

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



July 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 is July 26, 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](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**

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This month's novice leader will be Dennis Tormey. Dennis will be teaching an Angel A great little project! Looking forward to his class!

Ray Johnson taught a little mouse sitting on a piece of cheese. Let's see some of them at the July meeting.

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

### **Alton Jones, Columbus Day Weekend Retreat.**

There are applications coming in everyday now so get yours in to guarantee a spot in the class you want. For New Carvers who have never been away to carve at a seminar

this is it. Three days of nothing but **EAT, SLEEP AND CARVE!** It doesn't get much better than that. Go to our website to check out the instructors for this year. There is something for everyone. Chip carving, Cottonwood Bark, Caricature carvings, Bird carving, and more. You will not be bored or go hungry. Check it out.

### July 9<sup>th</sup>, Mystic Carver's Club Woodcarvers Day at Olde Mystic Village

The Wood Carver's Day was a success. We were a little concerned about the weather for a while but the decision was made to take a chance on Saturday and it was the right one. It's the first time I can remember not having 90 degree heat with 50 % humidity. So we were not all melting by the end of the day.

The entry numbers were down but I think the public attendance was up. There were a lot of great carvings. It is always nice to see what unique things folks have been carving:



."Monster in the Basement" took People's choice.

So congrats to Andre Rodrique!



1<sup>st</sup> place winners



Best in show won



Best in Show Award, Richard Chalpin.



Peoples Choice Award, Andre Rodrique



Dennis and Carol  
Thanks!



Judges Ed and Judy



Show Chair, Diane



Who is this, \$\$\$



HMMM Rain?



Warren and Arlene

Thanks to everyone who helped put this show on again this year. Thanks to all the guys who worked so hard to set up and take down tables and signs. Bob Arpin, Ned Wilson, Hilaire and Bob and everyone else I forgot to mention. It's all you folks who help every year that make this show as good as it is. Ahuge thanks to Ed Ertel who took over the Judging aspect of the show. Thanks so much.

I hope you all had such a good time that you want to do it again next year.

And a big Thanks to Diane our new show chairperson for doing a wonderful job.

Dennis has posted lots more pictures on our Website so check them out. Great job Dennis!

By now those of you who subscribe to Wood Carving Illustrated must have received your fall issue. Well, have you looked on page 13? Recognize any of the good looking fellows in the middle of the page. We now have celebrities in our club. Nice to see your happy faces guys! You'll have to come to the next meeting and tell us about your adventure.

## **Seminars for 2016**

**Jessie O'Brien, August 13 & 14**

Pyrography Cost, \$100

Class is full!

Contact: Alice@ [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)

**Leah Goddard,-Animals**

September 22, 23 & 24 Cost \$125

You will have many rough outs to choose from.

Please contact:

Alice@ [Carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

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](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.net) or by phone at 860-456-0768.

Or Alice at [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **October 7, 8, 9,& 10: Woodcarvers Retreat, Alton Jones Campus, RI**
- Applications are starting to come in. Sign up early so you are guaranteed a spot in the class you want. Check out our web site to see this year's instructors. [www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com) and to get your application.

Contact Dennis Tormey [dtormey5519@earthlink.com](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.com) 860-337-0053

Or Carol Roffey @: [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net) more info on our Website  
[www.mysticcarvers.com](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)

## **NEW ENGLAND WOOD CARVERS:** **2016 SPIRIT OF WOOD SHOW**

October 16, 2016, Bedford Mass For information see "Events page" @  
[WWW.NEWC.org](http://WWW.NEWC.org).

I saw Carl Gerard at the Wood Carvers Day in Mystic and he reminded me that he had donated a beautiful Colored pencil painting set that we learned how to use at the last Wood Burning class in August. If anyone wants to borrow the set please see me or Bob at one of the meetings.

We will have it available at our next Wood Burning class coming up in Aug.

Thanks again to Carl for donating it to the club. It was nice to see you Carl. Hope you can make it back to the meetings soon. Get Well!

Our next carving session will be on July 31<sup>st</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)**  
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**Co Chair- Alice Mellor**  
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**& Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto:croffey@comcast.net)**  
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#### 2016 Novice Leaders:

July-Dennis Tormey  
Angel  
August-  
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 Sprock, [mjsindbyct.yahoo.com](mailto: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 10to 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>. of every month-cost of materials only.**  
**New comers welcome. Contact: ED Ertel- 860-875-6187**