

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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June Program

Our program for June will feature a special theme of the Branson Rendezvous. This year we have Ken Sheehan, Hank Cloutier, John Sullivan, Hap O'Brien, David Seyler, JC Evans, and Jim Ernst going to the Rendezvous. Also Bill Sterling will attend from Florida. Attendees, please bring the items you carved to the meeting and tell the members who did not attend how much they missed.

Also, if you have previously attended a Branson Rendezvous and have made progress on the pieces you started there, please bring them along and show us.

We give a hardy thank you to Ken Sheehan for providing, at the last meeting, a much needed workshop on how we should be conducting instruction at Colvin Run Mill. His handouts are an excellent reference which all who teach or help at Colvin Run should keep handy. Those of you who missed the meeting please pick up a handout at Colvin Run. Don't forget to come give us a hand.

Next Meeting

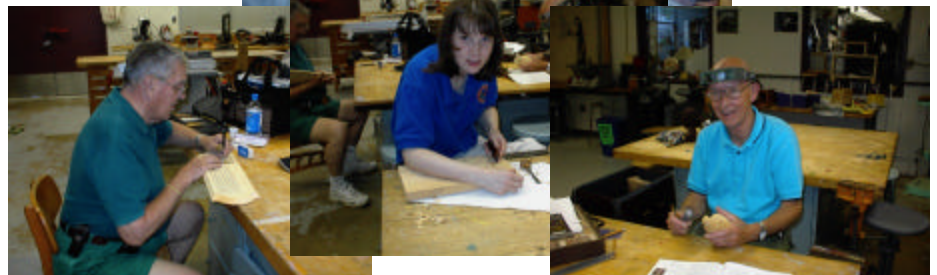
**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:30 P.M.
June 18, 2003
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

Activities at the Carving Center

Activity at the Carving Center has slowed the past few weeks. Many folks are busy with graduations, weddings and vacations. Our regulars have been keeping busy with individual projects as can be observed in our gallery of pictures in this issue. Summer is a great time for travel, but it is also great for catching up on those wholesome hobbies that allow you to lose contact with the pressures of life—that is, carving is good for you. Take the time to start or complete a carving project. Come join us at the Center. If you are stuck on how to proceed, check with the regulars at the Center and your problem is likely to dissolve.

PLEASE NOTE that we have received notice from the school that they will be closing the school to all activities for three weeks in August-September. Therefore our NVC Board decided to keep the **Center closed during all of August and on September 2nd**. However, we will continue our Colvin Run Mill activities during this period and we encourage you to come out to help and to maintain contact.

Ken Sheehan with captivated audience during Colvin Run Mill Instructor Workshop



Ken Sheehan busy chip carving. Dana Kercher becoming a relief carving expert. Dick Sniffen busy with a Santa at the Carving Center.



Ernie Machate showing his recently completed caricature. Pete Ward's very delicate Forsythia is displayed in background with panels for Colvin Run.

Reston Festival

NVC is signed up to demonstrate at the Reston Festival, July 10 & 11.

This is a good opportunity to show off your skills, promote the club and sell your carvings. We will be provided 2 tables with awning. There is room for about 4-6 carvers.

This is a great opportunity to sell your carvings as there are no commissions or fees. Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

2004 Herndon Art Festival June 5th

Pete Ward and Gary Lewis plan to demonstrate. If you have time visit their booth.



Pete and Gary at the Center last week "tuning" up for the Festival

Odds and Ends News

Many who have been members for several years will remember Davrill Nash who creates exquisite woodworking designs and executes them with superb craftsmanship. Davrill Nash will be giving a Furniture Demonstration on June 16th from 12:00-3:00PM in gallery 105, at the Renwick Gallery in DC. He will demonstrate woven-ribbon carving.

There are also other demonstrations going on in the month of June. See: <http://americanart.si.edu/visit/calendar.cfm?month=6&year=2004>

For Sale or Free

Almost new Foredom Miniature Power Tool that was used to carve about 75% of one decoy. In original box and in perfect condition. Half original price. Hurry, moving 7 June. Call Bob, 703-620-3242

Basswood: We have acquired a limited amount of basswood for the Center in thicknesses of 1", 2", and 3-4". Available for purchase by members.

