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# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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## March Program

The program last month featured Ken Sheehan reviewing for us how to sharpen knives. As always sharpening is a hot topic and everyone was helped by the techniques and suggestions Ken provided. Everyone went home a "little sharper".

By the way, Ken was admitted to Fairfax Hospital and underwent quadruple heart by-pass surgery Tuesday, March 8th. As of press time for the newsletter Ken is doing fine. We pray for Ken's speedy recovery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

For our March program we decided due to popular demand that we should continue our education on sharpening. Everyone seems to have problems sharpening their other tools besides knives. Now that we know everything there is to know about knife sharpening, Jim Ernst has volunteered to show us how to sharpen chisels and gouges.

## Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
March 17, 2005  
Route 7 & Haycock Road  
Falls Church, VA**

## Activities at the Carving Center

At the carving centers we continue to have moderate participation with carver focus on personal projects. So far we have had adequate space for the carvers coming to the Woodcraft center. We continue to share the small classroom which is also being used temporarily to store merchandise. Woodcraft plans to renovate the storage area at the end of the woodworking area and make a large classroom. Hopefully this will happen by this summer or fall.

At our latest NVC Committee meeting we discussed classes and mentoring projects. We decided on three goals regarding classes. First, we would like to help Woodcraft sponsor a comprehensive multi-day beginning carvers class akin to what was held at the County schools a number of years ago. This would be taught by NVC carvers and aim at raw beginners who are likely not members of NVC. Costs would be comparable to other Woodcraft courses. Second, we would like to

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Jim Ernst, JC Evans, and Hap O'Brien demonstrating at the Woodworkers Show Friday afternoon, February 18th. Photo by John Sullivan's cell phone.

## Artisans United News

**Reston Celebration.** Reston Association is holding its annual anniversary to celebrate Reston's heritage with a variety of events, crafts, music, food and exhibits July 9 and 10.

The Artisans United has requested one of the nonprofit booths for member guilds to demonstrate their crafts. Each participant will receive \$50 for working a three hour shift demonstrating. Business cards may be displayed, but NO selling is allowed.

The booth will be covered by an awning. Tables and chairs are provided, but there is no electricity.

If any member of NVC is interested in participating please email [artisansunitd@aol.com](mailto:artisansunitd@aol.com) or call Peg Kirkpatrick, 703-264-1802.

## AU Workshop

The Artisans United will hold a free workshop on the Business Side of Crafting on Saturday, March 19, from 10 am to noon. The seminar will feature an insurance agent giving a non-sales, informational presentation on insurance for the home crafter. Your homeowners and automobile insurance may cover some damages. If you do not have insurance and do not know what you need, this seminar should help. Please pre-register at [ArtisansUnitd@aol.com](mailto:ArtisansUnitd@aol.com) or call 703-264-1802.

## Colvin Run Mill

Our Colvin Run Mill program starts in June. This is fun time for fellow carvers to join together to help teach newcomers the basics of safe carving. Before June we will need some help sawing out blanks. If you are interested, whether you have a band saw or not let us know. Also if you haven't tried teaching, please consider it. Even if you are a beginner, if you know the basic cuts you can help others, plus learn a lot from the experience. Contact Joy Burks at Center or 703-281-0736.

## Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

offer some NVC internal workshops or mentoring projects similar to those we have had over the past two years. These could include efforts like doing rough outs, relief carving, clay modeling, in-the-round projects like realistic animals, birds, humans, or caricatures. Third, we want to work with Woodcraft to sponsor a nationally known carver to hold a workshop at Woodcraft about one time a year. Timing for planning this is contingent on the Woodcraft remodeling since we would need a little more room to comfortably handle a separate group for a classes and still have space for normal carving activities by members who do not participate in the classes or projects.

This past week we had a new member who new to woodcarving and wants to learn relief carving. Several of our experienced relief carvers will be mentoring him. If you are interested in starting relief carving, you are welcome to join us. We are more than willing to give you a hand.

## Kings Park Library — New Display

Pete Ward's Noah's Ark January-February display in the Kings Park Library was so well received that the Library asked for more carvings. For the month of March the NVC has a display of bird carvings by JC Evans, Jim Loebach and Pete Ward.

If you have a chance visit the showcase at the Kings Park Library located on Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA.



## 2005 Woodworking Show

The spring 2005 Woodworking Show was held February 18, 19, and 20 at the Chantilly Expo Center. We had a great turn out of volunteers to demonstrate. Our volunteers appeared to have a very enjoyable time visiting with show attendees and demonstrating their carvings. We wish to thank everyone for helping.

We were very surprised at the large number of show participants who stopped by our booth, asked lots of questions and showed high levels of interest. Hopefully we have reached out to the public and shown them the many talents of our members and the benefits of joining our group.

# Sacred Icons: A Collective Vision of Symbolic & Ritual Objects

May 19 – June 29, 2005

*Prospectus:* Artisans Center of Virginia, 601 Shenandoah Village Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980  
<http://www.artisanscenterofvirginia.org> 540-946-3294 acv@nexet.net

Note: We have announced our intention to participate. If you plan to submit an item for competition please let Joyce Beene know. NVC must jury our competition items and are allowed to submit to Artisans United only 5 pieces. More details should be made available at our next meeting.

## Wildlife Sculpture Class

There is going to be wildfowl sculpture classes taught by Jeff Rechin at the Center for the Arts in **Manassas, VA, May 23-27, 2005**. The subject will be a life size Eastern Bluebird.. The cost is only \$480. Classes will be M-F, 10 am to 5 pm. Jeff, a former member of NVC, is a world class carver having won the Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition twice in Ocean City, MD. For further information, call Anna Lippert at 703-330-2787 or check out the announcement at: [www.center-for-the-arts.com](http://www.center-for-the-arts.com) under class schedules, page 12.

## Commission Work

Mike Parker received these inquiries:

*I'm interested in finding someone who can carve Van Gogh-style boots for table legs. This would be a fairly heavy-duty kitchen table and the person would have to coordinate with the person who likely will make the top. I have no idea how much doing this would take, neither the actual carving, nor the coordinating. If interested call Leigh Glenn, 703-748-7529 and eves at 703-319-0851.*

*My son would like to give a friend of his a wooden trivet (stand to place hot dishes on a table) as a gift. He wanted to have a logo from a 'tae kwon do' school carved into the top of the trivet. There are several logos; one of a dragon, one of a tiger and one of a stylized boy in a tae kwon do pose. The trivet could be round or square or other shape and I imagine the dimensions could be in the 6" to 8" range. Also, he may be interested in 2 or 3 depending on the cost and the time to make them. Feel free to call if you have questions. Randy McMaster, 703-923-4200 (work) or 703-675-0792 (cell).*

## 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

tbd Group Carving Projects on hold pending Woodcraft remodeling of classroom

### Other Events of Interest

May 19—June 29 Sacred Icons Exhibition ( see article on Page 3)

October 1 NVC Woodcarving Show at Woodcraft

## 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).**

### NVC Contacts

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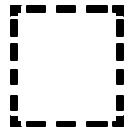
### Welcome New Members

**Nathan Davidson and family**  
**Sue Morgan**  
**Jaime Cabrera**

**Ashburn, VA**  
**Alexandria, VA**  
**Great Falls, VA**

**!!NOTE Renewals — If you haven't sent your renewal for 2005 please send \$20 to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391. Members who have not renewed by April will be dropped from the newsletter rolls.**

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*Please check the expiration date on your label.  
 To renew your membership, send the label and  
 \$20.00 dues to the above address.*

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