

## Mystic Carvers Club

P. O. Box 71  
Mystic, CT 06355



September 2017

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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 will be on September 24, 2017 at The Quianbaug 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 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](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**

Our project leader for August was Dennis Tormey with a not so easy project. He demonstrated how to carve a flying Santa. What? A flying Santa!. Can't wait to see some of those! Jim Dutton and Marty Sprock will be our project leaders for September. The gruesome twosome! This should be interesting.

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

At our meeting in August there was a lengthy discussion about whether or not we should continue with our annual carving show at the Olde Mistick Village next year. It appears that we have taken a good size loss financially for the past two years. The attendance has been down and the competition entries are down. We have not gotten any new members from the show and it seems that the folks who set up each year with all their carvings in hopes of selling some have not had much luck and feel they do all the work of carrying their supplies and setting up and spending a whole day in the hot sun and just don't get any sales.

Like many other clubs this seems to be the trend. A number of members felt that we should maybe try something new (maybe, having a show with more spectator participation) perhaps having

some carving demos and even inviting some wood turners to have a demo. So after this discussion there was a committee formed and those members(Ed, Arlene, Pat and Carl) will hopefully have something to report at our next meeting.

Arlene Snyder talked about an Arts and Craft show at a Synagogue in Colchester is having on Nov.5, 2017. She has applications available. She said the tables with cost about \$20 to \$25 to rent a space to sell your crafts. Members are invited to contact Arlene at [snyderam@comcast.net](mailto:snyderam@comcast.net) or 860-228-0404 for more info or an application to be a part of the show and directions if you just want to go to the Arts and Crafts show just to see what they have to offer.

Ed Frink, past Mystic member passed away a while ago. Our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Frink. She stopped in at the meeting and brought bags and bags of carving magazines and carving books which all got grabbed up quickly. We all went home with a few nice books and Woodcarving Illustrated. A few ended up in our library so check it out.

Thank you, Mrs. Frink for thinking of our members before throwing all those books out! That was very thoughtful of you.

Also at the meeting there was free wood from Bob Smith.

Ed Ertel talked about the NEWC show coming up in October and suggested to Mary that we display her Mayflower ship as a group project at the Wood Carvers show in Bedford Mass. The NEWC club has a group project competition which pays \$300 in gift certificates to the Club that has the best group project. Mary or Ed can let us know if this will be happening.

Thank you to the members who so kindly donated carvings to Carl Gerard for his fund Raiser for the Westerly Sr. Center. He will be collecting again in September if anyone didn't get a chance to bring a donation in in August. Sincere thanks from Carl and the Westerly Group.

#### **A note from Bob Van Dyke from Wood Craft:**

Hey- I want to thank everyone for coming yesterday.(Sat Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>). The open house was a huge success and it is because of you all coming together to make it so.

Thank you. I do hope you all had a good time and that it was a worthwhile day for you.

Looking forward to seeing you all here again soon.

best

Bob Van Dyke  
Director

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## SEMINARS FOR 2017

### Bob Hershey, Themed Bark Carver,

Everyone had a great time. We carved Christmas themes, Halloween themes and Light Houses.

Bob gave an oil painting demo and we all learned how to paint with oil on Cottonwood Bark.

Bob said he would like to come back next year and teach a caricature class.



Bob giving a demo



A Christmas sample



Halloween samples.



Samples of Bob's caricatures that he is willing to teach next year if there is interest. Let Alice know if you might want to do a caricature next year with Bob.

# Jessie O'Brien, Pyrography

## Pyrography

Sept 30 and Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.  
9 AM to 5 PM

Class is full.

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

## Schedule of Events

### NEWC Spirit of Wood Show

Hi All,

I am reaching out to all the Woodcarving Clubs in New England, the New England Woodcarvers are having the Spirit of the Wood Show. I don't know if you all know that your club can get 1 free table at the show and if you need a second table it is only \$30. Also I'm not sure if you know that this year we are having cash prizes for the competitions. Also we are having club competitions if your club makes a scene of some sort it can be wildlife, fish, relief or caricature and if your scene wins your club wins.

We have a bucket raffle with carvings and tools be raffled off we are also having a 50/50 drawing. You also be able to bid on a Pete LeClair woodcarving and more.

- Best of Show \$300**
- First Place Masters Level \$200**
- First Place Open Level \$150**
- First Place Intermediate Level \$100**
- First Place Novice Level \$75 Gift Card**
- First Place Youth \$75 Gift Card**
- People's Choice \$100**
- Presidents Award \$100**

WE also have some of your favorite venders:

**MDI**

**Tuckaway Timber**  
**Cape Forge**

Go to our website and check it out:

<http://www.newc.org/>

**If you are going to take advantage of the free table or if you need 2 tables let me know by replying to this email and tell me coming or just print out the attached registration form and send it in.**

**See you in October,  
Scott Arsenault  
NEWC President**

Check out this website to see Cottonwood Bark carvings.  
Also at this website is a store and gallery: “Artfromthebark.com”  
or, ”Art From The Bark, LLC-Home”

Then next carving session is on September 24th. Looking forward to seeing you all.



The Following people have volunteered to keep the club activities moving:  
President –Bob Vredenburg-(401-377-4615) [bobvredenburg@verizon.net](mailto:bobvredenburg@verizon.net)

Vice President Alice Mellor (860-450-9198) [carveral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carveral@sbcglobal.net)

Treasurer-Ben Anderson (860-536-1762) [bander063@live.com](mailto:bander063@live.com)

Secretary- Pat Anderson [mrsbumble47@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:diane8050@yahoo.com)

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

Retreat Coordinators -Dennis Tormey [dtormey5519@earthlink.net](mailto:dtormey5519@earthlink.net) 860-337-0053  
& Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nsduckhouse@yahoo.com)

Website Coordinator: Dennis Tormey & Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto: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

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](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-11:30 - 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 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 1<sup>st</sup>. Sundays**  
Contact Leo Hein, Pres. 860-675-5473