



# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVERS

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**JOYCE SPIELER**



## NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVERS PRESIDENT'S LETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Even though I have started my presidency in 2023, I feel progressing forward in the new year of 2024 gives me a good feeling. I do not believe in New Year's Resolutions. Shocking you say... I feel every day is a good day to move forward, improve, learn something new, be healthier, get fitter, be kinder to one another and do something positive in your life. That philosophy takes some pressure off the big first day of the new year. You can also use other New Year's celebration in other cultures or calendars for a new beginning. We get one more day this year since it is a leap year. Happy for those born on Feb 29th this year.

I invite everyone to send me an e-mail, text or write a note of any suggestion for moving the club forward. Please read the draft of the last club meeting agenda. This was a listing of subjects to discuss. I missed having enough club members to have many votes. Being represented at the club meetings is very important. The next club business meeting will be January 29, 2024. LOCATION CHANGE: Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, VA 22003 so we can incorporate our meeting and **tool sale** as well. 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

There will be votes on club patches and dues amount along with other club necessities. Remember there are multiple ways of being counted on for votes if you can not attend personally. Let me know if you need assistance.

Just a thought – the newsletter is a great way to communicate with the club members. Articles are welcome. Send to [moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com](mailto:moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com).

Thanks,

Happy New Year to All!

## Spreading Christmas Cheer

Shared By BJ

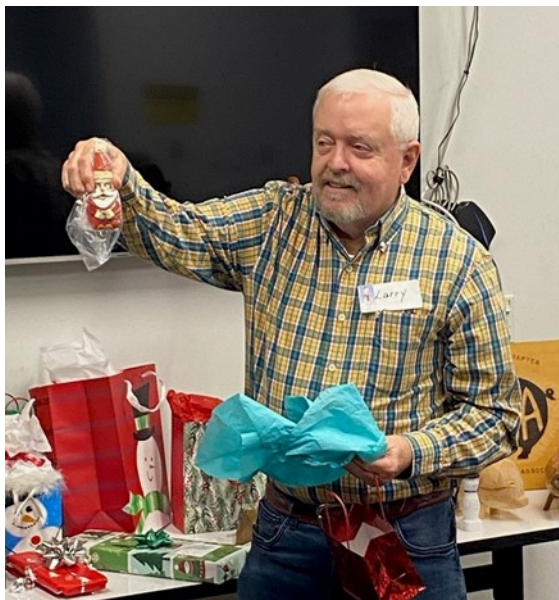
BJ has sent me this great picture of a carving group that meets in Arlington. These carvers are the Arlington County 55+ Senior Woodcarving group. The people participating in the Moravian star wood carving project are from left to right: Debbie, Vic, Bonny, Bob. The guys did the carving and the ladies sanded. Vic cut the blanks. BJ is still working on her star. We look forward to seeing more next Christmas.



## Moravian star

A Moravian star is an illuminated Advent, Christmas, or Epiphany decoration representing the Star of Bethlehem. The Moravian star is popular in Germany and in places in Europe and America where there are Moravian Christian congregations, notably the Lebanon and Lehigh Valleys of Pennsylvania and the area surrounding Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The stars take their English name from the Moravian Church, originating in Moravia. In Germany, they are known as Herrnhut stars, named after the Moravian Mother Community in Saxony, Germany, where they were first commercially produced. [Wikipedia](#)

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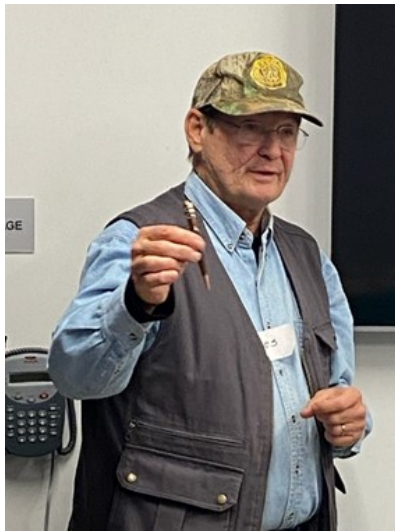


## Christmas Party 2023

Th anks to all that made this party a success.







