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December 13, 1930 - July 26, 2020  
Artist, Carver, Gentleman and Friend to All

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Dear Friend,

This past weekend we lost member and friend Arthur “Art” Parkin.

Art was one of the most congenial men I have ever met. He was a supporter and friend of CU’s for many years. Most people will know him from his “second” professional life. After working in the local glass industry he went on to pursue his love of nature by carving birds – decoys and fancies. Art was very skilled and for many years he demonstrated carving techniques at WheatonArts. You could find him by the crafts building. Art loved people and interacted warmly with each visitor.

His wife Kathy of 43 years relayed a story to me about his affability. She was preparing supper one day when the phone rang in the adjacent room. Art left the kitchen to pick up the call. She heard him laughing and talking in the next room, like his favorite chum had just called. When he returned to the kitchen she inquired, “Who was that?,” to which Art replied, “I don’t know, it was a wrong number.” That little encounter said a lot about Art.

Art was a networker and promoter. During the Creative Arts Festival at WheatonArts he would be in a tent with the other carvers. Every year when I went in he would take me to each carver’s table, introducing them and complimenting their work. He would offer a little bio of every individual. In fact, he introduced me to David Rhodes, the carver who for many years made our Ah Why Knot awards.

In 2018 Art carved a bluebird for our Presidential Award winner Allen Jackson. Art was excited to see it go to someone who did so much to restore bluebirds to our area. In part he donated the carving. He was also philanthropic to many non-profits. He had a very generous spirit and loved supporting the environment. He donated a number of carvings to our auctions. But what he gave more than anything was himself: his care for people was genuine. He was a true gentleman, always polite and mannerly.

Over the past months Arthur relayed to his wife that he had lived a full 90 years and was very happy with his life. Our great fortune was his ability to share his joy for life and his craft with everyone. There was never a time that I saw Art that he didn’t ask about my family and share his love for his, and for the apple of his eye, Kathy. We wish to offer our condolences to Kathy, his family, and friends.

Sincerely,



Jane Morton Galetto  
CU Maurice River Board President



Art Parkin at 2009 Ah Why Knot



Art and Kathy

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Arthur L. Parkin, 90, of Millville died at home on Sunday, July 26, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Vineland, NJ to Frank L. and Adelaide (Cotton) Parkin, he resided there until age twelve when the family moved to Leesburg, NJ. He attended Millville High School, graduating in 1949, and received an Associate's Degree from CCC.

In 1951, Art enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving as a Flight Engineer during the Korean War. He worked in the glass industry at Wheaton Glass Co., Kimble Glass Company, and then O-I-Schott as project engineer, and also provided consultation services. After forty years in the glass industry he went to WheatonArts as resident wood carver, greatly enjoying talking with people and demonstrating how to create ducks and birds of all species. His talents won him many accolades and awards from the different carving shows in which he exhibited.

Art loved playing ball, bowling, golfing, and flying, obtaining his pilot's license in 1958. In later years he loved to travel with his wife, enjoying cruises to Hawaii, Panama, the Bahamas, the Caribbean Islands, the Mediterranean ports of call, and numerous others. Art never met a stranger; he was a friend to all who knew him. While a young man in Leesburg he was a lay leader Sunday volunteer EMT, and fireman for twenty-five years. He was a member of the Leesburg Methodist Church, serving as Sunday school superintendent, trustee and lay leader. He was also a member of the Leesburg Cemetery Association, the American Legion, and The Gideon's International. After moving to Millville in 1977 Art served as Parish Pastor chairman, head usher and was a member of the choir for many years in the First United Methodist Church in Millville.

He is survived by his loving wife of forty-three years, Kathleen (Hinckley); his son, Roger (LuAnn); his daughter-in-law (Nancy Parkin); daughter, Donna Richter; son, Joe Richter; nine grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and his sons Arthur S. Parkin and Jeffrey O. Parkin.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions can be made to Millville Church of the Nazarene, 2201 E. Main St., Millville, NJ 08332; The Gideons International: Gideons, PO Box 801, Millville NJ, 08332; or

the [charity of your choice](#). Written condolences can be sent to [rocapshannon@aol.com](mailto:rocapshannon@aol.com), or visit their website at [www.rocapshannon.com](http://www.rocapshannon.com).



Allen Jackson showing off his **Presidential Award in 2018** - bluebird masterfully carved by Art Parkin. Art was thrilled that it went to such a deserving recipient who also shared his love of birds. Art loved CU avian recovery efforts.  
(Allen and Jane)

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