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August Program

Activities at the Carving Center

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR AUGUST MEETING. The meeting for August will be held at Woodcraft because the school is closed on meeting night.

For the August program, Dana Kercher will be discussing the carving categories, the criteria for judging, who will be judging and a number of details relating to our October 1st show.

At our last meeting in July, Ray Stansel introduced the topic of painting ducks. He discussed the types of brushes he uses and which paints are preferred. Ray also demonstrated how he mixes colors and started painting on one of the ducks. Since he was unable to finish, he will continue with a separate group of interested carvers over the next few meetings.

Thanks Ray for the helpful hints and demonstration..

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:00 P.M.
August 18, 2005
Woodcraft
Concord Shopping Center
Springfield**

If you are like me and keep procrastinating on entries for our upcoming show on October 1st, you'd best get hopping. The date is coming faster than you think with less than a month and a half away. I'm always awed at the entries and beauty of articles in our shows — lots of talent in every category. Let's not be shown up by carvers from other clubs. Check out our website (URL at bottom of page). Our home page has links and information on the show, registration, competition categories, show flyer, and our featured nationally recognized carver, David Sabol, who will offer a 3 day class. If you are interested in a reasonably priced class from a pro, sign up early. For those of you who do not plan to enter an article for competition or display, please

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Photos of Ray Stansel at last meeting discussing and demonstrating the finer points of duck painting. Mounted pintail is used as model. First phase of painting completed on carved pintail. Joel Jacobson attentively monitoring.

Artisans United News

The **Artisans Center of Virginia Show is September 22 to November 2, 2005**. If you are planning to go by Waynesboro, check it out. Artisans Center of Virginia, 601 Shenandoah Village Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

The Artisans United held their bi-monthly meeting in July. The main order of business was to try to recruit and nominate a new slate of officers for President, three Vice Presidents and Secretary. We had a very productive meeting and attendees stepped up to volunteer for President and three Vice Presidents. This is very encouraging and assures continued Artisans United existence.

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.

Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Since the show will be a one day affair, we will need to solicit more help in running the show this year. Even if you do not usually come to the Centers for carving and meetings we hope you will plan on coming to the show and helping out. Due to the short time allowed for registration, set-up and judging we could really use some extra help from friends and members before the show begins. At our next meeting Dana Kercher and Mike Parker will elaborate on their needs. Please be generous and give us some of your time.

Colvin Run Mill

Our last carving lessons at Colvin Run Mill will be next Sunday, August 21st, from noon to 4:00 PM.

So far carving lessons at the Mill have been extremely popular. We have recently added a number of new vices and some cabinets to securely store our supplies.

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.



Show and tell carvings at July meeting. Foreground displays a very nice bluebird and poodle by Jim Loebach. The red-headed woodpecker and duck silhouette are by Pete Ward.

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. He will be holding a three day seminar at the Woodcraft Store in Springfield, VA. The class will start on Friday, Sept. 30, and continue through October 1 and 2. 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.davidsabol.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.



Left: Richard Sniffen's recently finished "nutcracker" is absolutely stunning.



Right: Relief work in progress by Luis Iglesias. Almost every week we see Luis at the Center plugging away at his relief carvings. This one is becoming more impressive each week. Maybe we can get Luis to help mentor us beginner relief carvers?

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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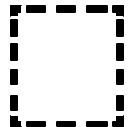
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Any takers for newsletter editor for September?

I will be on travel in September and will not be able to publish the newsletter until the last week of September. If anyone wants to do the NL for September for an earlier delivery please contact Hap at 703-425-8703.

!!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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