

# 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.

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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](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)**

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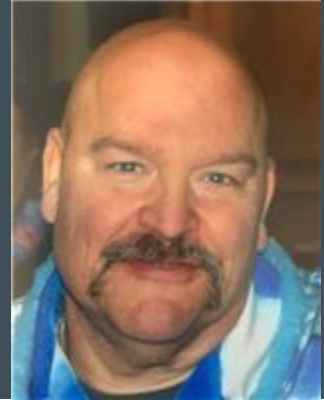
Hello Fellow Mystic Members,

**Well, “Spring” started on March 20<sup>th</sup> and I for one can’t wait for the warm weather.** This past year has been very trying for everyone. Let’s hope that the Covid vaccines work and we will be able to get to a somewhat of a normal life in the very near future. I hope that we can resume our carving meetings sometime this summer.

On a sad note, we have lost another one of our Mystic Carving buddies, Carl Jerard. Carl was like by all and we will miss his smiling face at our meetings.

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Carl Jerard, Jr., 68 of Charlestown, RI passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021 peacefully at home. He was born on February 03, 1953, in South Carolina. Carl worked at Dow Chemical in Ledyard, CT for 40 yrs until he retired in 2009. Carl was an active member of the Mystic Carvers

A note from Dennis Tormey:

I am sad, devastated in fact, to have to report that the Woodcarving In New England Retreat, scheduled for August 27th - 30th, 2021 on Enders Island has been cancelled for this year

There are multiple factors, mostly COVID-related, that have contributed to this decision, and they are as follows:

- Currently, the State of Ct. has reduced the number of people who can occupy an Enders Island dorm room from two, to one. There are 27 dorm rooms. We cannot run a Retreat and only offer accommodations to 27 people.
- Currently, dining facilities must maintain their tables six feet apart. Considering our numbers, they cannot do that in their Dining Room.
- Currently, indoor activities are limited to 10 people per room. There are three large meeting rooms where we had planned to have two to three classes per room, thereby exceeding that 10 people per limit.
- Initially, we had been told that we could also use bedrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the main house. Those rooms could accommodate 12 carvers. We received an email on March 5th that those rooms will now not be available to us.
- Mystic Carvers Club has a contract with Enders Island that guarantees attendance @ a minimum of 40 carvers, at a cost of over \$12,000. If we do not reach that number we are still on the hook for that amount. Given these restrictions, we cannot guarantee we would reach that number. As a Club, we cannot afford to take that kind of financial risk.
- This year we lost two Instructors, due to either scheduling conflicts or other concerns.

We have scheduled our next Retreat for **August 26th - 29th, 2022.** We should be out of this pandemic pandemonium by then!

Dennis Tormey

Member's, please do not send in any membership dues until further notice.

Ray Johnson plans to meet and carve at the firehouse on Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Happy Easter,  
Happy, Spring!

**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](http://www.mysticcarvers.com)) Carol Roffey [croffey@comcast.net](mailto: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](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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 [dbfreese@aol.com](mailto: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](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

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](mailto:-croffey@comcast.net) 860-603-2449

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

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

Secretary-Dennis [Tormev-dtormev5519@earthlink.net](mailto:Tormev-dtormev5519@earthlink.net) 860-337-0053

Carving Coordinators: Recruit members to lead a carving project at each monthly meeting.

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

## **Weekly Carving Meetings:**

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