

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



July 2017

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 will be on July 30, 2017 at Fort Shantock (Mohegan Indian Reservation). Directions in Newsletter! We will meet at **10:00 AM** for anyone working on his or her project or wishing to carve along with the Project leader (see schedule). The club's show and tell table is set up each month so bring in your carvings to share with others.

Check out our Web Site. @ www.mysticcarvers.com

Welcome to our newest members: John Farquhar and Darryl Hilliard.

Alice Mellor was the Project Leader for June. She worked on a folk Art Snow Man. Chuck Larkins will be teaching a Whale refrigerator Magnet at the picnic.

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

At the June meeting Hilaire talked about one of our long time members, Hollis Price, who will be leaving us to move to Florida for good. Hollis has been a dedicated member for a many years. He has helped the club in many ways. He has worked at the annual Carving Show as a judge and has taken care of the Show ribbons for many years. He has been the person who presented the prizes to the winners at the shows. Hollis is always one to be there to help anyone who needed carving advice, sometimes when not wanted, HA HA!! Only kidding!

Hollis has also taught a bird class at the Mystic club and he will be missed. We love you Hollis and will miss you dearly. Stay well and enjoy your new permanent home in Florida. Please keep in touch.

Hilaire made a motion that we make Hollis a life member and of course everyone voted to pass the motion. So congrats Hollis, you are officially a Life Member of the Mystic Carvers Club.

We had our annual Wood Carvers Day in the Olde Mistick Village Apple Orchard on July 8th. We had lovely weather right up until the last hour and a half when it got hot and humid. There were a fair amount of spectators and about 42 entries into the carving competition.

There were the normal categories again this year but few categories were entered.

This year there was a special plaque awarded in Honor of Walter Johnson, (a past Mystic member who passed away this year) by the Hat City Carvers and Walters daughter,. His daughter, Cynthia, was at the show to make the special presentation of a plaque in honor of her dad. It was awarded to a young fellow who won the People's Choice Award for Novice carvers. The young man's name is Trevor Llewellyn and he is 11 years old. Trevor is learning to carve under the direction of Dave Freese, a Mystic Member from Farmington. Dave, you are doing a great job. Trevor won 1st place in the novice youth division this year. So Congrats to Trevor and keep up the good work young fella! Hope to see you again next year at the show.

The other big winners in the show this year were Judy Lubenow for "Best in Show" with her cypress knee Wood Spirit and Richard Chalpin for People's Choice with his beautiful Black Duck.

Congrats to both of our big winners. Congrats to everyone else who entered and went home with ribbons. For those of you who entered and did not win we wish you luck next year. Keep on coming back every year. You are the ones who make our show. THANK YOU ALL!



People's Choice Novice Trevor Llewellyn



Best In Show, Judy Lubenow



People's Choice was Richard Chalpin



1st Place Table, Congrats to All!

Thanks to Diane for a job well done AGAIN! And to all the volunteers who helped put on the show this year. Without all you helping out there would not be a show. Big thanks to Ben, again, this year for having all the cash prizes ready to go. Thanks for keeping such good records of monies in and out for the show. It's not easy when you have money and info coming at you from all directions. You did a wonderful job.

HUGE thanks to our judges. Judy, Ed and Arlene! It's not an easy job!!! (Just so you know, Judy excused herself from judging in the categories where she had entered a carving) Not everyone agrees with the judging decisions. We do keep the evaluation sheets so if anyone would like to know why their piece didn't win a ribbon you can ask to see the sheets. We are always looking for volunteers to judge so please step forward and volunteer next year.

Finally, Thanks to the guys from Massachusetts for donating \$50 towards our awards. That was very thoughtful of you all. Thanks for coming all the way down to Ct to be in our show. It was nice to see you all.

We will be having our annual picnic at our next meeting on July 30th. The club will meet at 10 AM at: FORT SHANTOCK PARK

Directions to the park: from Route 395 South take Exit 9 (old 79A) on 2 A East. Take the first exit 1 (old 50) to Route 32 North. Go left on 32, at 3rd traffic light take a right onto Fort Shantock Rd.(next to the Fairfield Inn) and go about 1.2 miles. The park is on the left. There is a green sign at the entrance that says: **Welcome, You are entering Mohegan Indian Reservation.** Look for Ray Johnson. He will be setting up first thing in the morning to save us a spot.

From Route 12, to Route 2A West, Exit on Route 32. Right at light, at 2nd traffic light take right on Fort Shantock Road go about 1.2 miles. Park is on left.

The club will be supplying the burgers and dogs and buns and soda. Please bring a dish to share. There is no electricity so if you are bringing something cold please keep it in a cooler on ice. There will be no way to keep food hot.

Remember to bring your own chairs and keep in mind that we may be in the sun depending on where Ray finds a spot to set us up. FYI, there are flush toilets there. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Bring your carvings and tools. We will be having our monthly project to work on.

