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# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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## May Program

We will continue our carving improvement series at our May meeting with the feature being “modeling in clay”. JC Evans and Hap O’Brien will discuss how they do modeling to help visualize in 3 dimension a particular idea or to extend one’s understanding of a pattern. Clay allows you to work out kinks on how a surface should flow in a more artistic or natural way. The discussion also will include a number of favored clay materials available to carvers.

At our April meeting Jim Ernst and Joy Burks provided a great program covering the way each develops designs and patterns. Jim likes a more constrained approach where he transfers the pattern, cuts out the exact shapes and carves them. Joy explained how she enjoys pursuing a concept, sketching ideas, studying the wood and adapting the design as she goes. The objective was achieved and everyone left with some very solid advice and tips.

## Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
May 19, 2005  
Route 7 & Haycock Road  
Falls Church, VA**

## Activities at the Carving Center

The last meeting was very popular with an excellent turnout to hear Jim Ernst and Joy Burks discuss designs and patterns. Attendance at the Woodcraft center has been great, with folks trading seats as the early shift of carvers leave and latecomers arrive. As we have said before, we are still a little tight for space right now, but we expect more space will become available soon, as Woodcraft shifts their inventory and, later this year, remodels their classroom space.

Hank Cloutier is ahead of schedule with a completed sample for the pintail carving project. He handed out blanks and some pieces of basswood with traced patterns for some volunteers to cut out. We should have more cutouts available for members at the meeting. 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

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Jim Ernst demonstrating the result of cutting a pattern layed out onto a piece of basswood. Joy Burks waiting in the “wings” for her turn to discuss developing implementing designs.

## Artisans United News

The AU still plans on having a booth at the **Reston Celebration** on July 9 and 10. See details in our March newsletter.

## Artisans Center of Virginia Show

September 22 to November 2, 2005

Don't forget that if you decide to participate, pieces need to be submitted by May 31 to NVC for judging. Details are provided in an announcement that will be available at the NVC May meeting. If you intend to participate please add your name to the signup sheet at the meeting.

## Colvin Run Mill

Opening day for **carving lessons at Colvin Run Mill is Sunday, June 5**, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

As usual, we will be giving free lessons to both adults and children over the age of six. Volunteers have been busy cutting out blanks to ensure a good supply to begin with, but we will need more as the summer goes on. We have a wonderful cadre of instructors but always need more help. So if you can cut some blanks, or give an afternoon or two at the Mill, please sign up at the carving center. No specific commitment is necessary; come when you can. The 2005 sessions will be **June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, August 7, August 21**. Note there will be no September lessons this year.

Also if you haven't tried teaching, please consider it. Even if you are a beginner, if you know the basic cuts you can help others, plus learn a lot from the experience. Contact Joy Burks at Center or 703-281-0736.

## Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

time. Ray Stansel will help show how to paint these at the July meeting. A sample picture of the pintail is shown below.



This is our last newsletter before the Colvin Run Mill program starts. See separate announcement on this page. Please come and help or visit. These teaching sessions are great opportunity for the public to get some hands on exposure to woodcarving. Participating members have a good time and leave with a great feeling of satisfaction.

We thank Pete Ward and John Sullivan who did a demonstration representing NVC at the Garden Expo at Prince William Fairground on April 23rd, despite some nasty weather. The turnout was not the greatest, but any day carving or demonstrating carving is a good day.



Show and tell items contributed by Joel Jacobson, Pete Ward, Hank Cloutier and Jim Ernst at the April meeting

## Wildlife Sculpture Class

There is going to be a wildfowl sculpture class taught by Jeff Rechin at the Center for the Arts in **Manassas, VA, May 23-27, 2005**. The subject will be a life size Eastern Bluebird. The cost is only \$480. Classes will be M-F, 10 am to 5 pm. Jeff, a former member of NVC, is a world class carver having won the Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition twice in Ocean City, MD. For further information, call Anna Lippert at 703-330-2787 or check out the announcement at: [www.center-for-the-arts.com](http://www.center-for-the-arts.com) under class schedules, page 12.

## Reston Center Classes

June 4, 2005 "Saw Sharpening with Tom Law" Class size will be limited to 6-8 people. Cost is \$45. Class will be from 9:00 to 3:30/4:00. Contact Frank Jessup at [woodatf16@cox.net](mailto:woodatf16@cox.net).

Date TBD. "Carving Wood Spirits with Lin Lambeth" 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. To reserve a spot, notify Frank Jessup via e-mail at [woodatf16@cox.net](mailto:woodatf16@cox.net).

## Spring Festival at Sully Plantation

Saturday, April 30th

We had great participation at the Spring Festival at Sully Plantation. This was the first time NVC has promoted woodcarving there. It was a great success. Thank you Joyce Beene, Pete Ward, Ray Stansel, Richard Sniffen, Joel Jacobson, Dana Kercher, David Seyler, Pam Bozzi for supporting our demonstration and promoting the NVC.

## 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

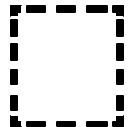
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### Welcome New Member

Al Cron                      McLean, 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) for an application and send \$20 to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391.**

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