



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CARVERS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOYCE SPIELER

Be Not Afraid

As president of the Northern Virginia Carvers (NVC) I feel responsible for sharing carving skills with beginners and beyond. We are so fortunate to have a club full of magnificent carvers with a great deal of experience. In the beginning of NVC members would go to carving seminars together and learn carving skills in a variety of areas of carving. I think it would be wonderful to have similar experiences. If anyone in the club has an idea of a carving experience to share during or after the event, please do not hesitate to share this with members of the club and contact me.



I recently attended a relief carving seminar with the Conewago Carvers in East Berlin, Pennsylvania. Michael Wine has raved about the classes the Conewago Carvers puts together for a long time. I can attest that Bob Stadlander taught an engaging, detailed and whole encompassing three-day class. From instruments, sharpening, relief carving technique, one-on-one, and painting demonstration. I came away a much more skilled carver.

I have had the above pictured rooster blank for many months. I was hesitant to carve the rooster. I did not know how to approach this carving project. With the added confidence and knowledge, I am now able to see the rooster in a different light both natural and figuratively. The eye of depth perception was my hold back to carving to a higher level. I now have more confidence to slowly progress with my carving. This will impact my carving as well as the carving of our students. SO.... BE NOT AFRAID TO MAKE A MISTAKE OR TAKE THE COURAGE TO TRY NEW TECHNIQUES. Make sure you utilize the wealth of experience of the Northern Virginia Carvers.

We have an indoor **picnic** themed get together on **Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 3:30 pm** at the **Kings Park Library Meeting Room**. Address is located at the end of this newsletter. This is a pot luck affair. Bring a dish enough for 6 (six) people. Protein, salad, veggies, are a few ideas of what to bring. Plates, napkins, utensils, paper goods and water will be provided by the club. RSVP by Friday, June 21, 2024 to Joyce at moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com. Please let me know what you are thinking of bringing so we have a balance of foods.

I look forward to seeing you,

Joyce Spielers

President

Northern Virginia Carvers

Volunteers Needed

[One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.](#)

[John F. Kennedy](#)

Colvin Run Mill June 2nd and 16th –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 – set up and clean up committee

2024 Show and Competition – committee - formation needed DATE: October 26, 2024

(approved by Woodcraft already)

2024 December 8th, 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](mailto:moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com) or 703-915-3239

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Zoom on for Progress

By Joyce Spieler

I am happy to announce that NVC's Zoom Project night on the 4th Thursday of May was a success. We utilized Woodcarving Academy web site. Dave Stenson's Quick Tip – Santa Ornament – Setting the Face video. On Zoom we shared the video link. Wood blanks were delivered. This helped to make sure members had access to working on the Santa. We reviewed the pattern transfer of Santa's face to the wood.

The video is 22.51 minutes long. We were able to accomplish up to 7.56 minutes of carving along. That being said, please feel free to start a Santa of your own and join in for the next Zoom Project night on the 4th Thursday of June from 7 – 8 pm. I have attached the pattern in this newsletter.



June Calendar 2024

Sunday, June 2, Colvin Run Mill 12 noon-3 pm

Monday, June 3 Woodcraft Springfield 3-6 pm

Monday, June 10, Woodcraft Springfield, 3-6 pm

Thursday, June 13, Zoom 7-9 pm – NVC

Sunday, June 16, Colvin Run Mill 12 noon to 3 pm

Monday, June 17, Woodcraft Springfield 3-6 pm

Friday, June 21, RSVP for Picnic on June 29- Kings Park Library 12 noon to 3:30 pm

Saturday, Bull Run Maker Faire, June 22, 10am – 3pm

Saturday, June 22, Conewago Chip Carving Class

Monday, June 24, Richard Byrd Library, 3-6 pm

Monday, June 24, Packard Center, 6:30pm-9 pm Project for new carvers invited through Artisans United

Thurs, June 27, NVC Zoom Project night – Stenson – Santa - continued

Thurs., June 29, Kings Park Library, Club indoor picnic. 12 noon-3:30 pm

If you have any questions please contact Joyce text or e-mail – 703-915-3239 or

moonbeam4mj-carver@yahoo.com

Show-N-Tell



Ernie's Mushroom Family

I am sure there are other members that have some showing off to do. Send in your photo or have someone else take and send pics to Joyce.

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Kings Park Library – Meeting Room

June 29, 2024

12 noon to 3:30 pm

POT LUCK

RSVP TO JOYCE – STATE WHAT DISH YOU ARE BRINGING

MOONBEAM4MJ-CARVER@YAHOO.COM



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.

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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:**

**Robert Simoniz, Membership
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DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: FRIDAY JUNE 28

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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