

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVER

September 2005

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## September Program

## Activities at the Carving Center

### OUR MEETING WILL BE AT THE REGULAR LOCATION AT GMJS HIGH SCHOOL.

Dana Kercher did a great job discussing our upcoming Show preparation, competition categories and classes as well as where help will be needed. Since this will be a one day show, we will be quite busy trying to register and set up competition pieces, coordinate judging and help direct visitors. We sure can use help from members. Whether you are a regular weekly carver or not, please come by and offer a hand.

The program for September will focus on show preparations and judging. Dana Kercher will discuss last minute details, where help is needed and what is planned. She will also discuss the judging process and methodology to hopefully remove some of the mystery on how your pieces are judged.

Less than a month to go before the October 1st show! Please consider entering one or more pieces for competition. Do not forget we have a instructor/mentored category so if you have not created an original piece you may still enter something you may have made during a class. If you have a piece that you are proud of and just wish to display it, we will have non-competition exhibit tables available. Still, plan to come to enjoy the exhibits whether you enter anything or not. I am sure this year will be as spectacular as previous years.

For carvers who are entering the competition please consider pre-registering your pieces (registration fee waived for NVC carvers who pre-register). Registration of pieces at the show starts at 7:30 AM. The forms should be available at the carving centers and on the web (URL at bottom of page). Our web page has links and information on the show, registration, competition categories, show flyer, and the three day class to be held by nationally recognized carver, David Sabol. There may still be one or two slots available for the class. Please consider stopping by to help and enjoy the carvings.

The carving center has been quite busy and actually has been crowded. Carvers are working on a variety of personal projects which include Santas, caricatures, several forms of relief and finishing of the pintail ducks. Ray Stansel has been busy with moving so Pete Ward has stepped in and has been helping us paint our pintails. If you have started your pintail and have questions, check with Pete or Hank

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Left: Pete Ward painting pintails.  
Bottom: Carvers busy at Center.

## Next Meeting

**Third Thursday of month  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
August 15, 2005  
GMJS High School  
Route 7 & Haycock Rd  
Falls Church, VA**



## Artisans United News

The **Artisans Center of Virginia Show is September 22 to November 2, 2005.** If you are planning to go by Waynesboro, check it out. Artisans Center of Virginia, 601 Shenandoah Village Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

The Artisans United will hold their bi-monthly meeting on Sep 19th. There will be an election of the new slate of officers.

If any NVC member is interested in getting more involved with the Fairfax Arts Council and the activities of the Artisans United, please consider going to their meetings on the 3d Monday of each odd month at 7:30 PM. Bob Marshall and Hap O'Brien have been representing the NVC at these meetings.

### Activities at the Carving Center (Cont)

Cloutier who have completed four or more so far.

If you are a new member or just interested in carving and want to learn more, come visit us at the center. We will be happy to help you pick a project and mentor you on the basics.

#### Colvin Run Mill

Last Sunday was our last carving session at the mill. We had 37 students and 14 instructors for that session. Overall we had a very successful program and taught 220+ students over the summer.

Our new cabinets, vices and organizer baskets have worked out superbly. It is so much easier to setup and teardown having everything better organized.

We offer a special thank you to Joy Burks for directing the Colvin Mill Program. She has done a super job. We also thank the following for coming to the Mill and teaching or lending a hand: Pamela Bozzi, JC Evans, Joe Clark, Richard Sniffen, Bob Marshall, David Seyler, Joel Jacobson, Pete Ward, Hank Cloutier, Dana Kercher, Hap O'Brien, Bob Watson, Pete Recinto, Judy Gibson, Don Zelonis, Les Thomas, and Vic Guarino, plus anyone else whom we may have missed.



Joy Burks showing off her relief carving of dog with John Sullivan in background creating a candle carving.



Joel Jacobson helping aspiring carver at Colvin Run on last day of carving classes.

#### NVC Carvers Shirts and Patches

We are finally set up to order club shirts with patches soon to follow. We can order denim short or long sleeve shirts in black, dark denim, khaki, light denim, or natural at a cost of \$28/30 respectively. Also available are men's and women's pique cotton short sleeve shirts for \$25. All shirts will have the NVC logo patch embroidered on them. Names can be added for another \$6.

NVC patches and pins will be available soon for \$3. Place your orders with Joyce Beene 703-978-2032 or Joyce. [beene@gmail.com](mailto:beene@gmail.com). An order form is included with this issue of NL. Downloadable copies should be available on our website.

## Carving Seminar by David Sabol at NVC Show

David Sabol is a nationally recognized woodcarver who will be coming to help judge at our NVC Show. He will be holding a three day seminar at the Woodcraft Store in Springfield, VA. The class will start on Friday, Sept. 30, and continue through October 1 and 2. Hours will be posted later. Dave will provide the required blanks and go-by's. Carvers may select any of Dave's projects and picking out the project in advance by visiting his web site. See <http://www.davidsabol.com/index.html>

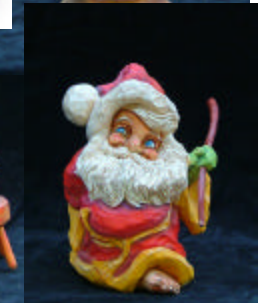
NVC has six slots for this seminar, with seven reserved for Woodcraft. All but one or our slots are gone. Anyone interested in securing a place in the class is urged to contact Joyce Beene or Hank Cloutier to get information on the cost of the seminar and to make a reservation. A \$75.00 deposit (non refundable unless you find a NVC member to fill your slot) is required.

### Rotary Chisels Anyone?

(Extract from email provided by Jeff Fleisher)

*I'm Don Hines, an Artist and Sculptor. As a sculptor I realize we all have our own way of doing things. Although I carve more stone than wood, I have something you may be interested in. As a result of my carving I invented a great tool. it is a high speed rotary chisel. Even though it looks like it would bounce around, at 25,000 rpm it is a fine, smooth and clean cutting carving tool. it is not an abrasive tool, it is a chisel that is cutting away your material without clogging up the tool. Please look into this if you are carving for a living, time is important to your production. the faster I finish my work the more I can produce. Quality is important to me in my work, and these tools will help you to produce quality work in less time.*

*I produce these tools by hand one at a time. they work incredibly well and it is important to me to get these fine tools in the hand of artists that will truly benefit by my invention. Sincerely, Don Hines my website [www.rotarychisel.com](http://www.rotarychisel.com)*



Above: David Sabol with some of his works

### 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

June-July Group Carving Projects — Pintail duck

#### Other Events of Interest

Sep 22 to Nov 2 Artisans Center of Virginia Show

October 1 10 AM-5 PM NVC Woodcarving Show at Woodcraft

November 3-27 Washington Woodworkers Guild Show - Juried

December 3 James River 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

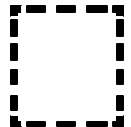
President	Joyce Beene	Chairs General Meetings and Board Meetings — NVC Web Page	Beene37(at)verizon.net	703-978-2032
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### Welcome New Members

**Margaret King**    Alexandria    VA  
**Paul Brinegar**    Leesburg    VA  
**Douglas Landrum**    McLean    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) for an application and send \$20 to JC Evans, 13526 Norwick Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1391.**

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