

Mystic Carvers Club

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



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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.

Our regular monthly meeting will resume when the danger of contacting Covid 19 becomes low and it is safe to be together again at The Quianbaug Fire House 50 Old Stonington Rd. Stonington, CT

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

Hello Fellow Mystic Members,

As you all know, our dear and long time member of Mystic Carvers Club, Bill Welsh, passed away on January 18th 2021.

We will truly miss Bill. He always brought the mail to all the Mystic meetings. Jim O'Dea sent me an email saying he can remember Bill bringing the mail way back to 1980.

Bill also helped Ray grocery shop for our annual Christmas party and for our annual picnics. We will miss his happy smile.

Thanks Bill, for all those years of being a member, a helper and most of all for being our friend.

Mother, (that's what Bill called me)

William Welsh Jr.

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Mystic - William "Bill" Welsh Jr., 92, of Mystic passed away peacefully Jan. 18, 2021. He was born in Methuen, Mass. March 24, 1928, to William Welsh Sr. and Olive (Galloway) Welsh.

Bill left Lawrence High School in his senior year to join the Navy in March 1945, graduating on his return from overseas in 1947. TMCS(SS) continued his Navy career serving on LSM 384, USS Diodon, USS Corsair, USS Tirante, USS Skipjack (Chief of the Boat), USS Sturgeon (Chief of the Boat), Sub School staff, and COMSUBRON 10, retiring in 1971. He was a member of SUBVETS and the Holland Club.

After the Navy he was employed by the Town of Groton, State of Connecticut (Avery Point), and 13 years at Electric Boat as a Senior Engineering Assistant. Bill was an active member of the Groton Senior Center, serving as past president of Club 55 and the Wounded Warrior fund, making many lifelong friends. Upon his retirement he discovered his love of woodcarving, receiving blue ribbons for many of his bird carvings at competitions. He was a member of the Connecticut and Mystic Woodcarvers.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife Ruth, married for 67years; also son James and wife Susan; grandchildren, Patrick and wife Heather, Kevin and partner Chrisoula, Timothy, Sarah and husband William; and three great-grandchildren, Elianna, Jackson, and Mila. He was predeceased by his brother James.

Bill, Rest in Peace, we will miss you!!!!

Members, please do not send in any membership dues until further notice.

On another note, Ray plans to meet and carve at the firehouse on Sunday the 28th, from 9 to noon. Wear masks, and social distance. Please call Ray Johnson 860 639 9802 if you plan to attend as it is limited to the first 20 people that call. Hope you are well and safe.

Hilaire Cote



This is the project that Ray Johnson, Hilaire Cote and John George are doing at Enders Island on Tuesday mornings. Nice Job.

Carving Groups: (I don't know which clubs are meeting until the Covid precautions are lifted.) Check with your club.

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
Meetings of 20 people only, you need to call Ray Johnson to make sure there is room for you.

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) ataustin@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

Novice projects to continue sometime in the near future?? I guess this gives everyone time to think of a new project.

Stay safe, Stay well and get your Covid shots if you haven' already so we can meet again in the near future.