

## Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71  
Mystic, CT 06355



DECEMBER 2016

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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 and **Christmas Party is December 18th** 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](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**

*Merry Christmas*



Yours truly was the novice leader for November. I'd like to see some finished birds. Also, thank you Lou Geolami for donating some of the wood for the birds. Hilaire Cote will be the novice leader for December. Hilaire will be carving a small segmented Snow Man. It is really cute and I think a great project for the winter.

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

We had a short business meeting in November. We have pretty much finished up all our seminars and retreats and other stuff so not much to talk about.

Under welfare: Stu English is recuperating after a very serious back and neck surgery. He is in good spirits, as always, and working very hard to get moving around again. We wish you a speedy recovery so we can see you back at carving. Good luck Stu.

Ned Wilson was back at carving at the November meeting so he is all better. Another welcome back face was Carl Gerard. He is coming along now and may be fitted for his new prosthesis soon. Good luck to you Carl. Nice to see your smiling face again!

Bob talked about some minor wording changes coming to the By Laws. This is still in a discussion form. We will talk more about that in January, mostly about changing the end of our fiscal year and rewording a few paragraphs.

Bill Simpson is lining up volunteers to work at the Springfield Wood Working Show. His email is: [simpson8300@roadrunner.com](mailto:simpson8300@roadrunner.com) if you would like to contact him to sign up for a certain time. You may call him at home at: 207-400-1006. Thanks to all who volunteer to work this show. They have some pretty nice stuff to check out so if you want to just go to the show give Bill a call for more specifics.

## NE (W. Springfield)

January 13-15, 2017

**Friday 12-6; Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-3**

**Eastern  
1305**

**States  
Memorial**

**Exposition  
Avenue**

**West Springfield, MA 01089**

General Admission

\$12 online / \$14 at the door ( *Cash Only* )

Tickets go on sale 1 month prior to show date

Tickets purchased online or at the door are good for all 3 days

Children under 15 years old are admitted free with a paid adult

Paid education includes general admission

## **SEMINARS FOR 2017**

**Mike McCarthy February 11, 2017(snow date Feb 18<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Shore Bird- \$35 plus roughout(to be chosen at Dec. Meeting)**  
**Contact: Hilaire Cote, [nsduckhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:nsduckhouse@yahoo.com)**

Bob talked a little about some seminars for next year.

**Kathy Webster, Antique Shore Bird, April 2017**

**More details to come.**

In September I will be bringing a Bark Carver to Mystic. His name is Bob Hershey, he resides in Pennsylvania and is willing to come to Mystic in to teach a bark class. He works with themes. I have carved with Bob and he is a heck of a nice guy and a great Bark carver. He has written a few articles for Woodcarving Illustrated. I will have pictures of his work attached to the signup sheet. He carves Halloween themed pieces, Christmas themes and now has just started doing Light Houses. Two of our carvers, Yolanda Rubb and Sheryl Popowycz have carved a light house using his article in the magazine as a guide and they came out just beautiful.

I will put the signup sheet out in January.

We also have asked Jessie O'Brien to return this year to teach another pyrography class. I think we are up to Pyrography 105.

If any other members wish to bring in an artist to teach a carving class please contact Alice so we can work them into our schedule. Also, if there is a certain type of wood carving you would be interested in let Bob or Alice know and we will try to find someone who teaches it.

We are always looking for someone who teaches painting so if anyone knows of a painting teacher let us know.

Congratulations to member Cathy Chen and the arrival of her little boy, Kyle



Chen, 9 lbs 4 oz, 22 inches.

Our next meeting will be December 18<sup>th</sup> which will be our annual Christmas Party. Please bring a dish to share with others. The club will supply the meat and cheese platter along with rolls, soda and condiments. This year we will not be doing a gift exchange because we have not had much participation in the past few years.

# IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES

You can mail your dues in or pay at a meeting. \$10

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Our next carving session will be on **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Hope to see everyone there.

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

#### Chairmanships:

Novice Carving Coordinator: Recruit members to lead a Novice carving at each monthly meeting: ensure back up plan is in place if needed.

Novice Carving 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 – Hollis Price (860- 848-3698)

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 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.

2016 Novice Leaders:

December-Hilaire Cote  
Segmented Snow Man

2017

January Kate Clauson  
February Art Austin  
March John Harris  
April  
May Tom Fritz

### 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-12 - 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, CT. Contact Dave Freese 860-673-2154 or John Hayes, [jhayesghs@comcast.net](mailto: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 Emile Poirier, 860-487-2685 [poirieremile@yahoo.com](mailto:poirieremile@yahoo.com)

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. of every month-cost of materials only.  
New comers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-875-6187



