

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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December Party

For our December meeting we celebrated the Christmas and New Years season with our Holiday Party. We had a nice turnout and plenty of delicious food. The members enjoyed a quiet evening chatting with fellow carvers, some of whom we have not seen for awhile. The gift exchange produced many pleasant surprises and was enjoyed by all. Pete Ward presented a number of show and tell Santas as well as the carved ornaments for the tree. Joyce Beene presented an honorary life membership award to Vera Zurndorfer in abstensia. See photos on Page 2.

For our January meeting we are having a big sale/auction described in the feature article on this page. This should be a great opportunity for new as well as seasoned carvers. In fact, if you have any carving items you wish to sell, bring them along, as this will be a great opportunity to buy, auction, or trade for something more useful.

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:00 P.M.
January 20, 2005
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

Activities at the Carving Center

If you need carving supplies make it a point to come to our next meeting as we will be holding an estate sale/auction of carving articles from a Springfield resident whose father (a master carver) from Florida who passed away last fall (see list below). In addition, we acquired a truckload of very good quality carving wood from former NVC member, Charles Clark, who is moving to southern Virginia. There are some good quality pieces of basswood, walnut, cherry, mahogany, prince wood, and sugar pine. Some pieces are dimensionally large and others appear to be excellent for turning or carving. The wood looks very good. It has been stored in a dry shed and has not been directly exposed to the weather.

So far we have not been able to get an intermediate level carving project off the ground. Perhaps we can discuss future classes at the meeting to see if there is sufficient interest to pursue. If there is a carving project that folks would like to do or learn together let's discuss?

Meeting Night Sale/Auction Items

- Tool box with assorted pen turning equipment and parts
- Head visor magnifier
- Set of woodturning tools
- Leather carving apron
- Bench sharpener
- Tool roll with miscellaneous knives
- Denim carvers' apron
- Wood-is-Good mallet
- Tool roll and carving gouges
- Flexcut gouges (3 Boxes)
- Ryobi carver
- Foredom tool and two hand-pieces
- Detail Master III & misc tips
- Bag of eye punches
- Box Miniature carving tools
- Tool roll with chisels
- Mahogany carved bird
- 2 ea Carved eagles

- Carved toucan
- Carving (girl with grapes)
- Carving (fisherman)
- Carving (man with pipe)
- Carving (horse)
- Carving (carpenter)
- Tool roll with dockyard tools
- Swiss army knife
- Briefcase with misc books and patterns
- Box of misc books
- Wooden case and misc patterns
- Box of misc carvings and blanks
- 9 boxes of pieces of misc wood
- Box of misc carvings and cutouts
- Box of misc carvings
- Bag of knives and Yellowstone
- 2x4 adjustable clamp
- Turned plate
- Box of table skirts

Artisans United News

The NVC featured art exhibit at the Washington Technology Center Exhibit, Washington Technology Park, 15000 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA has been extended through January 21. 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.

Ivan Willock Course

Hank Cloutier is trying to arrange for a group of us to go to Ivan Willock's studio for a course in August. Carvers may choose to do carving in the round, relief carving or painting. We need a minimum of 8 carvers to signup and be willing to commit a deposit for Hank to make a reservation. If you are interested call or email Hank. (703-430-1222 or hankusaf(at)verizon.net.

2005 Woodworking Show

February 18-20

The spring 2005 Woodworking Show dates are set for February 18, 19, and 20 at the Chantilly Expo Center. The organizers would like us to participate again this year and many of us are eager to go. This is a fun event where our volunteers enjoy talking with the public about our club and woodcarving in general. We have done this one to two times a year for quite a few years and it is one of our favorite demonstrations.

We need volunteers for our booth for Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Signup sheets will be available at the meeting and the Woodcraft carving center for the next few Thursdays. If you are unable to make it to the carving centers contact Ken Sheehan at 703-759-4529.

We hate to raise the subject, but last year we had an incident where a non-volunteer member or past member obtained a free pass to the show, saying they were working at our booth. Subsequently, the legitimate NVC member who volunteered to work at the booth showed up and their pass had been issued. Free passes are reserved for NVC members who volunteer to work at our booth, not for the general membership or non-members. Please respect this privilege and help us enforce this rule by reporting to our volunteers anyone you see abusing this arrangement.

Photos of members enjoying the NVC Holiday 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

We need to indicate our intended participation by Jan 30th -- please let Joyce Beene know if interested.

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

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 you owe dues of \$20 for 2005.

Members receiving the newsletter by email will be reminded individually if you have not renewed for 2005.



James River Carving Show

December 4, 2004

Four members of the NVCA attended the James River Woodcarvers Association annual woodcarving show in Richmond Va. The show was held at the Richmond Woodcraft Store. The show was well attended and displayed several categories of outstanding carvings. Peter Ward, Jim Ernst and Hank Cloutier assisted with the judging. Our past vice president David Eagan kept all three of us under his supervision. NVCA sent down 12 pieces to be entered in the show of which several obtained blue ribbons; Joyce Beene with her carved and turned bowl, John Sullivan with his Santa on break, Peter Ward with his baby turtles returning to the sea, Jim Ernst with his relief carving of the cabin in the snow and Hank with an Eagle head. The JRWCA had a large group of demonstrators that really took the interest of the visiting public and also included a large show and tell area with some really wonderful pieces. All in all it was a very successful show. We thank the JRWCA for the invite and we look forward to their next show.

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

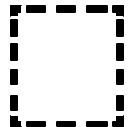
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Noah's Ark Display

Starting January 18th—February 26 Pete Ward will have his Noah's Ark on display in the showcase at the Kings Park Library located on Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA. He has added a number of new animal pairs since the last time the ark was on display. There are now 38 pairs of animals with more to come.

**!!NOTE Renewals — If you haven't sent your renewal for 2005 please send to JC Evans at return address below!!
Membership dues for 2005 are \$20 and run from January 1 through December 31, 2005.**

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*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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