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# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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## January Program

The program for January will focus on a show and tell on "how to paint" your carvings. Attendees are encouraged to bring one or two of your painted carvings with various finishes and a 3x5 "how to" card for each. Please take the time to fill out a brief description of how you finished the carving (see separate panel on suggestions). Please be prepared to explain how you finished the carving during show and tell. During the break members can take notes from your card and ask questions.

If there is enough interest we would like to try to help members gain confidence in some of the techniques at the show and tell.

Hopefully we can get the carvers for selected styles to help mentor others on the favored techniques during the next meeting or at a subsequent carving session. We will discuss what membership wants at the meeting.

## Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
January 19, 2006  
GMJS High School  
Route 7 & Haycock Rd  
Falls Church, VA**

## Activities at the Carving Center

Everyone was looking forward to our Christmas party in December, but Mother Nature intervened and we had to cancel because of weather. We were very disappointed, but were unable to reschedule with such a busy season.

Good news at the carving center in that the guitar making class that conflicted with our carving nights is over and we have been able to use the classroom for carving. It is great, we have more room and it is much more private. Hopefully we can continue to use the classroom.

Hank Cloutier received some of the grey handled carving knives that are very inexpensive and very popular. He needs to do some grinding and reshaping on them. We plan to use some at Colvin Run next summer. If you want one, check with Hank to see if there are extras.

Looks like a group of our carvers are going to go to the Branson rendezvous this year. This is a very good way for beginning carvers to improve while also enjoying a week long vacation. Check with Hank Cloutier if you are interested.

On Page 2 as promised earlier is some of the photos we have of the David Sabol class held during our show in October. Ric Berard was gracious enough to provide a short article on his impressions.

This is the beginning of a new year. We are in the process of trying to develop programs of interest and help to our members. I (editor) feel strongly that our club, besides providing a place where folks with

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## Suggestions on Show and Tell Card

Notes on your card should show:

1. the species of wood
2. the surface finishing technique used (tooled, sanded, burnished, wood burning, ...)
3. conditioning (wood conditioner, shellac, base coat of oil, thinned acrylic or glue, ...)
4. Colorant (artists oils, watercolor, acrylic, wood stain, ...)
5. Sealant (Briwax, shellac, Deft, Tuffilm, ...)

## David Sabol Carving Class

Ric Berard

Earlier this year, I had been pondering how best to enter into the wood chip and sawdust fray among Northern Virginia Carvers. Knowing of the many talented craftsmen and women, this recently retired teacher and wood carving neophyte was intimidated by their expertise. However, the carving class conducted by David Sabol provided the perfect antidote: Temerity quickly overcame timidity! Not only was David an enthusiastic and supportive master teacher and carver, but my classmates could not have been more welcoming. Lots of laughs, compliments and helpful suggestions were abound. It proved to be a wonderfully inspirational, educational and fun three days. I came to realize that for a bunch of chiselers, Northern Virginia Carvers could not be more generous group. I am a very happy and appreciative camper. Thanks to all, Ric



Ric Berard, Pam Bozzi, David Seyler, Joyce Beene, JC Evans, and Hank Cloutier busy at work with David Sabol.

## Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

common carving interests can gather, visit, exchange information, should be trying to help ourselves and others improve our skills. Please be vocal at the meetings and carving sessions and let your committee members know what you think and how you would like to see us improve. If you have perfected a technique that is of interest, offer to show other members how. I find January through May tend to move a little slower than the rest of the year. Maybe we can try to offer more classes and demonstrations that will help you enjoy your carving hobby more. Please let us know and get involved.

### Rincon Carvers

Some of you are saying where's Hap? Since I retired in August my wife and I decided to try snow birding in Arizona's Rincon County West RV Resort (retirement community). We arrived last week and are settling in for a busy, fun filled stay. There is more going on here than one can imagine. There are numerous activities such as wood carving, woodworking, painting, sewing, tennis, pool, spa, library, pottery, ceramics, lapidary/silversmithing, card playing, dancing, amateur radio, hiking, biking, all sorts of arts-crafts, classes in most everything of interest.

Their carving club meets two times a week and it is packed. This past Monday I counted 43 carvers and when I mentioned how many there were someone said many still haven't arrived at the park yet. They maintain a beginners table for newbie's and novices to start at. A mentor works at that table to provide any instruction that may be necessary. There is a broad range of talent

with some that have been carving 70+ years to novices who have never held a carving knife. Interests range across the board with some very accomplished relief carvers, pyro-art, animal-bird-duck carvers, caricatures, Santas, boots, and many others. I met a fellow yesterday who is in his eighties and he finished two small cowboy hats and roughed out about a dozen cowboy boots in one morning (obviously a power carver). They are starting 5 different classes in February and most are filled already.

### 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. Details will be announced at the January meeting.

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

## 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

*Jan—Feb Group Carving Project — painting techniques*

### Other Events of Interest

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

## 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

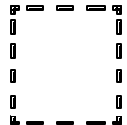
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### Welcome New Member

Stuart Crick, Manassas, VA

**!!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](http://www.nvacarvers.org)) for an application and send \$20 to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391.**

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