

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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Programs

For February we plan to hold a special theme “show and tell” on caricatures. If you have caricatures, new or old, that you would like to share with other members please bring them and participate. Also, we plan to hold another drawing for a knife made by Herb Dunkle.

On January 15th we had a large crowd, both NVC members and visitors from the Capital Area Woodturners, to listen to John Noffsinger provide an excellent discussion on his approach to decorative carving. John brought a number of pieces he has produced as well a portfolio of photos. Highlighting the importance of understanding the effect of mixing colors, John discussed and demonstrated his techniques for mixing and applying colors using aniline dyes. Additionally, John talked about how he was inspired to develop some of his designs. We thank John for such an entertaining and informative program.

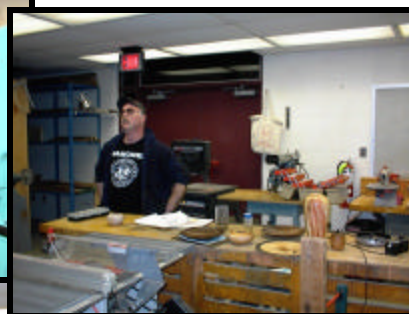
Activities at the Carving Center

Lately the cold weather has been perfect for our hobby. Instead staying home and developing cabin fever, sharpen your knives and meet us at the Carving Center.

We have accepted the invitation to have our demonstration booth at the Woodworking Show, March 19—21. The set-up with three tables should be the same this year as last fall. Those of us who participated in the demonstration last year had an enjoyable, fun time. Please consider joining us. Sign-ups for time slots will be available at the Center. A side benefit is demonstrators are allowed free admission to the show.

A special thank you to the members who have been offering suggestions and are helping us find a suitable place for special classes. There are several promising prospects. We continue to solicit our membership to provide suggestions on instructors or topics you would

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Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:30 P.M.
February 19, 2003
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

John Noffsinger speaking to members on his decorative carving style and techniques.

Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

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like to see offered. For some nationally recognized artists we may have to arrange a class as much as a year in advance.

For that matter, we are always open to suggestions on regularly scheduled classes or demonstrations. Please keep in mind the aim of NVC is to provide a forum for interested carvers regardless of skill level to share the joys of carving. What is really great about the NVC is the membership has a wide spectrum of talents and skill levels. Most of us are very willing to help others improve. If you are a beginner or a crusty old timer in need of advice or help, please drop by the Center and ask. Don't be afraid to seek advice—you may get more than you asked for, but that's carvers for you.

Art League Registration Open Until April 5th

For those of you that wish to improve your artistic talents in sculpture, the Art League at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria has open registration for the Spring Term until classes start April 5th.

The League offers sculpture classes in wood, stone, metal, clay, and mixed media. Their classes are usually 2.5 to 3 hours for a 9 week period and cost between \$225 and \$275. I have taken several clay figure and portrait sculpture classes and



have found it very helpful and fun. Clay is an excellent medium to model or develop difficult to visualize three dimensional designs. I would highly recommend classes of this type for broadening your ability to "visualize" and nurture your creativity. For those of you that may be interested, I will bring a catalog to the meeting.

Hap O'Brien

Featured Artist

Felicia Kluzak is a very a talented and productive carver. She produces an amazing variety of pieces, several of which are featured here. Felicia recently won a first place in the open class at the James River Show in December for her relief carved "Autumn Leaves" which are simply beautiful, and can be viewed at www.angelfire.com/va3/jamesrivercarvers/c03photos.html.

Shown to the left are her Santa wizard from Hap O'Brien's Santa class in November, her recently completed Koi, and relief carved Sea Captain from article in Woodcarving Illustrated.



Reminder

Don't forget NVC has the Artisan United Showcase from mid-October to January 2004. This will be a great opportunity to show off your art. It is not too late to start planning what you may want to exhibit to the general public in the lobby of the Washington Technology Center.

Farwell to Earl Montgomery

By Hap O'Brien

I recently received a call from Bernice Montgomery notifying me that Earl, a long time member of NVC, had passed away this past September. Many who have been members for a long time are sure to remember Earl. When I first joined NVC, I worked closely with Earl who filled in for the Secretary who was out of country for a year. Earl took on a monumental task of compiling a detailed history of the NVC. His articles, which were provided in installments in the newsletter, entitled "NVC— A Chronology of 23 Years" provided informative and entertaining insight to the accomplishments of NVC as an organization and of its members. Earl was a quiet person who liked to remain in the background, but provided a lot of support and earned the friendship of many. I for one will miss Earl — hardly a newsletter goes by that I don't think of him. Both he and Bernice will be in my prayers and I hope yours too.

Lancaster County Woodcarving & Wildlife Art Festival

*31st annual Woodcarving & Wildlife Art Festival
March 6 & 7, 2004 at Millersville University
Millersville, PA*

- Attendance at the show expected to be 1500 patrons
- One of the best little shows on the East Coast
- Home of good food, friendly people and the Amish

More information check: <http://www.lancarvers.com> or e-mail at admin@lancarvers.com

Knife Sharpening

Attention new carvers and those that need a refresher. Pete Ward has graciously volunteered to give a one night knife sharpening class on February 26th at 7 PM.

Woodworking Show

Expo Center, Chantilly, VA
March 19 to 21, 2004

Please volunteer to participate in the
NVC Demonstration Booth

Look for sign-up sheet at the Center

NVC Calendar of Events

Weekly

Thursdays, 3:30-8:30 PM Carving Center Open to all Members

Monthly

3d Thursday, 7:30 PM Membership Meetings at Carving Center

Classes

Feb Pen Carving — Hank Cloutier (Started 1/22)

Feb 26th 7:00 PM Knife Sharpening—Pete Ward (one Nite)

Other Events of Interest

Mar 6-7 Lancaster Carving and Wildlife Art Festival (see separate notice)

Directions to the Carving Center/Meeting Room At George Mason High School

From I-495 Northern VA: Take exit for "VA-7 Leesburg Pike to Falls Church". Continue on VA-7, Leesburg Pike and go Southeast for approximately 1.8 miles to George Mason High School (on left), 7124 Leesburg Pike. Turn left onto Haycock, then take the next left, and find parking in one of the lots to the left. **To Find the Carving Center Room (G024):** On the western end (toward I-495) of the upper parking lot is a building marked **Community Education Channel 38**. Just to the left of this building is a sidewalk which leads to the back. Follow it, bear right across some grass and enter the Center (door on corner of building).

NVC Contacts

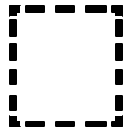
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Welcome New Members

Harley Sanders, Arlington Rex Looney, Reston

!!NOTE new return address below for renewals!! Remember renewals this year are prorated by quarter to December 31, 2004.

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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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