
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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June Program

For June we will continue our carving improvement series with an open discussion on finishing. When carvings are judged in our October 1st show, one of the main criteria is how well the piece is cleaned up and finished. John Sullivan and Mike Parker have volunteered to lead the discussion and talk about how they clean up and prepare their carvings for a finish. As most of our members know, both John and Mike seem to always achieve an great finish. Come hear how they do it.

At our May meeting JC Evans and Hap O'Brien discussed their clay modeling. JC showed us the clay models he used for his miniature owls and several bird carvings. Although he sometimes uses plasticine clay, JC prefers to use Sculpy, an oven hardening clay. Hap prefers water based terracotta clay. He discussed the making of a relief of an Apache chief, Victorio, an Allan Houser inspired Apache woman, and his Mohawk "Uncles" clay model that he plans to use for a future wood sculpture.

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:00 P.M.
June 16, 2005
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

Activities at the Carving Center

Attendance at the Woodcraft center continues to be great. At our last meeting Ray Stansel dazzled everyone with his hen mallard decoy. Even though it is a "slick", from a short distance one can not tell the feathers are not carved. Gary Lewis is making great progress on his carved cross. Several relief sculptures are in progress. We also have a few people also working Santas and caricatures.

A number of people are working on the pintail carving project. Hank still has a few blanks which should be available at the June meeting, should you want to try to finish one by the July meeting. Remember, in July, Ray Stansel is going to help show us how to paint the pintails. By then, we should have more cutouts available for members. As you recall from the last newsletter, this is a simple beginner level carving project that can be completed in a relatively short period of time.

We had a good turnout of carvers to demonstrate Saturday, June 4th, at the Woodcraft Booth at Accotik Park for Heritage Days. Many thanks go to Pete Ward, Ernie Machate, Gary Lewis, Jim Ernst, Ray Stansel, and Hap O'Brien for representing NVC and Woodcraft. Al-

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Artisans United News

The AU still plans on having a booth at the **Reston Celebration** on July 9 and 10. If anyone wants to demonstrate let Hap O'Brien or Bob Marshall know.

Artisans Center of Virginia Show

September 22 to November 2, 2005

Joyce Beene, Joy Burks, and Mike Parker submitted entries for the show. These were juried by the Artisans Center of Virginia and Joyce's entry (Celtic Spoon) was chosen as one of the final forty to go to Waynesboro for the show.

Note: NVC members and friends are invited to a reception for the Special Exhibit of work by Guild Members of Artisans United on Friday June 10 from 6 to 9 pm at the Craft Gallery of Artisans United. Articles not chosen to go to Waynesboro will be on show at the AU Gallery from June 6 to July 6, 2005.



Joy Burks entry of stylized walnut "gator"
Unfortunately no pictures available of other entries at this time.

Colvin Run Mill

Opening day for at Colvin Run Mill, Sunday, June 5th, turned out to be a very busy but satisfying day. Here are Joy Burks' comments:

"We're off to a good start at Colvin Mill. About a dozen instructors came to teach, and several were early and helped with setup. There were about forty carvers, all of whom seemed to enjoy the afternoon. There was lots going on, with Civil War reenactors, tours of the mill, and grinding going on. As a result we also had some of those visitors passing thru as well. Still needed: instructors (no experience necessary), people with access to bandsaws to cut out blanks. Check with me or Joyce Beene or Hank Coutier to volunteer. Next session at the Mill: June 29. Tell your friends and neighbors! —Joy Burks"

The 2005 sessions will be **June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, August 7, August 21.**

Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

though we were not deluged with visitors, the weather was fine and the roasted corn next door was delicious.

Joel Jacobson recommended this link for web capable members who are interested in sharpening:

<http://www.capeforge.com/sharpening%20V-tools.html>

John Sullivan identified the following link for those interested in some impressive pencil carving:

<http://www.infofreako.com/jad/pencil/Olist-e.html>



Ray Stansel, Jim Ernst, Gary Lewis, Ernie Machate, and Pete Ward busy at work carving at the Accotik Park demonstration for Woodcraft.

Wood Spirit Classes

"Carving Wood Spirits with Lin Lambeth"

Date is still not firm, but will probably be in July. A week-end (2 full days). Cost will be under \$100 and will be limited to 6 people in order for Lin to have time to spend with each student. Class will require 2 knives. Wood (a tree branch) will be provided. Lunch will be pass-the-hat and order pizza. Class will be held 8001 Scott Place, Alexandria, VA 22308. To reserve a spot, notify Frank Jessup via e-mail at woodatf16@cox.net.

Washington Woodworkers Guild Show

November 3 - 27, 2005

There is a November show opportunity from the Washington Woodworker's Guild. They have an excellent show every other year. Bob Marshall and Joyce Beene both had a number of turnings in their last show. This year they would like to open it to carvers also. Pieces have to be juried in by sending in photos, slides, or email images of the pieces. The Del Ray Gallery is quite nice, and they have a reception the first night for all the artists and artisans.

Last year there was \$3,600 worth of work by WWG artisans/craftsmen sold. They are hoping to go well beyond that and are looking for local woodworkers to step up to the plate and get busy in their shops. The woodworkers guild will be taking care of remitting sales tax, so no need to worry over that point. They are trying to encourage the local woodworking community, including the carvers and the turners, to get into their shop and make something to show off to each other. This is a great opportunity for cross-pollination between the various woodworking groups.

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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

June-July *Group Carving Projects — Pintail duck*

Other Events of Interest

June-August *Colvin Run Mill - Free Carving Lessons by members*
October 1 *NVC Woodcarving Show at Woodcraft*
November 3-27 *Washington Woodworkers Guild Show - Juried*

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

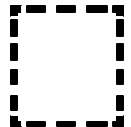
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Welcome future carver?

Vera Zerndorfer is now a grandmother. *“Could you do me a favor and in the next newsletter announce that I am now a Grandmother (Nana) for the first time. William Thomas was born on 12 May, 8 lbs 14 oz, 22 inches long. Parents, baby and Nana are doing fine.” — Vera*

!!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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