Carving to Share  
By Joyce Spieler



I am happy to share this beautiful worry bird carving. Alex worked very hard with this project. This is a carving started at an open Colvin Mill Run afternoon. I am not sure what is the wood type. But, it took some alcohol and water spray to soften the wood. To finish the bird some power carving was needed. Very creative attempt to get this carving in to shape. Hopefully this bird will not fly south for the winter.

I would love to share more carving photos. Send your photo creations to :

Conewago Carving Seminar 2024 Schedule

I will be attending Relief Carving May10-12, 2024 and Beginning Chip Carving on June 22. Is anyone interested in driving up with me ? It is approximately 2 hour drive.

Joyce



<b>Instructor Name</b>	<b>Class Description</b>	<b>Class Dates</b>	<b>Member Cost</b>	<b>Non-Member Cost</b>
<i>Samantha Richards</i>	Basket Weaving	March 23	\$50 + supplies	\$55 + supplies
<i>Joe Walker</i>	<b>Power Carve</b> a Sea Turtle	April 12,13,14	\$138 + supplies	\$150 + supplies
<i>Vic Hood</i>	Realistic Bust	May 4,5,6	\$310	\$340
<i>Bob Stadlander</i>	Relief Carving	May 10,11,12	\$125 + supplies	\$140 + supplies
<i>Blake Constable</i>	Spoon Carving	June 8,9	\$100 + supplies	\$110 + supplies
<i>Mike Dieter</i>	Antique curlew (shore bird)	June 15,16	\$110	\$122
<i>Don Karnas</i>	Beginning Chip Carving	June 22	\$50 + supplies	\$55 + supplies
<i>Bruce Stake</i>	Caricature Faces	July 13,14	\$100 + supplies	\$110 +supplies
<i>Don Karnas</i>	Intermediate Chip Carving	July 20	\$50 + supplies	\$55 + supplies
<i>Kathy Overcash</i>	Marionette Carving	July 26,27,28	\$165	\$180
<i>Donnie Lee Clarke</i>	Wood Spirit in Cottonwood bark	August 10,11	\$100 + supplies	\$110 + supplies
<i>David Sabol</i>	Santa caricature	September 13,14,15	\$175 + supplies	\$190 + supplies
<i>Jim Feather</i>	Caricature carving	October 19,20	\$125 + supplies	\$135 + supplies
<i>Dylan Goodson</i>	Relief or 3-D figure	October 28,29,30	\$250 + supplies	\$275 +supplies
<i>Linda Murphy</i>	Woodburning	November 9,10	\$100 + supplies	\$110 + supplies

### Seminar Policy

If you have any questions on the seminars or our seminar policy or to sign up, please contact Gary Peiffer, [conewagoseminars@gmail.com](mailto:conewagoseminars@gmail.com)

**Please Note:**

Please send checks for seminar registrations to: Conewago Carver Seminars, 20 Spruce Court, Manchester, PA 17345. Checks must be made out to Conewago Carvers.

A 50% deposit is due at the time you sign-up for seminar. The remaining 50% is due 60 days prior to the class. Because we have to make a firm commitment to our instructors, the deposit is non-refundable unless there is someone on the waiting list to fill your spot or you have someone to fill your spot.

Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. If a class is full, your name will be placed on a waiting list.

We will hold your spot in the seminar for one (1) week. If we haven't received your deposit by then, your name will be removed and your spot will go to the next person on the list.

All deposits/payments will be fully refundable if is a cancellations/closure by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, EBACC and/or the instructor due to COVID-19. Otherwise, all other standard cancellation terms apply.

**POWERED BY**

**Policies and Information.** (Please keep this information on file for your reference, it need not be submitted with the Registration form).

