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Next Meeting Program

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

We will continue our emphasis on finishing techniques with a Finishing Workshop, which will begin at 4:00 pm or as soon thereafter as the presenters get set up. Presenting Finishing with Oil Paints will be Pam Bozzi, Finishing with Natural Oil will be Joy Burks, and Finishing with Acrylic Washes will be Jim Ernst. This will be a hands on approach with a very loose structure. All who wish to participate in trying out the various finishes should bring a sanded scrap of wood or carving to the meeting.

At 7:00 pm we will have a brief business meeting and show and tell, then return to the hands on presentations for the remainder of the evening. We must be cleaned up and out of the room by 9:00 PM.

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

April 20th at George Mason Middle/High School--Hank Cloutier on Tool Storage and Transporting Techniques. Please bring your examples of how you store or carry your tools. We will have a drawing for a Messermeister, a very nice zippered tool roll made of ballistic

Activities at the Carving Center

Sign Sheet for the Woodworking Show, Dulles Expo Center

NVC will again be participating in the Woodworking Show on March 24-26 at the Dulles Expo Center, North Hall, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA. The hours are Friday, noon to 7 pm, Saturday 10am to 6pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm. If you sign up to help with the NVC Demonstration Table, you will be admitted free and avoid the \$9.00 admission fee, but your name must be on the list. Ken Sheehan is handling the sign-up, so if you are not already signed up, give Ken a call at 703-759-4529. Ken has to have the names to the organizers on March 17.

Colvin Mill Preparations

Sawing of blanks is underway for Colvin Mill. If you can help out by sawing some blanks for NVC, please contact Joy Burks at 703-281-0736 to get your name on our list of volunteer sawyers. June 4, our kick-off session, will be here before we know it. Please call Joy at 703-281-0736 or email at [joyburks\(at\)earthlink.net](mailto:joyburks(at)earthlink.net).

NVC Show and Competition

Preparations are underway for the October 7 Show and Competition at Woodcraft in Springfield. Woodcraft Manager David Case has agreed to the date, and is enthusiastic. Start your competition pieces now! We are also searching for a woodcarving instructor who would be willing to give a class on a weekend after the Show, so watch for more news on that. If you have any ideas for an instructor, please contact Hank Cloutier at 703-430-1222.

SHOW AND TELL THEME FOR MARCH: YOUR SMALLEST CARVING

Please bring in items for show and tell to the general meeting at the school on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Bring in finished work or works in progress. People often bring in their work to the center at Woodcraft, and show it to just a few people, but then do not bring it to the meeting, where we can all see it at once, so please bring it back! If you are new to the club, we would like to see your work. Sometimes we have themes. For February the theme was the smallest item you have ever carved. But most people forgot or did not get the word, so let's try it again in March. If you don't have a small carving, bring something else.

ARTISANS UNITED GALLERY OPPORTUNITY

By Bob Marshall

The Northern Virginia Carvers has been a member of Artisan/s United (AU) for many years. This membership extends eligibility to NVC members who have been juried, to participate in sales of their carvings at the AU craft gallery located at the Packard Center, inside the Annandale Community Park, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, just inside the Beltway.

Gallery Rules: Everyone must be juried. Jurying takes place every two months at the Packard Center. Next jurying will be in April, with the time and place to be announced. Appointment for jurying is required. Contact Bev Portman at (703) 560-6740. You need to take approximately 10 carvings typical of what you plan to place in the gallery.

The gallery exhibits, called "shows," last two months. A show started on March 1st. Each person participating in the show is required to gallery sit for at least one four hour scheduled period, during which he/she will answer the phone, record sales, and generally be in charge of the gallery.

Artisans United takes a 25% commission on all pieces sold. A graduated commission, down to 10%, is given to participants who sit in excess of their assigned four hours, depending on the amount of time volunteered.

Call Bob Marshall, who represents NVC at the Artisans United meetings, at (703) 323-6577 if you have any questions.

Directions to the Packard Center: Take Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236) and turn North on Hummer Road. Approximately ¼ mile on the left is the entrance to Annandale Community Park. Upon entering the Park, bear right to the parking lot. The Packard Center is the building on the left.

NVC SHIRT ORDERS

Denim and polo shirts with the NVC logo are still available. We have had some trouble with our supplier on the polo shirts, but we believe this has been solved, and those waiting for their polos should receive them shortly. John Overman has agreed to take over the handling of the shirt orders. Please contact John Overman at 703-494-8323, if you wish to order.

NVC PATCHES AND PINS

Don Zelonis has volunteered to handle the sale of patches and pins. Please contact him at 703-378-5647 or donzelonis(at)cox.net. He will try to make these items available at meetings.

NVC BOARD MEMBERS: Next Meeting of the Board-March 23rd

JC Evans, NVC Treasurer, has arranged for our insurance agent to come to the Board Meeting at Woodcraft on March 23. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the Woodcraft library. Please try to be there for this important opportunity to see what our insurance really covers.

Renewal Reminder –This May Be Your Last Issue

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 check made payable to Northern Virginia Carvers to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391 to prevent March from being the last issue you receive.

New Memberships — Membership to NVC is from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2005 If you wish to join please check our website (www.nvacarvers.org) for an application and send \$20 to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391.

BOOK REVIEW:

***UNDERSTANDING WOOD FINISHING: How to Select and Apply the Right Finish*, by Bob Flexner. —Completely revised and updated. Copyright 2005. Published by Reader's Digest, The Family Handyman Series. Distribution by Fox Chapel Publishing. Price: \$19.95 soft cover.**

Bob Flexner published his first book on this subject with the same title in 1994. In 2004 I heard it described as the definitive reference on finishing, but was cautioned not to purchase it until the revised version was published. So here it is, even better than before. Flexner says in his introduction that while his book was “wildly successful,” it did not solve the problem of understanding finishes without a degree in chemistry, because of all the myths and misinformation which had to be debunked first. His goal is to do just that in this revised edition. I have found myself referring to it often, and getting reliable and clear information every time. The chapters cover why you need to finish, preparing the surface, tools for applying finishes, staining wood, oil finishes, wax finishes, filling the pores, film finishes, shellac, lacquer, varnish, two-part finishes, choosing a finish, advanced coloring, finishing the finish, finishing different woods, caring for the finish, repairing finishes, exterior finishes, and finally, removing finishes. The book is available through Woodcraft. Just make sure the cover says “Completely Revised and Updated,” since the older version may still be available. I will have my copy at the March meeting for anyone to look at.—

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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

March 16 Finishing Workshop — Hands-on experience. Bring wood sample to work on.

Other Events of Interest

March 24, 25, 26 Woodworking Show, Dulles Expo Center—NVC demonstration table

Directions to the Carving Centers

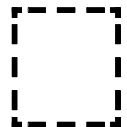
Woodcraft — Concord Shopping Center, 6123 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22150, 703-912-6727. From I-495 take Braddock Rd East; turn right on Backlick; turn left on Cumberland which tees at Concord shopping center. If traffic is not bad (shorter but not always faster) from I-495 take I-95 South and take 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).**

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