
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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February Program

Back by popular demand, one of our foremost experts at sharpening, Ken Sheehan, has agreed to do a presentation on the subject. Ken's presentations are always not only entertaining, but also very informative. It seems every time we ask folks what they would like to learn more about, sharpening always comes up as a hot topic. New as well as experienced carvers always seem eager to learn more about sharpening. Ken is a master and certainly will help show you how to sharpen your tools better. Come to the meeting at the GMJSH School center. Bring a friend who may be interested.

The sale last month was a huge success. We had a crowd of members in attendance. Hank Cloutier served as auctioneer and the bidding got pretty wild at times. I believe everyone had a lot of fun trying to outbid each other, and besides got some very good deals, particularly on tools and wood.

Next Meeting

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

Activities at the Carving Center

This month we set a date of October 1, 2005 for our next wood carving show. It will be held at our center at Woodcraft in Springfield. Woodcraft is going to allow us to use the large shop space adjacent to the store to hold the one day show. We have not determined the special category for competition yet, but will let you know as soon as we do. Please mark your calendars and start planning to carve some competition entries. This has always been a impressive art exhibition. When we gather such a vast array of carvings in a wide variety of categories by a broad spectrum of carvers and techniques we always end up with an absolutely spectacular event. Whether you are a novice or an advanced carver please do not be reluctant to enter your favorite pieces for competition or display.

At the carving centers we have had moderate participation. Our core of faithful carvers who come each week are working on a wide variety of personal projects which include relief, Santas, caricatures, Noah's Ark animals, found wood stylistic, chip carving, and birds. Carving supplies are no problem as you can immediately purchase items at the Woodcraft store where we are located. If you have not come to check out our new center at Woodcraft, please take the time and come visit with us. Maybe it will give you the incentive to start coming regularly or carving more frequently.



Artisans United News

Many thanks to Pete Ward, Joy Burks, Bob Marshall and Hap O'Brien for taking down the NVC art exhibit at the Washington Technology Center on January 28th. We also thank the above individuals plus JC Evans, Joel Jacobson, Don Zelonis, Joyce Beene, Pam Bozzi and Felicia Kluzak for including their art in the display. It was a very, very nice display. As we took it down we kept hearing passers-by commenting how great it was and how much they enjoyed it. Kudos to the NVC!

2005 Woodworking Show February 18-20

Mark your calendars. The spring 2005 Woodworking Show dates are set for February 18, 19, and 20 at the Chantilly Expo Center.

We have plenty of members who have volunteered to demonstrate at our booth on Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Although we have pulled the signup sheets and are not soliciting more volunteers, if you feel a real burning desire to join us, contact Ken Sheehan at 703-759-4529.

Again we would like to remind members, past members and non-members who are not on the volunteer list, please do not try to cheat and misrepresent yourself as a demonstrator in an attempt to obtain a free pass. Free passes are reserved for NVC members who volunteer to work at our booth, not for the general membership or non-members. Please respect this privilege and help us enforce this rule by reporting to our volunteers anyone you see abusing this arrangement.



More photos of Hank Cloutier and Pete Ward running the auction/sale at our January meeting with eager members waiting to bid.



Ivan Willock Course

Hank Cloutier is trying to arrange for a group of us to go to Ivan Willock's studio for a course in August. Carvers may choose to do carving in the round, relief carving or painting. We need a minimum of 8 carvers to sign up and be willing to commit a deposit for Hank to make a reservation. If you are interested call or email Hank. (703-430-1222 or [hankusaf\(at\)verizon.net](mailto:hankusaf@verizon.net). We still need a couple more interested carvers.

Sacred Icons: A Collective Vision of Symbolic & Ritual Objects

May 19 – June 29, 2005

About the exhibition: Ritual transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. Rituals are created for their symbolic and emotional value. Many are constructed around powerful ceremonies to mark major life transitions while others celebrate seasonal holidays or personal traditions. Symbols often play an important part in the role of ritual. By crafting a symbol or a ritual object the artist is able to impart his own experience and vision into the piece. Sacred Icons, the exhibition, is an opportunity for the artist to share their personal ideology and to inspire others to create work that rises above the mundane and ordinary.

Juror: Michael W. Haga, Program Coordinator at the College of Charleston's School for the Arts.

Entry fee: \$20.00 **CASH AWARDS** **Deadline for entries:** 3/19/05 **Sales/Commissions:** 60% artist, 40% gallery

Eligible Work: All fine craft media will be considered. Submissions must be original in design and completed in the last two years.

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 the Artisans United meeting on February 7th and we will announce them at our next meeting.

Woodcarving Demonstration Anyone?

A group of parents who home school their children, ages 2 to 12 would like to solicit the help of a artisan or craftsman to demonstrate their craft for their children for a one day appearance on a Monday. The demo request we received was from Joann Muir, 703-442-4911, joamuir@mindspring.com. They meet at an Oakton location. There is a platform stage in the room where they like to have an artist or craftsman doing something that the children can observe. They would like to have a carver come from 10-12 in the morning, for one day only. The children will be doing other activities, and can from time to time watch the carver.

Mentoring Project

We have a number of ideas for a group mentoring project. I am willing to offer a new or continued session on clay portrait modeling in the round or relief. There have been some suggestions on doing a group roughout, painting sessions, and wood relief. Hank Cloutier, et al are prototyping a nativity scene that could expand to a group session. Please think about what you would prefer to dedicated a few weeks to and bring up for discussion at the February meeting.

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 Mentored Carving Project (intermediate)

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

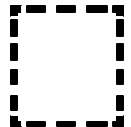
President	Joyce Beene	Chairs General Meetings and Board Meetings — NVC Web Page	Beene37(at)verizon.net	703-978-2032
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Noah's Ark Display

Pete Ward will have his Noah's Ark on display in the showcase at the Kings Park Library located on Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA through February 26th. Each week he tries to add at least one new pair of new animal pairs. There are now over 40 pairs of animals with more to come.

**!!NOTE Renewals — If you haven't sent your renewal for 2005 please send to JC Evans at return address below!!
Membership dues for 2005 are \$20 and run from January 1 through December 31, 2005.**

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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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