

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

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May Program

Our program will feature Ken Sheehan who will provide a workshop for Colvin Run Mill. There have been some changes in the rules and procedures to be followed at the Colvin Run sessions. This is especially important for those who may attend the Colvin Run sessions as a helper or instructor.

Members who attended the last meeting received a special treat with the presentation by Don Williams, Senior Furniture Conservator for the Smithsonian Institution. Don showed us his special collection of shellacs and described the history, production, ways to use shellacs. He provided a demonstration on how to apply coats of shellac, how to rub out the finish and apply final coats of wax to achieve deep, rich, and beautiful finishes. Don's presentation was not only entertaining but sure to encourage many of us to try using shellac finishes. If members have additional questions and wish to contact Don directly his email is WilliamsD@scmre.si.edu

Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month
Thursday 7:30 P.M.
May 20, 2003
Route 7 & Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA**

Activities at the Carving Center

The main activity for the Center the past few weeks has been the Introduction to Woodburning by John Noffsinger. Many of our regulars have been busy in the art room working on their woodburning projects. The main project room has been filled with members working individual projects that vary amongst Santas, faces, caricatures, bugs, angels, reliefs, and realistic animals.



Don Williams with his shellac collection shows us how to prepare the shellac and the surface to be coated.

Don demonstrates how to apply shellac to a flat surface with initial coats.





A few of the carvings at the April show

Woodworking Show Thank You

March 19 to 21, 2004

As in past shows the NVC Carvers had another great turnout of members to help promote the art of carving. We had many visitors who seemed very interested in carving and appeared surprised at the availability of an active local organization that is devoted to helping folks learn or improve carving skills.

We wish to thank the following participants for helping at our booth: JC Evans, Felicia Kluzak, Hank Cloutier, Ken Sheehan, Jim Ernst, Hap O'Brien, Dick Sniffen, Joel Jacobson, Luis Iglesias, Joyce Beene, Ernie Machate, Pete Ward, Les Thomas, Mike Parker, John Sullivan. Special thanks to Ken Sheehan for coordinating the booth arrangements and assignments with the Show sponsors.

When one watches the volunteers demonstrating at the booth it is immediately apparent that this is a labor of love, not a duty. If you have never demonstrated at an event, please consider trying it — you will find it more fun than work.

A DEAL for NVC

I have a laptop computer for sale and I am asking \$700.00. If I am able to sell it I will donate \$200.00 back to the Club. Description: HP Pavilion 5340, Pentium III, 800Mhz, 128 MB, 30 GB, Video memory 8 MB, Windows ME, 56k modem and an Ethernet card, CD/DVD, AC adapter, floppy disk, 2 batteries, monitor Super VGA 1024x768 TFT. This computer is in excellent condition. I will be happy to bring it to the Club on Thursdays. Call Vera 703.938.6822

Some other Items for Sale

Hypercom T7E credit card terminal; paid \$200, sell \$50

4 full boxes of assorted jewelry gift boxes plus

1 box of pretty mauve colored bags all for \$50.

Contact: Maria "Pete" Durgan 703-481-0552, pete@waux.com

NVC 2004 Woodcarving Competition

It is time to start thinking of entries for our 2004 show. We have tentatively decided to hold the show again at Colvin Run Mill the 3rd Sunday in September if there are no schedule conflicts. Our special theme this year will be the "Election". There are likely to be some interesting caricatures featuring political parties, figures, or events. With May upon us the next five month will fly by, so start making plans for your entries. Forthcoming newsletters will post planning updates as they occur.



JC Evans, Jim Ernst, and Ken Sheehan demonstrating during opening afternoon at the Woodworkers Show.

Artisans United News

The theme for the Artisans United Gallery Show for July and August is Wood Art. The NVC agreed to join the Capital Area Woodturners in support of this Gallery Show. On July 17th from 7-9 PM there will be a reception to kick off the show and to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Artisans United.

The AU held a "Guild Play Day" on April 6th and again on May 4th to provide an opportunity for guilds to have an open studio environment where folks from different guilds get a chance to work their favorite projects and mix with members of other guilds. So far this has been very successful and is likely to continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 to 5.

An Arts and Crafts Swap Meet will be held AU on June 12th. NVC members are invited to participate. If you have any arts and crafts items you wish to get rid of, consider participating. You can operate from your car trunk or from a card table you provide. There are no commissions or fees charged by the AU. For those interested in some good deals, you may consider dropping by. We will have a copy of the AU flyer at our monthly meeting.

Colvin Run Mill Program Starts June 6th

Joy Burks

Preparations are underway for the June 6 opening of our woodcarving classes at Colvin Run Mill. We will offer classes at the mill, free of charge, from **noon to 4 pm** on the first and third Sundays of June thru September. That's **June 6 & 20, July 4 & 18, August 1 & 15, and September 5 & 19**. Mark your calendar! Volunteers are especially needed on June 6, when a number of our regular instructors will be attending carving classes at Branson.

Visitors will find some new tools, new policies, new techniques, and it would be great to have some new teachers too. Ken Sheehan has agreed to conduct a workshop for teachers (both experienced and beginners) on May 20th at the NVC meeting as the special program for May. Please plan to attend as it will be essential to help standardize our teaching program.

The Colvin Run Program is an excellent introduction to woodcarving for children, parents, and other interested adults. If you as a novice member wish to attend a refresher, please come. Recommend the program to your friends and acquaintances who want to learn woodcarving. Best yet, regardless of your skill level please consider volunteer teaching at these sessions. It may seem intimidating initially, but in reality the basics are very simple. Perhaps you will find you learn more than the pupils. You will undoubtedly find that you leave with a very self satisfied feeling of having introduced someone to this hobby.

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

Apr 1 - May 6 Introduction to Wood Burning — John Noffsinger

Jun 6 to Sep Colvin Run Mill — Introduction to Carving

Other Events of Interest

May 29th Round Hill Second Annual Hometown Festival ;juried show, see details at Center

June 5th Herndon Art Festival 2004

June 12th Arts and Crafts Swap Meet at Artisans United, Hummer Rd, 10-4 pm

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

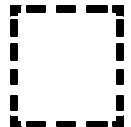
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Welcome New Member

Ernie Ehlinger Woodbridge VA

!!NOTE new return address below for renewals!! Remember renewals this year are prorated by quarter to December 31, 2004.

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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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