



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVERS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOYCE SPIELER

Communication

Communication is the process of sending and receiving messages through verbal or nonverbal means, including speech, or oral communication; writing and graphical representations (such as infographics, maps, and charts); and signs, signals, and behavior. More simply, communication is said to be "the creation and exchange of meaning."



www.thoughtco.com/what-is-communication-1689877

Whether there are two persons or 50 persons communication is key to grow among the individuals. In relationship to the Northern Virginia Carvers (NVC) communication in person or through the newsletter allows the activities, meetings, projects and events to be developed and be shared.

The newsletter is grand way of communicating to the club members all at once. Send Joyce your articles for posting in the next newsletter. I will send out a request for member communications.

The club will be including monthly 1st and 3rd Mondays Woodcraft (Springfield) and monthly 4th Mondays at Packard Center meetings on Eventbrite website. This will hopefully bring more new persons to our meetings.

The club is working on a new way for members to communicate with each other in a safe, and secure manner. Please be patient.

Read, read, read your newsletter. I have enclosed much information that will answer your questions I have heard from members. If the answer is not in the newsletter, I am open to phone, text, Zoom, e-mail and in person communications.

Thank you,

President

Northern Virginia Carvers

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Insurance Coverage

Clubs need insurance coverage to protect themselves against various risks and liabilities that result from their various operations for members and students. Wood carving has the potential for various risks. A strong risk management strategy includes insurance. If you have any questions, please attend a business meeting of Northern Virginia Carvers on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm

Volunteers Needed

One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

John F. Kennedy

Colvin Run Mill May 19 –from 12 noon to 3 pm

Blank cutters/saw – for various club projects and Colvin Run Mill

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 8th, X-mas party – committee - formation needed

Rockler Fairfax - Craft Fair at Rockler Fairfax

Saturday, July 13, 2024 9AM-3PM – RSVP to Joyce May 18, 2024

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!

MAY CALENDAR 2024

Monday, May 6, Woodcraft Springfield 3-6 pm

Thursday, May 9 Zoom – open carve 7 pm to 8 pm

May 10-12 , Conewango Carvers relief carving class

Monday, May 13, Woodcraft Springfield, 3-6 pm

Thursday, May 16, Zoom 7-9 pm – MCC

"Marbling technique to color your projects" an finishing activity for all to try led by

John Laffan

Sunday, May 19, Colvin Run Mill 12 noon to 3 pm

Monday, May 20, Woodcraft Springfield 3-6 pm

Monday, May 20, Zoom Artisans United

Thursday, May 23, Zoom Project night –

Santa – **contact Joyce for a blank**

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Packard Center 6:30 pm to 9 pm

Business meeting at 7:00 pm

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, no meeting, at the library is closed.

Carving Knife Sheath

By Ernie Machate

A knife sheath is a way of protecting the blade of a carving knife. There are several materials that can be used to make knife sheaths. The most common materials are leather, a wine cork, aluminum sheets, and wood. I prepared a wood sheath, for the reason of its availability and the luster of its grain when the sheath is finished.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Steps in making Wooden Carving Knife Sheath

Step 1

Cut two pieces of wood half an inch longer than the knife as shown in figure 1 above. The wood I used is a paint stirrer you can get from Lowes or Home Depot. I sanded it to make it clean in order to remove all the markings.

Step 2

Draw the shape of the knife on both cuts of wood. Mirroring each other. See figure 2 above.

Step 3

Carve the shape of knife using the chip carving knife. Don't cut it too deep otherwise the knife will be too loose and hard to keep the knife in the sheath. See figure 3 above.

Step 4

Glue the carved wood together with clear Gorilla glue and use a binder clip as shown in figure 3. Let it dry overnight. See figure 4 below.

Figure 4



Step 5

Trim carved sheath to the proper size of the knife leaving at least ¼" on both sides of the knife, see figure 4. Round the sheath, sand it with fine grit of sandpaper. Apply a natural color of Minwax or whatever color you prefer. Make sure you mark the sheath for which knife it fits. See figure 5 below.

Step 6

On one end of the sheath where the knife goes glue a piece of leather as shown in figure 6 and tie with rubber band and let it dry overnight. Trim any excess and cut a strip line where the knife enters and done.



Figure 5



Figure 6

Michael Wine – Links to last month's article. Please read the instructions below the link prior to using the link.
<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBiKAQ>

"the pictures are ready" sent to the participants of the Lancaster Show. Just to be safe, a mention that these are from the show and their participants would be appropriate.

The images from the show in Lancaster (Wonders in Wood) are now posted in my ShootProof Gallery.

You may open and view the gallery at your leisure. The Gallery will ask for your email address, but this is only for my own list (for next year!) and will never be used for any other purpose.

You may "mark" them in the gallery, and use the "purchase" options to have them sent to you. There will be NO CHARGES, the images are free for your use.

I only ask a mention of "Michael Wine, Photographer" if you should post them online or in a social media site.

I hope you enjoy them, and would appreciate a note if you do.

March Parktakes Class 2024

Fairfax County has a Parks and Recreation activities advertised quarterly. For the Spring 2024 the Northern Virginia Carvers offered a beginner carving, 3 class session on Sundays from 1 – 4 pm.

We had Northern Virginia Carvers, Todd A-C, BJ F., Alex P, Joyce S., Montgomery County Carver John L teaching the skills for carving a mushroom and a comfort bird.

Todd presented power carving and John L. presented finishing the finished carvings. Great job gentlemen. It was a wonderful carving experience for students and instructors.



Show N Tell

Phuong-Anh hard a work with her new woodcarving project.

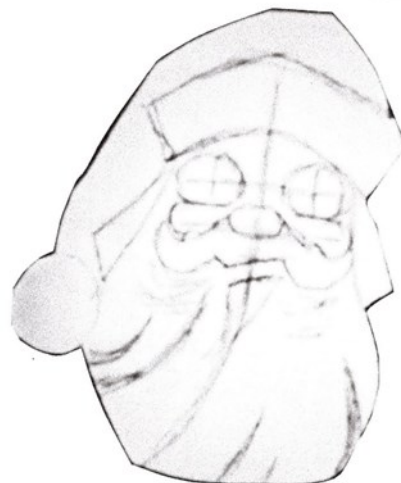


Les' March carvings

Ernie's carvings



Stenson Santa





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, so he can correct the database.

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

Name _____

Address: _____

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:

Suggestions for Programs or Classes

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

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Alexandria, VA 22306**

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

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