- All spaces will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- Set up times: Saturday, 10/14/22, 1:00 to 3:00 pm and Sunday, 10/15/22, 7:00 to 9:00 am.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE: _____

Woodcarving Retreat of New England

Registration is open! [Click here](#) for registration form

When: Friday September 15th through Monday September 18th, 2023

Where: Wisdom House. 229 E Litchfield Rd., Litchfield, CT

<https://www.wisdomhouse.org> I encourage you to check out the facility.

Cost: \$450/pp. We do have access to a few ensuite for \$500/pp

All rooms have 2 beds, there was a possibility that you would have a roommate. As in 2022, if the numbers are low, you might be in a room by yourself again (unless you really want that roommate).

\$300/pp for commuters

\$40 instructor fee & materials cost are to be paid to the instructor

You will be taking 1 (one) of these classes this weekend

Our instructors are:

Ed Brackett – Who doesn't like a puffin?!?!?

Materials \$20 – blocks will be precut & eyes are included



Ken St. Vincent - Spoons, spreaders, shrinkpots and more! Got your new spoon....time to find the ice cream!

Materials \$20



Edsel Johnson & Gary Filault – Edsel and Gary will offer a workshop on carving unique faces with different " proportions " off the corner of triangular 5" basswood blocks. The goals are "facial practice" stixs for those woodcarvers who need help finishing a successful facial characterization, and a couple of finished carvings.



Materials \$0

Do you want to teach a night class - let me know.

I will be looking for a few "helpers" to check people in, run THE raffle, maybe an auction and miscellaneous stuff.

The results of the Retreat Workshops should be a fun time for all!

Please spread the word!!!!

If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Hope to see you at the retreat in September!

forever green,

Lynda Zibbideo

zibbideo@att.net 860-306-3568

Carving Groups:

Mystic Woodcarvers Club: Last Sunday of each month, 10 to 1, at the Quiambaug Fire House, Old Stonington Rd. (off Route 1) Mystic, (See web site at: www.mysticcarvers.com) Carol Roffey, President: croffey@comcast.net 860-603-2449

Danbury Group: Hat City Carvers - 2nd and 4th Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00, Danbury Sr. Center 10 Elmwood Place, Danbury, CT 06810. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 12 to 3PM, Lapham Community Center, New Canaan, Contact: Dennis Taylor, dennistaylor@optonline.net

Enders Island Group: Meets each Tuesday from 9 to 2 Contact: Ray Johnson, wcvray@hotmail.com 860-639-9802

Westerly Senior Center Club Group: Meets Thursdays from 9:00 AM till noon at the Westerly Senior Center. Contact Gene Good 860-599-2567.

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 They meet 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) 748-6201. . erteled@yahoo.com

Canterbury, CT Finnish American Heritage Society: Route 169 (North of Route 14) Wednesday Afternoon, 1-4 PM Contact John Harris johnharrisct@yahoo.com

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 and no fees. Call Art Austin (860-228-3395) aataustin@hotmail.com for information.

Farmington Valley Carvers: Farmington Community and Senior Center, meetings every Monday from 10 to 12. Located on New Britain Rd., Unionville, Fridays from 10-12:

Wethersfield 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: Mansfield Senior Center, 303 Maple Road, Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268, 860-429-0262

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. Newcomers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-748-6201 erteled@yahoo.com

Middlefield: CWCA Ct Forest & Park, Middlefield, CT (old rte 66) 10 to 2, 1st. Sundays Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-541 www.ctwoodcarvers.org

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 860-603-2449

Vice President –Alice Mellor-carveral@sbcglobal.net 860-337-0194

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

Secretary-Dennis Tormey-dtormey5519@earthlink.net 860-337-0053

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-Elaine Clark clarkbr9@aol.com

Retreat Coordinator: -Dennis Tormey dtormey5519@earthlink.net 860-337-0053

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

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 (860-337-0194)
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

Keeper of Members names and email address; Maintain member's names, addresses and email addresses. Warren Blessing: (860-742-3253

Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net

Equipment Coordinator: Maintain club's equipment (sharpening and lights) are in safe operating condition, repaired if needed. Ed Ertel

Novice projects:
Please talk to Elaine if you can be a leader.

July and August, Dennis Tormey
Eagle carving

We need more volunteers for Novice projects so please talk to Elaine about being a project leader.