
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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July Program

The program for the meeting this month will be the next step in our carving improvement program — painting. Ray Stansel will show us how to paint our pintail ducks that we have been working on the past couple of months. You should have your pintails shaped, sanded and ready for painting. If you wish to have feather details you should have the feathers carved or burned as shown in the handout and go-bys that have been displayed the past few weeks at the carving center.

At our June meeting Mike Parker did a great job with the program on preparing your piece for painting. He discussed cleaning up your carvings for better appearance and show presentations. He covered de-fuzzing, sanding, and other smoothing techniques. Mike had lots of examples of different types of sand paper and gave us a better appreciation on how to make show quality carvings.

Thanks Mike for the tips and advice.

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:00 P.M.
July 21, 2005
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

Activities at the Carving Center

Attendance at the center continues to be surprisingly good, considering it is summer, many are off on vacations, and have other commitments. I've been busy with vacationing and other important activities like fishing, so I've missed a lot of the news for the past several weeks. When I returned to the center I was surprised to see the crowd and the number of folks working on the pintail duck carving project, which we hopefully will paint at the next meeting. Hope you all are not as far behind as I am. Here it is less than a week left and I still need to finish the detailing—maybe mine will be a “slick” (as Ray Stansel calls them).

It will not be long before October will be here. Please consider participating in your show October 1st. If you have carved something recently, give it a go and enter it into the competition or submit for display. If not, there is still time to carve your masterpiece. It is a great opportunity to show off your work to the public and fellow members. The results from judging in competition are very helpful in showing you where you need to improve.

Note that this year, with Woodcraft, we are hosting David Sabol, a nationally known caricature and Santa carver. He will be judging and holding a carving seminar. See Page 3 for the article on his seminar. Many of us who attended the Carving Roundup in MO last year met

David and can attest to his great personality and abilities as a carver/instructor. This is a really great opportunity to get some first class instruction for a very reasonable price.

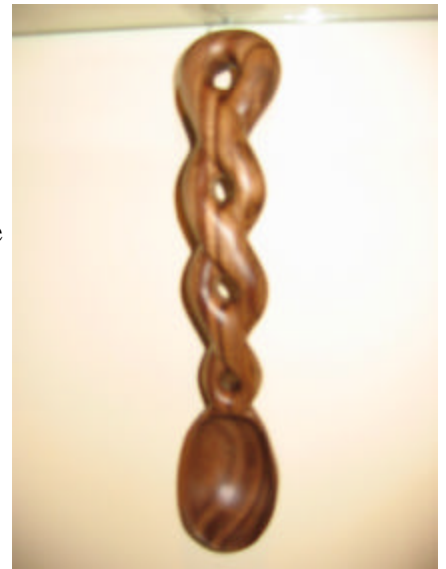


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Artisans United News

Last month we mentioned that Joyce Beene's Celtic Spoon was the only NVC entry to be selected to go to the **Artisans Center of Virginia Show, September 22 to November 2, 2005**. Here is a picture of Joyce's spoon.

The main news for the Artisans United is the president had to resign because she is moving out of the area. They are reorganizing and will hold elections soon. If any NVC member is interested in getting more involved with the Fairfax Arts Council and the activities of the Artisans United, please consider going to their meetings on the 3d Monday of each odd month at 7:30 PM. Bob Marshall and Hap O'Brien have been representing the NVC at these meetings.



Colvin Run Mill

Remember we are still giving carving lessons at Colvin Run Mill on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in July and August, from noon to 4:00 PM.

Colvin Mill activities are going quite well, with an average of 45 carving students per Sunday and 8-12 instructors. We have decided to double the number of vises plus add a few clamps. Woodcraft is ordering them for us. We have also received permission to put a lockable metal cabinet at the mill to store our things more securely. We have lost one of the new clamps since last year.

We encourage NVC members to participate, even if it is as a cheering section or a self interest activity, like taking a lesson for yourself, your children, grandchildren or friends. Better yet come and give a hand, even if only to help a child handle a file.

