

Tradeshow 2001 Recap

Although we lost the third day of the Tradeshow due to the terrorist attacks, we still had a very successful first two days with healthy attendance and active participation. Below, you'll find pictures and commentary regarding some of the seminars at the show (primarily from the first day).

Featured on the first day of the show were demonstrations by 1995 National Champion Kevin Roscoe. Working in concert with NICA Board member Dan "The Safety Man" Rebholz, Kevin taught seminars on carving the head and figure out of ice. Below are a few pics from these sessions (click for a larger version):



Later in the day, Dan went on to teach a safety seminar on what **not** to do with the high-speed, and often dangerous tools of the modern ice carver. On the second day, Kevin went over methods of carving logos into ice.

Also on the first day, another world-class carver, Jeff Bleier, taught a seminar on getting the maximum utilization of ice from a block during a competition. Despite the warm weather, he assembled a multi-piece sculpture that appeared to be quite a bit larger than the block it came from. See below for pics (click for a larger version):



On the second day, Jeff demonstrated ways to make ice carvings more three dimensional and to avoid a flat look to your carvings.

There was also a wide variety of other seminars on both days, covering such topics as photographing ice, insurance needs for ice carvers, judging at a competition, and chisel

sharpening. On the morning of the second day, National Champion Aaron Costic created an ice arch by fusing small pieces of ice together in his hands-on demonstration of fusion techniques. Attendees at the Basics of Business Structure seminar walked away with an impressive notebook covering the seminar courtesy of Julian Bayley.

In addition to all the seminars, demonstrations, and other activities that we crammed into two days, there was, of course the tradeshow floor, where ice carving equipment vendors showed their wares. The types of equipment available ranged from computerized ice carving machines, to funnels for ice luges, to a raft for placing a carving in the middle of a pool. There were also ice molds, specialized ice bits, and specialty ice display stands.

Here's a few more pics from the show (click for a larger image):



Despite the cancellation of the third day and the very sad note that everyone departed on, NICA 2001 tradeshow could not be seen as anything but a success and we look forward to the next one. Special thanks to Mac Winker, Joe Rimer, and the members of the NICA Memphis Chapter for all of their hard work in putting the show together!