We have two seminars coming up. Bob Hershey will be doing a Cottonwood Bark class on September 7th, 8th and 9th. Remember, this is a Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Also, Jessie O'Brien will be returning this year to teach Pyrography. She will be here on September 30th and October 1st.

Both classes will be held at the Quiambaug Fire Station at 9 am.

There is one spot left in each class. Contact Alice if you would like to get in one of these classes. Also, if you are on the list and have not paid it is time to get your money in.

Ray Johnson now has some Mystic 'Long' sleeve shirts for sale. The cost is \$20.

At the last meeting Bob asked (because someone mentioned it to him) (that would be ME!)that when you park your car at the fire station for our meetings if you would park closer to the car next to you. Some cars have been taking up more space then they need. We need to squeeze in as many cars as we can so folks don't have to park down the street. Thanks.

Carl Gerard had donated some paint pencils to our library a few months ago. They were in the library closet and now they are gone and no one signed them out. If someone borrowed them to use, that's fine, but please return them so someone else can get a chance to use them. Carl was so very kind and donated another box to the club but Ben will keep it at his house and if you want to borrow them just ask Ben and he will bring them in.

Diane is looking for the Category signs (blue blocks of wood) that we used to put on the show tables to designate where each carving was placed on the tables according to what category each carving was in. The signs went missing last year. If by chance someone saw them somewhere in the fire house or know where they are would you please let Diane know! Thanks.

I received an email from Erin Journey, one of our Mystic members, asking me to ask you guys if anyone might have a piece of soap stone, 4"x4" for her. Or, where could she get one. If anyone has some or knows where Erin could get a piece her email address is:

journeyzen@hotmail.com. Please contact her.

Thanks

SEMINARS FOR 2017

Bob Hershey, Themed Bark Carver, **September, 7, 8, & 9**

Cost will be \$110 plus the cost of the Bark unless you have your own bark.

He works with themes. Bob 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. **There is still room in this class.** It will be fun to have Bob visit us for the first time in September. I would like to get one or two more members signed up for this class to give Bob a big WELCOME to Mystic. Contact Alice, carveral@sbcglobal.net

Two more spaces available It's time to pay if you have not to secure your spot.

Jessie O'Brien, Pyrography **Pyrography**

Jessie's is always a fun class. If you have never tried Jessie's class let this be your first year. You will need a wood burner and a few basic tips.

Sept 30 and Oct 1st. \$100

One more spot is still available.

See Alice: carveral@sbcglobal.net

Schedule of Events

Subject: CVSW open house-
Saturday, September 9, 2017, 9 AM to 3 PM

Dear Fellow woodworker,

Well- it's about that time of year again. The fall schedule of classes is in the works, summer classes are in full swing and it is time to think about the Open House again! This will be our seventeenth open house and I hope it is the best one ever. (That's what I said last year- and the open house last year was undoubtedly the best one we have ever had!) The best demonstrators, the most guests, the best gallery of student work- and the best weather!

This year I have a few new demonstrators coming and a few new antique tool dealers- (I think we will have 6 or 7 dealer's total).

As always we will have the antique tools and a few of the demonstrators outside and the school gallery, Lie Nielsen hand tools, Woodturning and any other demonstrators who want to will be inside.

This is the school's seventeenth Open House! Many of you have been here from the beginning and I want to thank you all for your support. As always, the idea is to have a good time, talk to new people (maybe show off a little!) and get everyone back into the shop after a long hot summer.

Demonstrators are the key to a good day and I am looking forward to a great day.

The event starts around 9 am until about 3pm. You can set up anytime that morning- we will start setting up around 7:30am- or you can bring stuff over the week before if that helps.

The key is to have a good time, make some new friends and do something fun for the day. Hope you can make it.

Please email me back one way or the other.

Thanks- and have a great rest of the summer

Bob Van Dyke

Director

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Our club usually sets up a table to show our carvings and to promote the art of woodcarving and hopefully get some folks interested in coming to a meeting and maybe joining our club. Anyone can come to Woodcraft and sit at our table. It's always a fun event.

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- Pat Anderson mrsbumble47@verizon.net

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-Mary Brown (860-774-3458) or 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

Retreat Coordinator: Provide leadership to ensure that the October Retreat is run successfully.

**Retreat Coordinators -Dennis Tormey dtormey5519@earthlink.net 860-337-0053
& Carol Roffey 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 –Bob Arpin 860-884-2535

Mail Man: Collect mail from Post Office and bring to monthly meeting.

Mail Man - Bill Welsh (860-536-7008) or 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

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

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

Project Leader 2017

July: Chuck Larkins
Whale Refrig magnet
August: Dennis Tormey
Sept: Jim Dutton/Marty
Sprock
October: Ned Wilson
November: Hilaire Cote
December: Bill Simpson

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-11:30 - 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, 860-747-6348 CT. Contact Ray Seymour. Fridays from 10-12: Contact Dave Freese 860-673-2154

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

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

CWCA Ct Forest & Park, Middlefield, CT (old rte 66) 10 to 2, 1st. Sundays
Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-5473

