

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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## April Program

Our April meeting will feature an open forum on tool storage. If you have an interesting way to store your tools, bring your storage idea to the meeting and share it with your fellow carvers. This should be an excellent way to learn new ideas on holding your tools. If you use a traditional tool roll, bag, or box but have an unusual way you use them, please join in and help show us your way.

Our March meeting featured the finishing workshop which was a great success. Pam Bozzi demonstrated using a linseed oil base with oil paints to make a linseed oil stain and to add color highlights. Joy Burks demonstrated some of her techniques using a number of commercial stains and finishes. Jim Ernst demonstrated his technique of using thin acrylic washes with water and acrylic paints. Thank you Pam, Joy, and Jim.

## Next Meeting

Third Thursday of month  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
April 20, 2006  
GMJS High School  
Route 7 & Haycock Rd  
Falls Church, VA

## Activities at the Carving Center

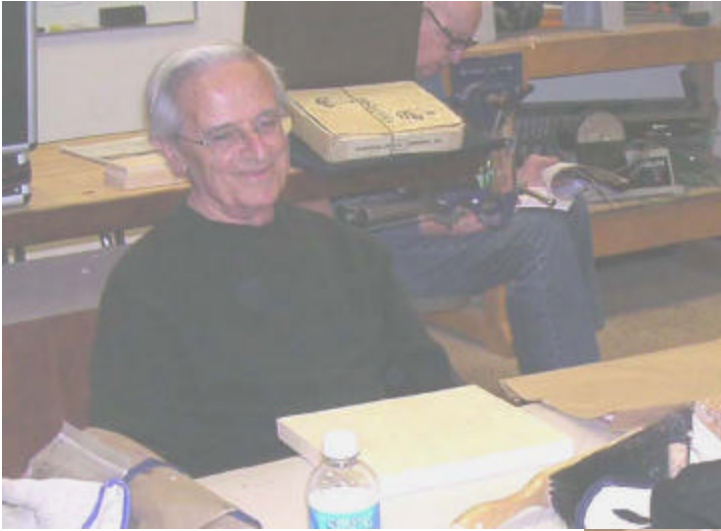
Hap has finally returned from Arizona and is enjoying the company of the NVC carvers again. We are meeting again in the classroom at Woodcraft with plenty of room for more members to come join us. Spring in Virginia is such a refreshing time, one that for me seems relaxing and inspiring. It is a great time for you who have laid your carving tools on the bench for awhile to dust them off and start on or complete a wood carving project — maybe something for our next show October 7th?

We had a great turnout of volunteers for the demonstration table at the Woodworkers Show at the Dulles Expo Center on March 24, 25, and 26. It was a good show with many seminars and gadgets. There was probably no volunteer who was able to refrain from buying something. Thank you all for helping out.



Richard Sniffin's display at the Woodworkers Show

## Photo Gallery



Luis Iglesias (above and right) specializes in relief carving. Luis is busy setting up the lay out for a new work of art. Ken Sheehan and Jim Ernst (right photo) providing moral support.



Ray Stansel does at times use a knife for carving, especially when at the carving center. Here he is working on a head for one of his white cedar decoy carvings.

**New Carving Technique?** Looking at photo on right from a recent show reminded me of the interesting technique this carver used to simulate buckskin on his Indian sculptures. He used a vibrating engraving tool to roughen the surface, yet keep a relatively smooth surface that looked very much like leather.



## Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

Colvin Mill classes will be starting June 4th. Those of you have volunteered to cut blanks, thank you. If you have access to a band or scroll saw and would like to saw a few blanks please contact Joy Burks at 703-281-0736 or joyburks(at)earthlink.net. We can always use help and before you know it our carving sessions will begin.

We also would like to have a volunteer to help with the newsletter. Hap O'Brien is planning to spend the summer up on the Canadian border and next winter in Arizona. It would be nice to have someone who is local to help in any way. A helper could collect information, take photos, write articles or prepare the newsletter. Hap will teach how to use MS Publisher. If you would like to assist please call Hap at 703-425-8703 or hapob2(at)yahoo.com.

## NVC Woodcarving Show

### Artisans United News

If you get a chance to stop by the AU Gallery in the Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Rd, Annandale, there is a very impressive display of glass art from artisans from the National Capitol Art & Glass Guild. You may find a great gift for someone special.

Don't forget if you want to enter items in the gallery you must be juried. The gallery juries artists' works on odd months — see the article in our NL last month.

We have established the date of October 7th for our 2006 show at Woodcraft. Although we have not picked a main theme yet, please start planning to participate in the show. If you have been procrastinating, October will be here before you know it, so it is best to start or finish that favored project.

Plans so far are to try to find a nationally known carver to give a seminar the weekend after the show. It was felt that having the class after the show would cause less interference and distraction with the main event.

We welcome suggestions as to carving instructors or categories of interest. If you have anyone in mind who you think would be available please let Hank Cloutier at 703-430-1222.

## 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*

### Other Events of Interest

*April 20 Tool Storage Forum at NVC meeting*

## 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 Rte 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

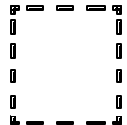
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### New Members

Welcome to our new member:  
Mike Connors    Arlington    VA

**!!NOTE Memberships and Renewals — Membership to NVC is from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2006 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**

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