

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



February 28, 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 February 28 2016, 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**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL YOU LEAP YEAR

BABIES!

January's novice project was a ball in a box. It seemed to go over very well. I saw a number of members with rulers out trying to tackle the project. I hope there will be many finished at the February meeting.

This month's Novice project will be taught by Ed Ertel. Ed will be teaching a 5 minute owl whistle.

Members please keep in mind if you teach a class you get your next year's membership paid by the club.

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

At the last meeting Bill Simpson talked about how well the Woodworking show up in Springfield went over even with the snow that they had that weekend. He reported that the show was pretty busy all day. He has suggested that someone in the club design a short history of our Club's beginning, where it all started, the different locations that the club used in the beginning and anything else anyone can remember about our beginning. If anyone is willing to send me some information I would be happy to write a short story about our club and how and where it began. Please just respond back to this email with any notes you may wish to share. Thanks, Alice

Ben Anderson, Club Treasurer, reported that we have \$14,457 in our checking account. We may want to think of a charity or somewhere to donate some of this money as we are a nonprofit organization and need to spend some of this money.

Ed Ertel is a committee leader for this year's awards at the Wood Carvers Day Show in July. He is looking for some ideas about maybe not giving out money prizes and just handing out ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable mention. We would still have money awards for Best in Show and People's Choice awards.

We had a vote and show of hands at the last meeting to see if we should stop doing prize money and just give ribbons. The vote came out about even. That was no help!!!! In the past we have voted and it always came back that we continue the way it is with both money and ribbons.

Also, Ed is looking over the category list to see if maybe we should add and/or delete some of the entry categories. Any suggestions?, please forward them to me and we can have another discussion at the February or March meeting.

If you do not attend the meetings and would like to cast a vote, please send me your thoughts and I will pass them on to Bob for the next meeting. Please respond to me at carveral@sbcglobal.net .

One of the members, sorry, I can't remember who, reported that Carl Jerard is doing well and should be back to carving soon. Get well Carl we all miss your smile at the meetings.

This is an email that Dennis received and wanted me to include in this Newsletter in case someone might be able to help this woman out:

Hi there,

I am an artist based in Stonington, CT. I am wondering if you may be able to help me see out an instructor for marquetry technique. I am particularly interested in stone and shell inlay (like mother of pearl.)

Thanks so much!

Shelley Kirkwood
413.437.4443

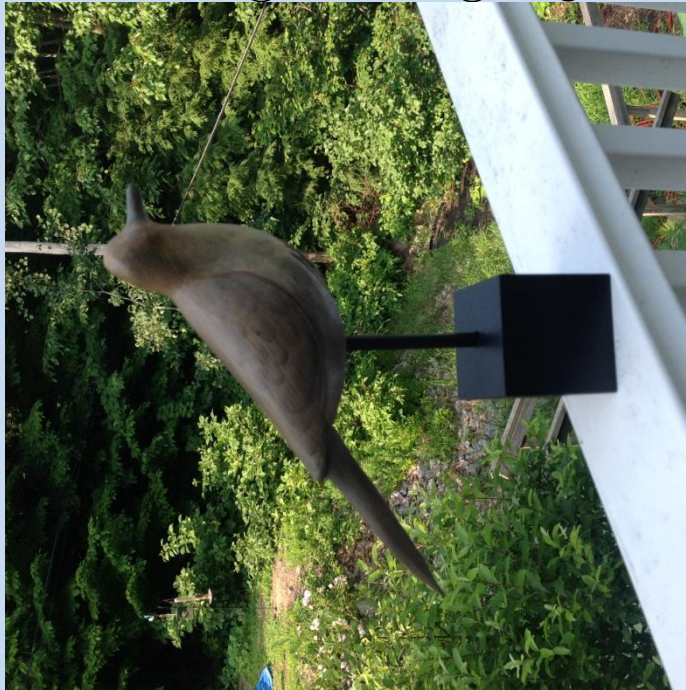
Seminars for 2016

Kathy Webster, May-14 and 15

Antique Dove, Cost \$40

All carving levels

Contact: Alice@carveral@sbcglobal.net



This is the Dove we will be carving in Kathy's class. Sorry it is sideways!

Pete LeClair, June, 10-11-& 12 Cost \$125

Caricature Carver

You will have many rough outs to choose from

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) bobvredenburg@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
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Mail Man - Bill Welsh (860-536-7008) or wwelsh71@yahoo.com
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Membership Coordinator– Hilaire Cote (860-599-5722)
nsduckhouse@yahoo.com
Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey croffey@comcast.net

2016 Novice Leaders:

February-Ed Ertel
5 min. owl with Whistle
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 Spruck, 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 10to 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!!!.**

Hope to see you all there.

