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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**JOYCE SPIELER**

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| **President’s letter April 2024**  Comradery. It seems that the Northern Virginia Carvers (NVC) have joined forces with the Montgomery County Carvers (MCC) for years now. There have been Zoom meetings during Covid times to keep the lines of communication going. Then we transitioned to blended sharing. As the schedule evolves there are now opportunities to join MCC and or NVC. The newsletter is a great way of communicating to each other. Send your stories, activities and questions to me for them to be included in the newsletter that is sent out to everyone in our club.  Read through every newsletter for the calendar of events and opportunities.  Place these in your calendar for a good reference and a reminder for yourself. Thank you,  Joyce Spieler  President  Northern Virginia Carvers  Moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com  703-915-3239 |
| [One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/376694) John F. Kennedy  **Volunteers Needed**  **Colvin Run Mill April 21 AND April 19 – for set up**  **Web Master – update web site every month on current web site**  **Program coordinator – provide ideas, assist w/ procuring teachers/speakers/classes available**  **Provide list of up and coming events outside of club events**  **Packard Center consistent opener – if afternoons are requested 3:30 +**  **Let Joyce know if you are interested in carving in the afternoons**  **Artisans United representative – 3rd Monday evening Zoom – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**  **Summer Picnic – June 29, 2024 – committee – formation needed**  **2024 Show and Competition – committee - formation needed DATE: October 26, 2024**  **(approved by Woodcraft already)**  **2024 December X-mas party – committee - formation needed**  Send Joyce an e-mail or text if you are interested in any of these volunteering opportunities. Moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com or 703-915-3239  THANK YOU IN ADVANCE! | |

**“WONDERS IN WOOD”**

BY Michael Wine

Here are a few images from the "Wonders in Wood" carving show produced by the Lancaster County

Wood Carvers March 15 and 16, 2024. Jim Feather of Caricature Carvers of America (CCA) was the

featured carver, who also conducted a 2

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day class on the Monday and Tuesday following the show. I just

discovered that Joe You (CCA) will be the featured carver in 2025!! Very exciting indeed!!

The weather outside was chilly, but that did not deter nearly 700 people from attending the first day.

This year there were four CCA carvers in attendance!

The show features a variety of styles and subjects, from cartoon caricatures to duck decoys, wildfowl and

cartoon whimsy. Other artists feature woodburning, painting on wood and others weaving pine needles

into beautiful and varied vessels.

While the show is a bit of a drive from Northern Virginia, at approximately 2.5 hours driving leisurely, it

is well worth a day trip or even a weekend getaway.

I would be remiss if I did not mention how lovely everyone is at the show. I didn't hear a cross word all

weekend, except when my own camera misfunctioned! The carvers and the visitors make the show an

extremely pleasant experience.

I've selected some of my favorite pictures from the show. My apologies to the creators and carvers as my

equipment misfortune threw me off my game. I'll post all the images to Flicker and provide a link to

them next month through the club to the membership newsletter once the carvers have had their chance

to download and use the images. (Please do not repost images without express permission.)

The Shameless Plug:

The Conewago Carvers will produce their own show

in nearby East Berlin, Penn-

sylvania. This one is a bit closer at approximately 1.5 hours and many of these same exhibitors and carv-

ers will be there as well. Another great opportunity to see a display of fabulously talented artisans and

their work.



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Photos taken by Michael Wine.



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| |  | | --- | | 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@veriizon.net, so he can correct the database. | |
| |  | | --- | | Calendar APRIL 2024  Monday April 1, 2024 Woodcraft 3-6 pm    Sunday April 7, 2024 Colvin Run Mill 12-3 pm    Monday April 8, 2024 Woodcraft 3-6 pm    Thursday April 11, 2024 Zoom Open carve    Monday April 15, 2024 Woodcraft 3-6 pm    Sunday April 21, 2024 Colvin Run Mill 12-3 pm    Monday April 22, 2024 Ridhard Byrd 3-6 carve only and Packard Center 6:30- 9 pm ***carve + business***    Thursday April 25, 2024 Zoom Project Carve 7-8 pm    Monday April 29, 2024 Richard Byrd 3-6 pm | |

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| **DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: FRIDAY APR 26** | | | | | | | |
| **MEETING LOCATIONS** | | |  | | | | |
| **Woodcraft Supply** — Ravensworth Shopping Center, 5248 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151. 703-912-6727.    **American Legion Post 176 --** 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia 22150.    **Packard Center** — 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, VA 22003.    **Richard Byrd Library** – 7250 Commerce St, Springfield, VA 22150    **Kings Park Library,** -- 9000 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA 22015    **Colvin Run Mill**,-- 10017 Colvin Run Rd, Great Falls, VA 22066-1834 | | | | | |  | |
|  | | | **NVC Contacts** | |  | | |
| President | | Joyce Spieler | Chairs General Meetings and Board Meetings | | Moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com | 703-915-3239 | |
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| Colvin Mill Coordinator Joyce Spieler | | | Coordinates Carving Instruction Program at Colvin Mill Park | | Moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com | 703-915-3239 | |
| Show Coordinator | | | Coordinates the Annual Show & Competition | |  |  | |
| Membership Chairman and  Newsletter Editor | | Bob Simoniz | Maintains membership database and collects dues Edits and publishes NVC Newsletter | | rsim2193@verizon.net | 703-768-1087 | |
| Program Chairman | |  | Develops New Programs for the Club | |  |  | |
| NVC Web Site | | Joyce Spieler | www.northernvirginiacarvers.org | | Moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com | 703-915-3239 | |
| Member-at-Large    Member-at-Large    Member-at-Large | | B J France    Jerry Donahoe    Michael Wine |  | | bjinarl@aol.com    jrdsriding@aol.com    mdwine55@gmail.com | 703-538-4143    703-327-4022    703-368-2282 | |
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