**General Information:**

All classes are held at the East Berlin Community Center, 405 North Avenue, East Berlin, PA unless otherwise informed.

All classes are first come first served. If a class is full, you have the option of being placed on a waiting list in case another student withdraws from the class.

If you request a spot in a seminar, we will hold a spot for you for (1) week. If we have not received the 50% deposit in one week, your name will be removed and the spot will be open for other students.

Class times typically are 9:00 am-4:00 pm but may vary slightly depending on the instructor.

All tools must be provided by the student to participate in the class.

It is the student's responsibility to attend the seminar on the appointed days and times (mark your calendars). Lodging (if needed) and meals are the responsibility of student.

Carving involves sharp tools. The instructor and club cannot be held responsible for injury or death. It is highly recommended that the student bring a carving glove, thumb guard, carving apron or similar safety equipment to use during the seminar.

**Payment and Cancellation Policy**

Because we have to make a commitment on number of students to the instructor, a 50% deposit is due at the time you sign up for the seminar. The remaining 50% is due 60 days before the seminar. This 50% deposit is non-refundable and not transferrable unless:

- The instructor cancels the seminar.
- Cancellations or closures as ordered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- In compelling circumstances, refunds may be provided at the discretion of the Seminar committee. All decisions by the committee are final.

In addition to the 50% deposit, any balance paid for the cost of the seminar will also be refunded under the scenarios described above.

If a student drops a class within the 60 day window, the cost of the seminar is not refundable and not transferrable unless there is someone on the waiting list to replace the student. In this case, 50% of the seminar cost that was paid will be refunded/transferred.

***By signing up for the seminar, you are agreeing to all terms and policies outlined. You also acknowledge that you have been provided information that will enable you to have a safe and enjoyable seminar experience.***





Some recent commission carvings by our chain saw carver Wayne Simmons





**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024**

Membership in the Northern Virginia Carvers runs from January to December. Please mail your dues, which are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$5.00 for each additional family member along with the filled out renewal form, to Robert Simoniz, Membership Chairman, 6819 Rock Creek Court, Alexandria, VA 22306. Make check payable to NVC.

If you have changed your email, please let us know. If you used to get the newsletter by email, but recently have received mailed copies, then something is wrong with the email address we have on file for you, and your email copy bounced back. Please contact Bob Simoniz at [rsim2193@verizon.net](mailto:rsim2193@verizon.net), so he can correct the database.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVERS  
RENEWAL  
FOR JAN-DEC 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Receive Newsletter by E-Mail?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees Per Year:

Single \$25.00

Family: \$25.00 + \$5.00  
each additional member

Additional members names:

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Suggestions for Programs or Classes

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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NVC  
AND MAIL TO:**

Robert Simoniz, Membership  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVERS  
6819 Rock Creek Court  
Alexandria, VA 22306

**DEADLINE FOR FEB. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31**

**DIRECTIONS:**

**Woodcraft Supply** — Ravensworth Shopping Center, 5248 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151. 703-912-6727. **From I-495** take Braddock Rd Exit 54A west. Ravensworth Shopping Center is at the intersection of Braddock Road

**American Legion Post 176 (carving classes)**— 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia 22150. **From Springfield driving East** on Old Keene Mill Road to Springfield Blvd. just past Veterans Bridge, turn right and proceed to the Post parking lot on the right. **From Springfield driving West** on Franconia Road, passing under I-95 to Bland Street just past Shoney's Restaurant, turn right onto Bland Street and proceed to Amherst Avenue. Turn right onto Amherst Avenue and proceed over Veterans bridge. The Post is on the right, before Kay Jennings Toyota at the foot of the bridge.

**Packard Center** — 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, VA 22003. From I-495 take Little River Turnpike East and turn left at the first light onto Hummer Road. Just past the small shopping area less than 1/4 mi on the left will be signs for the center. Turn left into the drive and bear right when it forks. The evening entrance for meetings is on the side of the building on the parking lot side. The meeting area is in the conference room in the basement.

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