

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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July Program

Our program for July will be a special "Show and Tell" theme on "Little People" and small or miniature carvings. We may also have some used wood carving tools and supplies for sale. As of the publishing date for the Newsletter we have not gotten confirmation on the sale.

Our program for June featured a special presentation to Vera Zurndorfer (see separate article) and a theme of the Branson Rendezvous. Pictured below is a sample of carvings the Branson "Gang" brought to show and tell: Deep reliefs, caricatures, realistic antelope, and shallow reliefs.



Activities at the Carving Center

At our last Center gathering we were dealt a serious blow by the school. They have significantly raised the nightly rate again. The school is now charging us \$107.50 to keep the Center open each Thursday effective July 1st. There was much discussion among the members at the Center. Our club, which is principally supported by the membership dues, simply can not afford such rates. It appears, therefore, our days at the school are numbered. We will continue to bite the bullet in July, then we are closed in August, and hopefully we come up with alternative plans by September.



David Seyler, Ken Sheehan, Bill Stirling, Hank Cloutier, and John Sullivan (bottom row) and Hap O'Brien with "The Duke" and waitress taking a break from carving at Branson, MO. Photo by John Sullivan.

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:30 P.M.
July 15, 2003
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

PLEASE NOTE that we have received notice from the school that they will be closing the school to all activities for three weeks in August-September. Our NVC Board decided to keep the **Center closed during all of August and on September 2nd**. However, we will continue our Colvin Run Mill activities during this period and we encourage you to come out to help and to maintain contact.

Reston Festival

NVC will be demonstrating at the Reston Festival, July 10 & 11.

We will be provided 2 tables with awning. There is room for about 4-6 carvers. Please sign up at the Center if you are interested.

This is a great opportunity to sell your carvings as there are no commissions or fees.

Check This Out!

Tony Sucher passed on some photos of some amazing full scale replica carvings of a Ferrari, clothing and furniture by Livio De Marchi. Those with internet capability should check the following site:

<http://www.sambarcroft.com/pages/Livio/livio.htm>

Herndon Festival Report

On Saturday, June 5th Gary Lewis and Pete Ward tried to demonstrate wood carving at the festival, but they had a hard time competing with the constant downpour. When the rains slowed down, a few people ventured out to be exposed to the medium of wood carving.

People were out in droves on Sunday. Those who ventured to the NVC table were delighted to see what could be made from a piece of wood using only small carving knife.

Many brochures were handed out and there appeared to be lot of interest in Colvin Run classes. Many thanks to Gary and Pete for representing NVC and earning us a \$200 honorarium.

Odds and Ends

Reminder

Please remember to clean up after yourself when you leave the Center. If you make wood chips please don't leave them for the next or last person to clean up.

For Sale or Free

Basswood: We have acquired a limited amount of basswood for the Center in thicknesses of 1", 2", and 3-4". Available for purchase by members.

Another free Ian Norbury video on how Ian inlays woods in his carvings available for download. Check www.iannorbury.com.

Artisans United Gallery and Reception

The Artisans United Gallery show which started on July 1st is featuring Wood Art and has a number of articles made by members of NVC and the Capitol Area Wood Turners. There will be a gallery reception on July 17th from 7 to 9 PM to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Artisans United and the opening of the Wood Art theme. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

NVC members who have entered articles for the Gallery are requested to bring a little of something to share (chips, dip, crackers, etc).

Arlington County Central Library Monthly Exhibits

Dear Guild Members:

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. Our next deadline is August 1, 2004. Applications are available on our website at www.co.arlingtonva.us/lib/ Potential applicants can also pick one up at the Central Library, or call 703-228-7721 to have one mailed.

We would appreciate it if you could distribute the attached flyer (in Adobe Acrobat) to members of your organization. We welcome applications from artisans and craftspeople of all kinds. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,
Sandy Flourance
Art Exhibit Coordinator
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NVC 2004 Woodcarving Competition Cancelled

At our last Board meeting the 2004 Woodcarving Competition was discussed at length. As most members know, we are in need of a new competition chairman (Dee Waters needed to resign for personal reasons) and people to assist in planning and running of the competition for the show. In view of not having volunteers for this part of the show, coupled with the Center being closed all of August and the first week of September, the Board decided to postpone the show until June 2005.

Colvin Run Mill

By Joy Burks

Our carving lessons at Colvin Run Mill are going well--new policies re ages, teaching methods, new tools, etc. seem well accepted. On 6/6 the numbers weren't large but everyone stayed busy. On 6/20 we had 8 or 9 instructors, who stayed *really* busy. There must have been about 50 to 60 carvers, and lots of other visitors since the Dulcimer Band was playing for Fathers Day. Folks at the Mill were making ice cream, the blacksmith fired up his forge, and the miller was grinding wheat! Fun for all. On 7/4 we had a moderate turnout of carvers and about 8 instructors-helpers. A big thank you to all the members who have turned out to support or instruct.

Vera Zurndorfer Presented Stanfield Award



Jim Ernst and Jeff Fleisher presented Vera Zurndorfer with the Stanfield Award for her outstanding service and contributions to the NVC. Jim and Jeff carved and finished the NVC Logo with chip carving inscription on the back — a superbly designed plaque. Vera was at a loss for words and we will be at a loss for her company. She will be moving to California soon. Vera, we thank you so much for everything you have done for the club and we wish you many happy carving days ahead.

Vera's response to NVC members:

Dear Friends,

I just wanted to thank everyone who was involved in making the decision to give me that lovely plaque. A big "thank you" goes to Jim Ernst and Jeff Fleisher for this beautiful carving. I was speechless and someone pointed out that fact! For the past 12 years I have always had something to say every Thursday but I was caught off guard and, yes, I was speechless. This was the most perfect gift that you could have given me. I will always treasure it and it will be displayed in our new home for everyone to see (I am guessing that we will get the word to move sometime in this century).

For all my dear and wonderful friends in the Club who have made me laugh, whose teasing made me feel good and the times we worked hard together to put on a Woodcarving Show; I will miss each and everyone of you very much.

Love, Vera



NVC Calendar of Events

Weekly

Thursdays, 3:30-8:30 PM Carving Center Open to all Members

Monthly

3d Thursday, 7:30 PM Membership Meetings at Carving Center

Classes

Jun 6 to Sep 19th Colvin Run Mill — Introduction to Carving

Other Events of Interest

July 1 to Aug 31 Artisan United Gallery Exhibit and Sales feature NVC and CAW articles

July 10-11 Reston Festival

July 17th Artisans United 15th Anniversary and Gallery Reception 7 to 9 PM

NOTE: Carving Center is closed August 5, 12, 19, 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

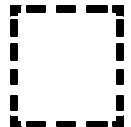
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Welcome New Member

John Overman of Woodbridge, 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).

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVERS
13526 Norwick Place
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.*

Address Correction Requested