



# TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWSLETTER

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Triad Woodcarvers ~ Founded in 2009

## COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Tony Leonardi

Dear Club Members,

We have welcomed new members in May. They are: Jason Jurkowich, Paul Andrews, and Ana and Juan Villatoro. You all know Jim Carpenter as one of the State's best Bird Carvers. He is also recognized as an expert in bird identification as well. The Club is proud to count him as one of its members. Well, Jim has added a new title to his resume. Mr. Carpenter has accepted the position of Chairperson of Membership and Public Relations. Assisting him will be Sheila Hunter and Mark Payne. We owe all three members a "thank you" for stepping up to the plate and supporting the club in this very important function.

This year's Charlotte Carving Show had a significant presence of work showing at the event. Also, members walked away with a significant number of awards. It may have been the largest number of awards ever presented to our members at one event.

Congratulations to all who entered.

Speaking of our winning carvers, club meetings are a

great opportunity for 'Show and Share'. Your fellow carvers are always interested in seeing what members are creating.

Remember, we are always seeking volunteers for the Klingspor Saturday carving demonstrations. Please see Bob Holtje for details and the benefits of volunteering.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

"I'm happy carving!"



**Triad Woodcarvers offer free carving lessons every Monday from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Miller Park Recreation Center, 400 Leisure Lane, Winston-Salem, NC.**

Carving tools, safety gloves, and wood for carving are available for new members to use. Come any time during the session and stay as long as you wish. Instructors will be available to go over some safety rules and get you started on your first carving project.

**WE NOW HAVE 77 MEMBERS!**

### OFFICERS and DIRECTOR

- President:** Tony Leonardi
- Vice President:** Stewart Hodges
- Secretary:** Carol Adair
- Treasurer:** Lynne Patrick
- Director:s:** Carol Mock (2025), Charles Griffin (2024), Bob Holtje (2023)

### RONALD McDONALD HOUSE



Our club members carve Angels of Hope and Comfort Critters (birds, whales, fish, turtles, and others) to give children staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Our goal is 100 per year. Pick up a blank on the display table.



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## CARVING AT KLINGSPOR'S WOODWORKING SHOP ...Bob Holtje

We need volunteers to carve at **Klingspor's Woodworking Shop** located in the Pavilions Shopping Center, located at 532 Hanes Mall Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on the **second and fourth Saturdays of every month**. You may bring some of your carvings to display and something to carve. We would like to have two volunteers for each date shown below.

At Klingspor's there is a blue container next to the book sales area that contains our black table cloth, wooden sign, brochures, and a signup sheet. Please contact Bob Holtje at (336) 682-8638 or Bob@holtje.com to sign up for an open date anytime this year or sign up at our Monday meeting. Here is the schedule for the next 4 months, with open dates\*.

<b>MAY 13:</b>	B Sparrow	S Hodges	<b>JUL 8:</b>	B Sparrow	A Mendenhall
<b>MAY 27:</b>	S Reinthaler	S McKinney	<b>JUL 22:</b>	S Hodges	*
<b>JUN 10:</b>	J Carpenter	S Hodges	<b>AUG 12:</b>	*	*
<b>JUN 24:</b>	K Wall	R Smith	<b>AUG 26:</b>	S McKinney	W Crawford

**As an added inducement to sign up, there will be a prize drawing for all Klingspor's volunteers**

## FINANCIAL REPORT ...Lynne Patrick

**March Ending Balance** = \$6,907.43

**APRIL INCOME:**

Dues: \$60

Sales (wood, pins, etc): \$91.35

Total Income                 \$ 1,247.38

**APRIL EXPENSES:**

USPS Box Rental: \$88.00

Charles Griffin: Strops for Tim's class: \$48.00

Will Crawford: Items for club program: \$41.26

Total Expenses                         \$ 177.26

**April Ending Balance                 \$6,881.52**

## 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Treasurer (Lynne Patrick) Continues collecting dues. Dues remain at \$15 per year. But, as time goes by, things change and those changes may include your address, phone number or email. If the club is not aware of those changes, you may be left out in receiving information about our club. So what should you do?

There is a **Membership Form** on our website [www.triadwoodcarvers.com](http://www.triadwoodcarvers.com). Please print it, fill it out, and give it to the treasurer along with your dues payment for 2023, If you can't print out the form, just write the information on a piece of paper and turn it in with your payment.



CARVINGS  
FOR KIDS  
**GOAL: 100**  
**SO FAR: 41**



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### UPCOMING FESTIVALS

The **Greenville Iris Festival 28<sup>th</sup> Woodcarving Show**, hosted by Evergreen Woodcarvers, is on May 20 & 21 in Greeneville TN. Registration to enter carvings is \$20. The levels are juvenile, novice, intermediate, open and professional. The iris festival offers a lovely garden show as well. See website for more info!

Paul Ciener Botanical Gardens Arts & Crafts Festival, in Kernersville: Jun 10: 10AM-4PM. The club will have tables for members to display their work, and sell items if they wish. Food trucks, music, and flowers make this a fun event.

