## Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71 Mystic, CT 06355



February, 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 February 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Quiambaug 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.

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 January meeting was attended by 21 members. Nice to be back at the Fire Station.

John Harris led this months carving project of a bird in a cage. Thanks John for sharing.

Ed Ertel led an auction of bird related items that were donated by a carvers widow. \$159 was raised and will be added to the treasury. Thanks Ed for doing the auction. You are so good at that!!!

Chuck and Mary presented John Harris with the Quilt of Valor. John served in the U.S. Army in the early 60's. (Boy, he must be old, I was just in High School in the 60's Ha Ha.) Thanks John for your service. Thanks for Mary and Chuck for presenting the quilt.

Hilaire announced that Mike McCarthy will lead a class in carving a "Ruddy Turn Stone" shorebird on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 5. Cost is \$35 for the class and \$15 for the rough out. Hilaire had a sign up sheet at the meeting and will bring it to the February meeting.

It's a little early for May signup but time flies so Hilaire just wanted to get this out early for folks planning things for their spring schedule.

Carol announced that Ray Johnson is at the Quiambaug Fire house on the last Sunday of each month just before out meetings, so if any member wishes to show up early before our meeting and start carving, please feel free to join Ray.

## **Carving Groups:**

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

**Danbury Group: Hat City Carvers** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00, Danbury Sr. Center 10 Elmwood Place, Danbury, CT 06810. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

<u>Columbia Carvers</u>: 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) <u>aataustin@hotmail.com</u> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. of every month-cost of materials only. Newcomers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-748-6201 erteled@yahoo.com

<u>Middlefield: CWCA</u> Ct Forest & Park, Middlefield, CT (old rte 66) 10 to 2, 1<sup>st</sup>. Sundays Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-54I www.ctwoodcarvers.org

If any of these groups are no longer meeting please let me know so I can remove them from the list: Alice, <u>carveral@sbcglobal.net</u> 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 <a>-croffey@comcast.net</a> 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.

February- Ed, Bear on a dowel March ? April ? May & June Tom - Fish

We need more volunteers for Novice projects so please talk to Elaine about being a project leader. Remember, you will not get your dues paid for any longer like in the past but what we suggest is that you charge a dollar or two more for your project to cover the cost of your dues.

We really appreciate your effort for teaching a class. Thank you!