



Wood Carvings of Acadia Exhibit Opening Planned

A collection of wood carvings by Franco-American art teacher, small business owner and wood sculptor Tom Cote will be on exhibit at the NMCC Library at NMCC through September.

The official opening reception of "Wood Carvings of Acadia" will take place on Friday, September 16, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the College library. The exhibit opening is one of a host of activities planned as a part of the college's Constitution Day celebration.

Handed his first piece of wood by his mother at the age of 12, Cote has spent years honing his craft and passing his skills onto others. Cote, owner of "Carvings by Cote" and a teacher at Limestone Community School, has dedicated his life to sharing and exploring art.

"As a teacher I have found that a lot of kids truly excel when they have the opportunity to really use their hands, and since art education is not as mainstream as it once was, colleges and schools serve as a great place for people to gain exposure to art. Events like this can serve as a venue for that creative spark for younger generations," Cote said.

The exhibition features a mixture of pieces depicting the region's proud agricultural traditions. Although most of the pieces on display were made by Cote himself, the exhibit also features pieces by Cote's apprentice wood carvers Jessica Stackhouse-Goodwin and Cote's granddaughter, Ellyzabeth S. Bencivenga.

NMCC to Mark Constitution Day September 16 with Focus on Citizenship and Naturalization

September 17 does not resonate with the general public to the extent of July 4 or November 11, but the significance of the day certainly parallels in importance when it comes to the freedoms many Americans take for granted.

On September 17, 1787, the course of American History was dramatically changed with the signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men. In recent years the day, now known as Constitution Day, is set aside as a time to reflect on the birth of our government and ideas that make us Americans.

At NMCC, Constitution Day events will be held on Friday, September 16, and are open to the public. This year's theme will focus on citizenship and naturalization, and activities include a video presentation, an appropriately themed luncheon, the opportunity for students and community members to take a naturalization test to see what people from other countries experience as they become a U.S. citizen, and the official opening of an exhibit by a Franco-American wood carver.

Things get underway at 11:30 a.m. with a feast featuring different foods representing the cultural diversity of the country and culinary tastes representing nations from which large populations have immigrated to the United States. The special lunch-time meal, open to the public, will be served in the Reed Dining Commons and runs through 1:00 p.m. The Aramark staff at NMCC is inviting the community to come to campus for lunch and a culinary tour around the world. Cost for the meal will be \$6, payable at the door.

Following lunch, at 1:00 p.m., the NMCC Library will host the viewing of a video entitled *A Conversation on the Constitution with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg* on the 14th Amendment. Incorporating three integral constitutional tenets -- due process, equal protection, and privileges and immunities -- the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was originally intended to secure rights for former slaves, but over the years, it has been expanded to protect all people.

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NMCC 50th Anniversary Gala & Homecoming Weekend a Big Success

Special thanks to all in the NMCC campus family who helped make this past weekend a success! Whether you helped with set up, led tours, or helped with any of the other myriad of details, or whether you just came to enjoy and support the events... THANK YOU!

Vicki Smith, NMCC Foundation Board vice chair, presents a Star Award to Bryan LaPointe, Class of 1985. LaPointe was one of 50 stars recognized during the 50th Anniversary Gala hosted at NMCC on Saturday night, Sept. 10. An alum from each graduation class, from 1965-2011, plus three community "stars" were honored. Nearly 450 alumni, campus and community members attended the event, held in the NMCC gym.



Lunch Menu

Monday

BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich
Vegetable Chimichanga
Paella Station
Peas & Carrots
Potato Wedges
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
Bistro Chicken Sandwich
Four Cheese Penne Casserole
Oriental Beef Noodle Soup
Boston Clam Chowder
Cheddar & Cauliflower Soup

Tuesday

Classic Chicken Parmesan
Moroccan Vegetable &
Couscous Stew
Smokin BBQ
Steamed Veggies
Mashed Potatoes
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
Bacon Bleu Burger
Linguine with Beans &
Roasted Red Peppers
Chicken & Wild Rice Soup
Boston Clam Chowder
Butternut Squash Soup

Wednesday

Chicken Andouille Gumbo
Baked Potato, Chili
Green Bean Amantine
Couscous
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
B T & Cheese on Texas Toast
Rigatoni & Meatballs
Casserole
Swiss Crab Soup
Boston Clam Chowder
Cheesy Soup

Thursday

Southwestern Jerk Chicken
Vegetable Enchilada
General Tso's Chicken
Yellow Squash
Egg Noodles
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
Grilled Cheese & Tomato Sand.
Extra Cheesy Lasagna
Chunky Potato Chowder
Boston Clam Chowder
Black Bean Soup

Friday

Join us for our special meal celebrating Constitution Day. Our lunch menu will include dishes from Italy, Mexico, China, French Canada and other parts of the world as we celebrate the cultural diversity in our country.

AVAILABLE DAILY

Salad, pizza, hamburgers, garden burgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, french fries and assorted desserts



Above: Bill Casavant speaks to one of the many groups who toured campus as part of our Open House on Friday, Sept. 9. Approximately 250 high school students and numerous community members were here to see our facilities.



Friday's activities featured a wide variety of entertainment, including performances by Moon Dance Studios dancers (above) and a Harvest Bazaar.

Right: Following a brunch Saturday morning, a group of alumni took on the NMCC Falcons in a soccer game. Despite a valiant effort by alums, the Falcons won 3-1.



Events

MONDAY

Finance Your Future Workshop, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Keegan Rm.

TUESDAY

TRIO Workshop - Test Taking Strategies, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

Are You Afraid of Computers Workshop, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, CED Classroom

State Board of Education Dinner, 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

WEDNESDAY

MDOT Training, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm, CED Classroom

Sinawik Meeting, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Martin 3rd Floor Conf.Rm.

Valic Rep Visit, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Library Study Room 1

Minerva Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, Library Study Room 2

Strategies for Improving Health Care Integration, 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

THURSDAY

Probus Meeting, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Keegan Room

Are You Afraid of Computers Workshop, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, CED Classroom

FRIDAY

Marketing for Non-Profits, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, CED Classroom

Dead River Breakfast, 8:30 - 10:00 am, Edmunds Conference Center

Dead River Truck Donation, 10:00 am, Diesel Hydraulics Lab

Constitution Day Video Presentation, 1:00 pm, Library

Exhibit Opening Reception - Wood Carvings by Artist Tom Cote, 2:00 pm, Library

SATURDAY

Soccer Game - Falcons vs. Unity College, 2:00 pm, PI Middle School Soccer Field

HOMECOMING

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Below: Approximately 700 campus and community members came to the BBQ luncheon as part of our Open House on Friday.



Constitution Day, from front

The video features Justice Ginsburg and a group of students gathered at the Supreme Court discussing the importance of the 14th Amendment and how it came to embody and protect the principle of "We the People."

Following the viewing of the video, the library will host an official opening reception at 2:00 p.m. for an exhibit of wood carvings by Franco-American Artist Tom Cote of Limestone. The exhibit features nearly two dozen works by Cote and two of his apprentices.

The library will offer students and community members the opportunity to both test their knowledge about the U.S. Constitution and the basic tenets of our system of government by taking a sample naturalization test. The test, along with a video clip featuring a naturalization ceremony, will be available in the library between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.