

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

August-September 2004

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## September Program

Our program for September will be a flea market-swap meet. We will be clearing out some of the tools at the Center. If you have some tools or carving stuff you don't use or have duplicates of, bring it in and trade or sell. This will be a great opportunity to collect different carving gear. Sale starts at 6:30 PM.

October will be our "help the novice" month. This will be aimed at less experienced new members or those that feel they need a little extra help with a current project or a new one. Just come on in to the Center and we have some more experienced members help mentor your efforts.



Joyce Beene displaying show and tell items at July meeting.

## Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
September 16, 2003  
Route 7 & Haycock Road  
Falls Church, VA**

## Activities at the Carving Center

The Carving Center has been closed for the month of August and the first week of September. *We will start meeting again at the Carving Center on September 9th.*

August has been a quiet month with our only organized activity being the Colvin Run Mill program. This program of free carving lessons is ever popular and draws a steady stream of folks, young to old, interested in trying their hand at woodcarving. I've been to past three or four sessions and note a changing trend. It seems we are teaching more adults who spend most of the afternoon with us. Most of our most active carving members have been coming to help and to carve. Several students are repeat visitors and need only some mentoring by one of our instructors. The sessions have been very low key and many of our instructors who don't have a student or two to teach or mentor, have time to do some carving of their own. We have two more sessions, the 1st and 3d Sunday of September. Come join us, even just to visit or carve a little. If you are a novice and need a little advice, please feel welcome to come and ask for a little help.



David Seyler helps novice carver at Colvin Run

## Artisans United Gallery and Reception

The Artisans United Gallery show featuring Wood Art started on July 1st and the gallery reception was held on July 17th to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Artisans United and the opening of the Wood Art theme. We have had absolutely great participation in both. The reception had over 50 people and received rave reviews from Artisans United. The NVC Carvers and Capitol Area Woodturners have articles for sale in the Gallery through August 31st. The Artisans United Gallery at the Packard Center on Hummer Road now will be open on weekends. You may want to Start your Xmas shopping early and check the Gallery as there are some really nice, well crafted articles for sale.

## Herndon Folk Music Festival

The Herndon Arts Council is planning a Folk Music Festival on Sunday, October 3, 2004 in downtown Herndon from 12 noon - 6:00 p.m. They are looking for Heritage crafters to demo or sell at this event. If interested please contact: Ann D. Hoy, Herndon Parks and Recreation Department, 703-435-6800 ext. 2119, ann.hoy@herndon-va.gov.

## Odds and Ends

### Reminders

The Northern Virginia Carvers are scheduled to exhibit in the showcase of the Washington Technology Park lobby from mid October 2004 to mid January 2005. The Capital Area Woodturners are there now. This is a great opportunity for NVC members to show off some of your work. Please consider entering some of your art. A signup sheet will be available at the Center in September.

Please note the hours of operation at the Carving Center have changed to 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

Artisans United sellers please pick up articles in Gallery by September 1st.

## Artisans United invites you to September 7th, the next Play Day.

Play days are like open studio--bring your work and share your skills. You are welcome to come and go between 10-5 on the first Tuesday of the month at the Packard Center. We have reserved the large conference room at the Packard Center in Annandale Community Park, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, VA.

You do not have to work on a project to join in. There is plenty of room for you and friends!

**Fellow Carvers — Maybe this is an opportunity for those of us that have Tuesdays off and would like to socialize and share your interest in carving. Perhaps a few of us should start going to this—a free opportunity and place for several of us to get together to carve and chat.**

## Arlington County Central Library Monthly Exhibits

(Repeat Notice)

Arlington County Central Library currently has display space available for artisans and crafters for monthly exhibits. We invite you and members of your organization to apply. Fourteen vitrines measuring 18"x18" in heights of 14" or 20" are available for display. We have quarterly juries in which we decide on artists to accept for exhibit based on their applications and photos of some of their work. Applications are available on our website at [www.co.arlington.va.us/lib/](http://www.co.arlington.va.us/lib/) Potential applicants can also pick one up at the Central Library, or call 703-228-7721 to have one mailed. We welcome applications from artisans and craftspeople of all kinds.

Contact: Sandy Flourance, Art Exhibit Coordinator, 703-228-7721, [sflour@arlingtonva.us](mailto:sflour@arlingtonva.us)

## NVC Woodcarving Competition

Dana Kercher has volunteered to be new competition chairman. She will replace Dee Walters who has quietly served and has done an outstanding job in this position for the past few shows. We thank Dana for stepping up to help in this area, and we also owe Dee a big thank you for his past efforts. This is the type effort that has gone so smoothly no one even notices, yet is a great tribute to the person managing it. Our current game plan is still to hold our competition next spring with a target of June 2005.

## One Week at Ivan Whillock's Studio (Part I)

By Pam Bozzi

I was in need of a vacation and in need of some formal training in woodcarving, so I decided to combine these two into a single event. I looked for information on classes by asking other carvers, reading the ads at the back of woodcarving magazines, and searching the Internet. I was in the market for a full week of instruction on basic woodcarving techniques with gouges and mallet rather than seminar geared toward producing a particular project in a short time frame. I requested additional materials in the mail from several potential schools and talked on the phone with them. I finally settled on a one week course at the Ivan Whillock Studio in Faribault MN.

At the end of April, I flew to Minneapolis, rented a car, and drove to Faribault MN. I stayed at a local hotel which, with the discount available to students, ran about \$40 per day. The class was held on Monday – Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to Noon. I had already shipped my tools to the studio via UPS. The studio was kind enough to ship my tools and projects back to me after the class.

The Ivan Whillock Studio is located in a house on the edge of downtown Faribault. Ivan and his wife live on the upper floor. The main floor holds Ivan's studio, display space, and separate studio space for Chris Whillock and the carving store supplies. The classes were held on ground level in Ivan's workshop which has room for 6 students in addition to Ivan's workbench and some musical equipment. The workbenches were set at a height suitable for most men. However, for us shorter individuals, a wooden platform was provided for raising the carver to the workbench. Ivan made the shop open in the evenings to students who wished to return to work on their own. During the evenings he sometimes joined us and played his guitar.

This particular class focused on relief carving as a medium to teach basic techniques. My class was composed of 5 students: one beginner, three intermediate, and one advanced carver. Ivan would call us over to his bench to lecture and demonstrate a segment and then have us go back and work on the assignment for an hour or so. As we worked, Ivan would work on his instruction piece, walk around and help, or sit and take questions.

*[This is a multipart article — to be continued in next newsletter]*

### NVC Calendar of Events

#### Weekly

*Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 PM Carving Center Open to all Members*

#### Monthly

*3d Thursday, 7:00 PM Membership Meetings at Carving Center*

#### Classes

*Jun 6 to Sep 19th Colvin Run Mill — Introduction to Carving*  
*October Mentored Carving Project (novice)*  
*November Mentored Carving Project (intermediate)*

#### Other Events of Interest

*July 1 to Aug 31 Artisan United Gallery Exhibit and Sales feature NVC and CAW articles*  
*Sep 7th Artisans United Play Day (see article)*  
*Sep 25th National Cathedral Open House (date not yet confirmed)*  
*Oct 3d Herndon Folk Festival*

**NOTE: Carving Center is closed August 26 and September 2**

## 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

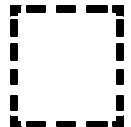
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### Welcome New Member

**Donald Zelonis Fairfax VA**

**!!NOTE new return address below for renewals!! Remember renewals this year are prorated by quarter to December 31, 2004 (July to September member expiration dates cost \$10 for renewal).**

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**Gainesville, VA 20155-1391**



*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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