

Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71
Mystic, CT 06355



May 2020

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 when ever our lives get back to normal?? at
The Quianbaug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT

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

Hello Fellow Wood Carvers.

Well, this Covid Virus is still with us after another month has passed. This week the state of CT opens up some businesses and we will just have to wait and see what happens. If you are cautious, like me, you probably won't be going out socially until we see if there will be a comeback of the virus.

So I hope you and your families are all staying well and that now that the nice weather is finally here that you can at least get outside a bit and enjoy your families with a safe distance.

So hang in there and soon we will all be back to living our normal lives.

I hope you can all at least have a family get together for Memorial Day and at least enjoy one another from a little distancing.

Stay Well!!!!

We don't know when we will meet again for our Mystic meeting but we will let you know as soon as we can meet at the Fire Station.

Dennis sent this note regarding the Retreat at Enders Island. I would like to share it with all our members.

Many of you were planning on attending our Annual Retreat. Well here is what Dennis has sent:

Hello Wood Carvers,

We hope this email finds you & yours well in health and spirits.

These are trying times, we are 8 weeks into this corona virus pandemic, and there does not appear to be an immediate end in sight.

Many of us may be deemed to be in the high risk category. Your health, the health of our Instructors and Enders Island staff is paramount. We do not want to risk this virus making any of you ill.

There will be no Woodcarving Retreat In New England this year.

We have already reserved the Island for next year, the dates then being September 10th - 13th, 2021.

We believe we have finally found a permanent home for our annual Retreats. And as disappointing as it is, we will have to wait one more year.

Stay well, keep chipping and we hope to see you all next year.

Dennis Tormey



Carving Groups:

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

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.

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) 875-6187. . erteled@yahoo.com

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

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, 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 dbfreese@aol.com

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 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

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 860-450-9198

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

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

Show Chairman: Provide leadership to ensure the May Show is run successfully.

Show Chair – Sheryl Popowycz, Carol Roffey, spopowycz@gmail.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 written, 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

2020 Project Leaders:

June – Carl Jerard

July – Dennis Tormey

August – Eugene Good

September – Dennis Taylor

October – Ned Wilson

November – Hilaire Cote

December – Bob Vredenburg