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February Program

For our February meeting Kathleen Garvey Menendez will be presenting a program on the current state of pyrography both nationally and internationally. Kathleen has recently been devoting much of her time maintaining an international website on the pyrography. She will be sharing the highlights of her work and many articles on various materials, techniques, subjects and scale. Her anecdotal presentation will follow the business meeting and will allow time for questions.

Next month for we will be continuing with wood finishing, introduced at the January meeting. We plan to hold a wood finishing workshop. There will be one table each for oil paints, acrylic, and natural wood finishes, as a minimum.

If we have sufficient volunteers a pyrography table will also be

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:00 P.M.
February 16, 2006
GMJS High School
Route 7 & Haycock Rd
Falls Church, VA**

Activities at the Carving Center

Carving at the Woodcraft Center continues to be active with many of members actively enjoying their hobby, conversations with fellow carvers, and helpful hints. If you dare to ask a question, and you should, you will get plenty of answers. Every carver has an opinion and you will get all of them at once. Then you just need to pick the right answer that suits your needs.

We are still striving to provide programs that will help you are members improve your confidence and skills. A hearty thank you to Ric Berard for volunteering to be chairman for Programs and to Pam Bozzi for handling Membership.

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provided. Each table will have a "leader" who will supply the materials to allow demonstrations and sample use by others. For example, for oils the volunteer leader will bring the brushes, boiled linseed oil, paints, palettes (paper plates) and cleaning supplies.

Members and visitors at our meeting can then visit one or more demonstration tables to try out a different finishing technique without the need to buy all the supplies first. Participants should bring scrap wood or VERY simple projects to try the paints. The wood should be surfaced, not rough sawn, as this would look different when finished than a tooled or sanded surface. We plan to have some additional wood scraps for those who forget to bring a carving.

Pam Bozzi and Joy Burks have volunteered to lead the oil paints and natural wood finish tables. We still need 1-3 volunteers to lead other tables for acrylics, etc. Please call Pam Bozzi (703-327-6082) if you would like to help.

We plan to set the demo time from 5 - 7:30 with cleanup starting at 7:30 and the meeting starting at 8:00. If you have been hesitating to finish your carving project for fear of messing up the paint job, this workshop is highly recommended.

Southwest Carving

A report from Hap in the Arizona desert



Left: Some of our scenery

Right: Some sign carving
circa 1882, Tombstone
"Boot Hill"



Now I haven't been spending all my time napping. So far I've finished eight spirit Santas.



I have even found time to take a class in bark carving. Here's some example works of others better than me.



I've even taken some time to play with clay sculptures. Anyone ready to take another class in portrait modeling in clay, maybe in April?



We have some great relief and flower carvers who make one envious.

Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

The big surprise news is two of our members, Dana Kercher and Paul Brinegar, have announced their engagement with plans for an early fall wedding. We want to extend our congratulations to both.

Colvin Run Mill--it's coming. June 3 will be here soon and we need to start cutting out blanks. Joy will circulate a signup sheet at the Feb. meeting. If you have access to a band saw it would be very helpful if you volunteer to cut out some blanks. If you will not be at the meeting please call Joy at 703-281-0736 or email at [joyburks\(at\)earthlink.net](mailto:joyburks(at)earthlink.net).

Again, a plea for suggestions. In the past couple months we have had a number of really great suggestions from newer members. That is great! We welcome fresh ideas and new projects to actively involve even more of our membership. Please keep in mind the NVC administrative committee is striving to offer programs of interest to our members—you. Please become involved, help improve your skills, and offer some pay-back to the club by helping someone else improve. An easy way to do that is make suggestions for improvement and then work with us to help accomplish these goals.

Lancaster County Woodcarvers 33d Annual Show/Competition

The Lancaster County Woodcarvers are having their 33d Annual Show/Competition on March 11-12, 2006. They have invited our club to have an exhibition table at their show. The table can be used to promote woodcarving and our club, to demonstrate carving and to sell carvings. We will need to staff the table from 10-5 on the 11th and 10-4 on the 12th. Additional details will be available at the next meeting.

Think about participating. It may be a good opportunity to show off and/or sell some of your work.

NVC Woodcarving Show

It is not too late to start thinking about our 2006 show. Our committee is trying to lock in October 7 and 8 with Woodcraft. We will announce firm dates when blessed by Woodcraft. Our carving class with Dick Sabol was very popular at the last show. We are currently considering having another class by a professional carver sometime around the 2006 show, possibly the following weekend.

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

March 16 Group Painting Workshop — painting techniques

Other Events of Interest

*March 11 - 12 Lancaster County Woodcarvers Show—NVC demonstration table
March 16 NVC Painting Workshop*

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).**

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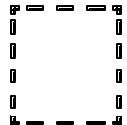
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Renewal Reminder

NVC policy is to continue your subscription to the newsletter for 3 months past membership expiration of December 31st. If you have not renewed, please take the time to send your renewal to JC Evans, to prevent March from being the last issue you receive.

!!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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