

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

November 2005

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## November Program

The program for November will be election of officers and a mentored tool sharpening session.

If you would like to assume one of the positions on the NVC board or would like to assist, please volunteer. Most of the folks currently on the board have agreed to stay on another year. It would certainly be helpful if we had some other members assist in the running of the organization.

Pete Ward and other experienced members have volunteered to help anyone who would like to feel more comfortable with sharpening their tools. This is not meant to be a demonstration, but a working session where you get to practice your sharpening using your own sharpening paraphernalia. Please bring only one tool to sharpen and your sharpening stones or steel and strop.

## Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
November 17, 2005  
GMJS High School  
Route 7 & Haycock Rd  
Falls Church, VA**

## Activities at the Carving Center

The number of carvers at our weekly sessions has increased significantly the past month, particularly with the increase in membership the past few months. So far we have not been able to use the new classroom space for our Thursday carving sessions as there is a scheduling conflict on the space. Seems that Woodcraft scheduled a music instrument making class for the next few Thursdays. We have made do by setting up our folding tables in available floor space. Hopefully this situation will pass and we will have more room. Being a little crowded has not diverted our dedicated regulars and new folks. It is very gratifying to see a number of novice carvers come forth and seek help. We seem to be having one to three beginning carving mentoring sessions going each week.

In October, Pete Ward cut out pumpkin buttons that participating carvers relief carved and painted for Halloween. Pete has again taken the initiative to cut out different versions of relief carved Santa ornaments that can be used on the tree during our Christmas party and later for home Christmas trees. Thank you so much, Pete.

Please mark your calendars for our Christmas Party which will be held at the GMJS High School in the Home Economics room Dec 15th. For those who have not attended in the past, it is across the alley from room G024 where our regularly scheduled meetings are held. Setup will start at 6 PM, with our feeding frenzy starting at 7 PM. The party

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Above: Nativity carvings; see Page 2 for more show photos.  
Left: Pete Ward with Santa "go-bys"



Collage of some random photos from the NVC 2005 Show

## Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

will be the usual pot luck dinner social with a gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

On Page 2 is a random selection of some of the photos we have of the show. Please check the NVC website for temporary link to a web page of the photo gallery for the show. We will try to post a improved gallery of photos with captions on the website when your editor has time to modify it.



### James River Carvers Show on December 3rd

The James River Carvers will be holding their show on December 3rd at the Woodcraft store in Richmond starting at 9 AM. The competition is open to all wood carvers by completing an entry form which can be obtained on their website:

<http://www.angelfire.com/va3/jamesrivercarvers/>

We will have copies of their announcement, categories, and entry forms at the centers for the next two Thursdays. Entries must be submitted to Merv Warner no later than November 26th.

There will be four divisions— Youth, Novice, Intermediate, and Open. The fee will be \$4 per carving with a maximum of \$10 for non-members. Pieces must be delivered to the Woodcraft Store no later than 9:30 AM on December 3rd. Judging will take place about 10:00 AM. Pieces must remain on display until 4:00 PM and may be picked up after that.

There are several NVC carvers planning go to Richmond to judge, participate, or view the show. If you have carvings you wish to enter for competition and are unable to attend, you can arrange to have some of our carvers take them to Richmond. Please consider entering their show.

## 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

*Nov - Dec Group Carving Projects — Christmas Theme - Santa Ornaments*

### Other Events of Interest

*November 3-27 Washington Woodworkers Guild Show - Juried  
December 3 James River Show  
December 15 NVC Christmas Party*

## 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 Rte 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

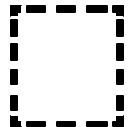
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### Welcome New Members

Paul Bodmer Alexandria VA  
David Lawe Kettering VA

**!!NOTE Memberships and Renewals — Membership to NVC is from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2005 If you wish to join or renew please check our website ([www.nvacarvers.org](http://www.nvacarvers.org)) for an application and send \$20 to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391.**

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