Black Walnut available: Homeowner in Arlington has chunks of black walnut (6-8 in dia) from tree downed last fall. These are available for free. Call Jim, 703-522-5254.

Free Ian Norbury video on how Ian varnishes his carvings available for download. Check www.iannorbury.com. A very interesting site.

Artisans United Gallery Entries

The Artisans United Gallery show is an excellent way to get exposure of your works, and to sell items. If you are interested in participating you can submit items at the Gallery (open 9-5, Mon-Sat) starting June 25, but no later than June 30th. You need to fill out an inventory sheet and should read the instructions which are available at the Carving Center or the Gallery. No more than 10% of the total articles at the show can be "not-for-sale". Gallery commission is 25%.

NVC 2004 Woodcarving Competition

Our 2004 show will be here before you know it. Don't procrastinate. Start planning now to create or finish your entries for the show. We plan to hold the show again at Colvin Run Mill the 3rd Sunday in September. Our special theme this year will be the "Election". Let's see who comes up with the most interesting carvings featuring political parties, figures, or events. Forthcoming newsletters will post planning updates as they occur.

Artisans United News

The Artisans United Gallery Show, is fast approaching. The NVC agreed to join the Capital Area Woodturners in support of this Gallery Show. On July 17th from 7-9 PM there will be a reception to kick off the show and to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Artisans United.

The AU decided to continue its "Guild Play Day" on the first Tuesday from 10 AM to 5 PM of each month. This has proven popular. It provides an opportunity for guilds to have an open studio environment where folks from different guilds get a chance to work their favorite projects and mix with members of other guilds.

An Arts and Crafts Swap Meet is still planned for June 12th. NVC members are invited to participate. If you have any arts and crafts items you wish to get rid of, consider going. You can operate from your car trunk or from a card table you provide. There are no commissions or fees charged by the AU. For those interested in some good deals, you may consider dropping by.

Colvin Run Mill Program Starts June 6th

At our last meeting the new panels of cut-out blanks for the Colvin Run Mill were displayed. We now have three panels: red for ages 6-8; blue for ages 9-11; brown for ages 12 and up. Fewer selections are offered for each category. This should simplify the student choices and ease the number of blanks that need to be cutout and maintained. New tools purchased from the Artisans United grant were also displayed. We have added microplanes, several sets of flexcut gouges, and some chip carving knives.

*Don't forget our woodcarving classes at the Mill start on June 6th. We will offer classes at the mill, free of charge, from **noon to 4 pm** on the first and third Sundays of June thru September. That's **June 6 & 20, July 4 & 18, August 1 & 15, and September 5 & 19**. Volunteers are especially needed on June 6, when a number of our regular instructors will be attending carving classes at Branson.*

Ken Sheehan held a great workshop for prospective teachers at our last meeting. His handout was outstanding and you should try to pick one up the next time you are at Colvin Run. We wish to standardize our teaching program and the handout is an excellent guide.

As you know the Colvin Run Program is an excellent introduction to woodcarving for children, parents, and other interested adults. Recommend the program to your friends and acquaintances who want to learn woodcarving. Best yet, regardless of your skill level please consider volunteer teaching at these sessions. It may seem intimidating initially, but in reality the basics are very simple. Perhaps you will find you learn more than the pupils. You will undoubtedly find that you leave with a very self satisfied feeling of having introduced someone to this hobby.

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

Jun 6 to Sep 19th Colvin Run Mill — Introduction to Carving

Other Events of Interest

<i>June 12th</i>	<i>Arts and Crafts Swap Meet at Artisans United, Hummer Rd, 10-4 pm</i>
<i>July 1 to Aug 31</i>	<i>Artisan United Gallery Exhibit and Sales feature NVC and CAW articles</i>
<i>July 10-11</i>	<i>Reston Festival</i>
<i>July 17th</i>	<i>Artisans United 15th Anniversary and Gallery Reception 7 to 9 PM</i>

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

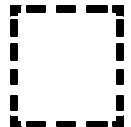
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Welcome New Member

Dan Honkel from Leesburg, VA

!!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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