Firecracker Festival at The Cricket's Nest: Jun 30: Opportunity to display and/or sell your work and enjoy seeing other craftsmen's items, visit the food trucks, and have a nice time getting to know other members. As always, take something to carve and encourage interested folks to check out our club.

#### NOTE:

We need members who are willing to ramrod the Club activities at various festivals. If you plan to attend one of the festivals and would like to be the coordinator for the event- making sure tables are ready, with cards and brochures for the club, our club sign, and display materials, as well as being sure

### LIBRARY...Bonnie Sparrow

We have a large collection of great reference books and magazines in our library (located in the room next to where we carve on Monday nights). It's inside one of the closets in that room. You can go and browse through the books and magazines and even check them out by signing your name in the check-out booklet provided.

Bonnie Sparrow has been graciously serving as our librarian and she would be glad to assist you if needed.



### CARVING FOR NEW MEMBERS

**New members** should try and complete (1) **Grain Training**, (2) **Mushroom**, (3) **Star**, (4) **Comfort Bird**, (5) **Cowboy or Cowgirl Boot**, under the direction of any of the instructors listed below before starting on additional projects:

- Carol Adair
- Will Crawford
- Charles Griffin
- Stewart Hodges
- Tom Mock



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## CLUB PROGRAM CARVING OPPORTUNITIES

Vice President Stuart Hodges is responsible for arranging carving programs for the Club in 2023 and he would appreciate any suggestions you might have for programs. Please contact him at (336) 413-3258 with your suggestions.

Below is a list of programs for the first quarter of 2023. Check the front table at the next carving session to sign up for a class. Classes may be limited, so sign up soon.

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### **MAY 8, 15 & 22 (4-5:30 PM): Pyrography project with Lynne Patrick**

During the carving sessions in May, Lynne will guide you through the basics of woodburning. There will be a nominal fee of \$2 for the materials. Lynne has a lot of artistic expertise in pyrography and has won many awards for her work.

### **JUNE 5, 12 & 19: Body Proportions, with Stewart Hodges.**

Stewart will explain facial and body proportions and how to use them to plan your figure carvings. This will be very helpful! There will be a nominal cost for the wood.

### **JULY, Mondays in July (4-5:30 PM): A singing cricket, with Tom Mock:**

Carve a fun folk-art piece, a wooden cricket that actually chirps. Tom Mock will guide you and will provide the wood blanks at a nominal fee. Lovely gift for a child!

**PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS** If you are new to carving and need project ideas there will be a selection instructions and patterns for good beginner projects on the display table. If you see one you like you can ask for a copy to be made at the Rec Center front desk. If you need help finding a piece of wood or getting a blank cut, check with Charles Griffin or Carol Adair. Be sure to have a look in the library, especially at Woodcarving

**See our website for details on more programs coming later in the year!**



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## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

Meet Ana and Juan Villatoro, two of our new members in May:



**Ana and Juan Villatoro are doing a great job on their mushroom project. They were introduced to the club by Brian Swanson after admiring Brian's work in his home. Ana's interests include baking and knitting, and now woodcarving. Juan is a Junior at Mt Tabor High School, ready to enter his final year! Be sure to introduce yourself to Ana and Juan at our Monday meeting.**

## SCHEDULED TWC MEMBERS MEETING

Our next TWC Board meeting will be on June 5 at 5:00 PM. The next membership meeting will be on May 8 at 6:00PM; there will be prize raffles. Don't miss it!



## BIRTHDAYS

The following members have May birthdays.

WE WISH EACH OF YOU THE HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY EVER



- Rob Provence May
- Jason Jurkowich. May
- Jim Zimmer May 17
- Vince McHenry. May 30

**Triad Woodcarvers**  
**FREE Carving Lessons for Beginners**  
by experts with tools/wood provided

The Triad Woodcarvers meet every Monday at Miller Park Recreation Center in Winston-Salem from 3PM to 9PM.

The club welcomes all ages and skill levels, including brand new carvers. It is a great place to learn and to develop new friendships.

Carving, chip carving, spoon making, woodburning and so much more. Membership dues are only \$15 per year, pro-rated.  
triadwoodcarvers.com  
See other side for details.

**Membership Benefits:**

- Have fun and learn new skills
- Free starter and other lessons
- Community involvement, STEM, craft shows
- Great hobby, tools inexpensive
- Discounts at Klingspor/club
- Opportunity to exhibit carving
- Summer picnic, holiday party

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [www.TriadWoodCarvers.com](http://www.TriadWoodCarvers.com)  
Come to any Monday Meeting  
Or Contact Tony Leonardi  
Leonardi@surry.net

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## HEINECKE WOOD



The basswood we ordered from Heinecke Wood Products of Wisconsin has arrived. It has been priced per piece to include incurred shipping costs and will be available for club members at Monday night meetings.

Please purchase only what you need for your current project(s) so that everyone will have an opportunity to obtain wood. All pieces are 12 inches in length. Once you select a piece, please pay our treasurer, Lynne Patrick, for it. We will try and sell wood between 4:00 and 5:30 pm on Mondays.

If you need special cuts (example: diagonally cut a 2x2), we can make arrangements to take care of that with a slight upcharge per cut.

**A big thanks to Bob Holtje, