
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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November Program

At our November meeting Joel Jacobson showed a video tape of a local cable TV program that featured the NVC years ago. There were a number of interviews of past members, to include Jim Stanfield the founder of NVC. It was a thoroughly enjoyable view into the past when our membership numbered about 500. The artistic wood sculpture talents of members was impressive and every bit as good as the wood art displayed in our recent shows.

Several people reported that they went to see the NVC display at the Washington Technology Center. They were very impressed at how good the display looks. If you get a chance, go take a look. See Page 2 for directions.

Our show and tell featured relief and cowboy caricature carvings by Jim Ernst; a ram carved by Hank Cloutier and painted by JC Evans; a heritage Santa and duck doorstop by JC ; mice by Ernie Machate; horses and tigers for a Noah's Ark by Pete Ward.

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:00 P.M.
December 16, 2004
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

Activities at the Carving Center

Our move to Woodcraft in Springfield on November 4 went smoothly. Most of our regular carvers showed up. Although the space is smaller and is still used for some storage, it is adequate for our needs. Woodcraft plans to reorganize the room and later possibly open a larger storeroom to create a bigger classroom area. Those improvements should make it much more comfortable. It is real handy to be able to check the store for books, tools and sharpening supplies.

Please note we will not meet next Thursday as it is Thanksgiving. Don't forget we will continue meeting at Woodcraft on all Thursdays except the 3d Thursday of the month when we hold our monthly meeting at the George Mason Junior-Senior High School.

Next month for our meeting we will be holding our annual Christmas Party at the High School in the Home Economics room. This will be the usual pot luck dinner social with a gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

For our January meeting we will be holding an estate carving supply sale. Ken Sheehan and Hank Cloutier picked up a van load of tools, wood, and roughouts from a Springfield resident whose father (a master carver) from Florida recently passed away. An inventory will be available at the Xmas party. This should be an excellent sale.



Show and tell carvings at November meeting.

Artisans United News

NVC is the featured art exhibit at the Washington Technology Center Exhibit, Washington Technology Park, 15000 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA from October 15 through December 17. Please feel free to stop by and view the display. Directions:

From the Capital Beltway (495) exit onto Route 66 West; take Route 28 north, Sully Road (towards Dulles); at the 3rd light turn left onto Westfield's Boulevard; take the first right onto Stonecroft Drive; turn left onto Conference Center Drive at first light; **The Washington Technology Park** is on the left, at the crest of the hill.

We recently received Artisans United stipends for NVC outreach programs for Colvin Run Mill and the Herndon Festival. We are very appreciative and thank AU for these gifts which help support our programs to promote the art of woodcarving to the public.

Repeat Reminder

Please note the hours of operation at the Carving Center have changed back to 3:30 to 9:00 PM when meet at the Woodcraft store. The store will close promptly at 9:00, so carving will cease and cleanup will start about 8:30.

Carving Center (Cont)

We had no novice candidates volunteer for a mentored project in November. Traditionally in December we usually do some Xmas related projects, like tree ornaments or Santas. Rather than a mentored intermediate project, we will plan to do ad hoc Xmas theme projects as individual and/or group carving activities. If you are working on a Xmas theme please come and join us in December. Maybe you'll spark an interest in your project and others may want to seek your advice. We are currently planning to start an intermediate level project on a roughout. We will plan to have a signup list at the Xmas party. If we have enough interest we can order roughouts and start in January.

Photos of some of our "regulars" at the new Carving Center at Woodcraft



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

January *Mentored Carving Project (intermediate)*

Other Events of Interest

Dec 4th *James River Woodcarvers Competition*
Dec 16th *NVC Christmas Party*

Notice of competition:

Sacred Icons: A Collective Vision of Symbolic & Ritual Objects

May 19 – June 29, 2005

About the exhibition: Ritual transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. Rituals are created for their symbolic and emotional value. Many are constructed around powerful ceremonies to mark major life transitions while others celebrate seasonal holidays or personal traditions. Symbols often play an important part in the role of ritual. By crafting a symbol or a ritual object the artist is able to impart his own experience and vision into the piece. Sacred Icons, the exhibition, is an opportunity for the artist to share their personal ideology and to inspire others to create work that rises above the mundane and ordinary.

Juror: Michael W. Haga, Program Coordinator at the College of Charleston's School for the Arts.

Entry fee: \$20.00 **CASH AWARDS**

Deadline for entries: 3/19/05

Eligible Work: All fine craft media will be considered. Submissions must be original in design and completed in the last two years.

Sales/Commissions: 60% artist, 40% gallery

Prospectus: Artisans Center of Virginia, 601 Shenandoah Village Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980
<http://www.artisanscenterofvirginia.org> 540-946-3294 acv@nexet.net

Membership Renewals

We hope NVC members have enjoyed the newsletter and have participated in carving activities with us or on your own. Life gets busy and carving sometimes gets away from the list of primary activities we enjoy. One of the saving graces is that you lay your tools down for weeks or years and still get back to it by picking them back up and start carving. Sometimes it is surprising how your subconscious worked while you were away from carving and you do better when you return. We sincerely wish to see more of our members that are on the rolls, but don't have time right now to carve or actively participate. In any event we hope you continue to support the NVC and renew for another year.

Hopefully the changing the membership renewals for the NVC to the first of the year has not caused too much confusion or inconvenience. Having all renewals occur at the same time is expected to save time monitoring, tracking memberships, and collecting dues.

Memberships for 2005 are due as of January 1, 2005. If you are receiving this newsletter by mail please check the date in the upper right corner of your address label. If it says 12/05 your membership is good through 12/31/2005. If it says 12/04 your 2004 membership is current but you owe dues of \$20 for 2005. If the date is in the last quarter of 2004 you owe \$25 for 2004 and 2005.

Members receiving the newsletter by email will be reminded individually of the amount owed. Several members who have overpaid their 2004 dues will be notified individually of what we owe you and request if you wish to apply the amount to 2005. Donations are always gratefully accepted as well.

The Indian & Western Show

Another Indian & Western Show will be held at the Westpark Hotel in McLean (8401 Westpark Drive) on November 25, 3-9pm; November 26, 11am-10pm; November 27 11am-9pm; November 28 and 29, 11am-7pm.

There are many beautiful articles, including remarkable carved kachina dolls, as well as jewelry, rugs, pottery, baskets, paintings, but the kachina dolls alone are well worth the trip. Info at 703-734-2800, ext. 7901.

James River Carving Show

James River Carvers are holding their annual show December 4, 2004. Please consider entering this competition. We were well represented in 2003 with 11 carvings and 11 ribbons taken. This is a one day show. If you can't make it for the show and want to enter something contact Hank Cloutier who plans to go and may have room for a few carvings.

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).**

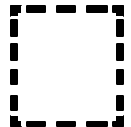
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Please plan to attend December Meeting — Christmas Party December 16th—Details in next Newsletter

!!NOTE Send renewals to JC Evans at return address below!! Membership dues for 2005 are \$20 and run from January 1 through December 31, 2005. (If you owe dues for 2004 from October to December your membership renewal is \$25).

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 \$20.00 dues to the above address.*

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