No specific commitment is necessary; come when you can. **Remaining sessions are August 7 and August 21.**

Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

The photographs below are a series of recent pictures at the Woodcraft Center. Upper photos show John Sullivan and Hank Cloutier busy carving and burning pintails. The lower includes a view of the carving center with Joy Burks, Joyce Beene, Richard Sniffen, Ken Sheehan, Pete Ward, and Bob Marshall.



Carving Seminar by David Sabol at NVC Show

David Sabol is a nationally recognized woodcarver who will be coming to help judge at our NVC Show and will be holding a three day seminar at the Woodcraft Store in Springfield, VA. The class will start on Friday, 30 Sept., and continue through the 1st and 2d of October. Hours will be posted later. Dave will provide the required blanks and go-by's. Carvers may select any of Dave's projects and picking out the project in advance by visiting his web site. See <http://www.daidsabol.com/index.html>

NVC has six slots for this seminar, with seven reserved for Woodcraft. Our slots for this seminar are expected to go fast, so anyone interested in securing a place in the class is urged to contact Joyce Beene or Hank Cloutier to get information on the cost of the seminar and to make a reservation. A \$75.00 deposit (Non Refundable unless you find a NVC member to fill your slot) is required.

James River Show

The James River Woodcarvers thank you for participating in our past carving competitions. This year we will hold our 5th such competition on Dec. 3, 2005 at the Woodcraft Store, The Shops at Willow Lawn, Richmond, Va. We hope you will join us this year and help make the competition a success. We will have four divisions this year, Youth, Novice, Intermediate, and Open. There will be a timed whittling competition with prizes. Also displays, show and tell and discounts will be available at the Woodcraft store. If you would like to participate in show and tell or demonstration of woodcarving lets us know. Entry information maybe found on the James River Woodcarvers website <http://www.angelfire.com/va3/jamesrivercarvers> or contact Merv Warner, 1202 Spring Meadow Terrace, Richmond, Va. 23235, phone 804/320-4416 or email mervinw@comcast.net. The James River Woodcarvers look forward to seeing you in December.

Thanks, Merv

NVC Calendar of Events

Weekly

Thursdays, 3:30-9:00 PM *Carving Centers Open to all Members*

Monthly

3d Thursday, 7:00 PM *Membership Meetings at School Carving Center*

Classes

June-July *Group Carving Projects — Pintail duck*

Other Events of Interest

June-August *Colvin Run Mill - Free Carving Lessons by members 12-4 PM*

Sep 22 to Nov 2 *Artisans Center of Virginia Show*
October 1 *NVC Woodcarving Show at Woodcraft*
November 3-27 *Washington Woodworkers Guild Show - Juried*
December 3 *James River Show*

Directions to the Carving Centers

Woodcraft — Concord Shopping Center, 6123 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22150, 703-912-6727. From I-495 take Braddock Rd East; turn right on Backlick; turn left on Cumberland which tees at Concord shopping center. If traffic is not bad (shorter but not always faster) from I-495 take I-95 South and take 1st exit at Old Keene Mill Rd; follow signs to Backlick. Concord Shopping Center is between Commerce and Cumberland across from Mike's American Café.

George Mason Junior-Senior High School—From I-495 take I-66 East, take 1st exit on to Rt 7 (East), Falls Church; Turn left at 1st light onto Haycock, then take the next left, and find parking in one of the lots to the left. **Carving Center is in Room (G024).**

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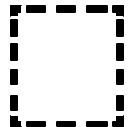
President	Joyce Beene	Chairs General Meetings and Board Meetings — NVC Web Page	Beene37(at)verizon.net	703-978-2032
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Welcome New Member

Richard Altman Falls Church, VA

!!NOTE Memberships and Renewals — Membership to NVC is from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2005 If you wish to join or renew please check our website (www.nvacarvers.org) for an application and send \$20 to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391.

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