

## **2008 CCA CarveAlong East Sponsored by the Mystic Carvers Club**

The Mystic Carvers Club is pleased to announce their sponsorship of the 2008 CCA CarveAlong East, to be held Friday evening through Monday afternoon, May 23, 24, 25 and 26 (Memorial Day weekend). The site will be the Alton B. Jones Annex of the University of Rhode Island, which is located on 2200 acres of woodlands and ponds, conveniently reached a few miles off of I-95 at exit 5B in West Greenwich, RI (see <http://www.uri.edu/ajc/eec/facset.html>). Our Package price this year is again \$340.00, which includes the classes, room and all meals and snacks.

### **The Award-Winning CCA Instructor Members scheduled in 2008 are:**

**Peter Ortel** - (NY and SC) – A retired NYC firefighter and a past president of the CCA (1996 to 1998), Pete was also the co founder of the Mid Hudson Woodcarvers Guild and the original CCA CarveAlong East. When Pete combined his fondness for cartooning and love for wood by carving caricatures, it became his passion. His biggest success and a major breakthrough for caricature carving was when he won both Best of Show and People's Choice awards at the 2000 International Woodcarvers Congress in Davenport, Iowa for a carving he calls "Love", a feat never before achieved by a caricature carver.

**Harley Refsal** - An internationally recognized figure carver, specializing in Scandinavian-style flat-plane carving, Harley teaches Scandinavian Studies at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he also holds the title Resident Fellow in Scandinavian Folk Art. Since the 1980s, Refsal, who speaks fluent Norwegian, has shared his knowledge of, and skills in, Scandinavian flat-plane carving with thousands of carvers through classes and presentations in the United States and Scandinavia. His name is so integrally linked with the revival of this carving style that it is rapidly becoming known as the "Refsal style."

**Joe You** - Joe began woodcarving in 1991 after attending the fall show of the Capital Woodcarvers Association (CWA) in Sacramento, CA. Joe loves caricature carving not only because he has always enjoyed a good laugh and working with wood, but because it allows him to express his creativity in facial and body expressions. Joe's woodcarvings now begin as an idea, then a sketch. From a sketch Joe will work up a clay model with a wire armature. Then a pattern is made from the clay model that is then band-sawed out. From there the carving begins. Many of his pieces are carved out of one piece of wood.

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On Friday when you arrive there will be a self-serve meal available. Friday evening we will have introductions and an informal get acquainted session. We'll be happy to accommodate anyone who would like to make announcements or give a talk. You'll be hearing more about other evening activities at a later date. Please bring along a carving for the "show and tell" table in the main dining room.

There will be separate cabins for men and women. While the cabins are rustic, they are of newer construction with nice showers and lavatories, and comfortable twin sized bunk beds. Only lower bunks will be used. Attendees should bring their own sheets, pillow, blankets/sleeping bag, towels, toiletries, insect repellent, shower shoes, band-aids, and flashlight. Bring ear plugs if snoring keeps you awake.

The dining hall is open 24 hours a day with beverages and snacks continuously available at no additional charge. Meals are good, and food is plentiful. Vegetarian meal requests can be accommodated. There are picnic tables outside the facility which can be used for carving in good weather. Canoes and a paddleboat can be used at no cost on a nearby pond. Numerous walking trails meander through the woods.

The format will be three groups of 11 carvers each, with each group spending one day with each of the featured carving instructors. Accordingly, registration is limited to the first 33 who respond.

If you have further questions please feel free to call Paul Maccio at 203-468-7924, or e-mail at [halstonpm@aol.com](mailto:halstonpm@aol.com). You can write to Paul at 270 Concord St., New Haven, CT 06512. An alternative contact is Paul Stuewer, at 845-242-3231 or e-mail at [duck3416@aol.com](mailto:duck3416@aol.com).

**Total Registration Fee is \$340 – see below for details**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ (required for cabin assignment)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Meals requested? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is limited to the first 33 carvers, in the order their registrations are received. If you are not in this group, do you wish to have your name placed on a limited waiting list, with your deposit held? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_\*.

\*If registering before April 15, 2008, you have the option of paying an initial deposit of at least \$190, with the balance due on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. The total fee is \$340.00, which does not include blanks. Enclose your check payable to Mystic Carvers Club, and mail to Mystic Carvers Club, c/o Paul Maccio, 270 Concord St., New Haven, CT 06512. Local people not wanting to sleep over at URI or those desiring to get local motel accommodations may pay \$60 less. Any blanks used can be purchased directly from the instructor during the class. A map, directions and check-in information will be provided with the acknowledgment of your registration.

**Refund Policy: Full refund if we are notified by April 15, 2008. After that date a refund should not be expected, but some portion may be able to be refunded depending on our finding someone to fill your spot.**

RVers NOTE: some RV parking is available, hookups are not. Inquire if interested.



For administrative use only by registrar:

Registrant has been assigned to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Group A – Saturday, Peter Ortel; Sunday, Harley Refsal; Monday, Joe You.

\_\_\_\_\_ Group B – Saturday, Harley Refsal; Sunday, Joe You; Monday, Peter Ortel.

\_\_\_\_\_ Group C – Saturday, Joe You; Sunday, Peter Ortel; Monday, Harley Refsal.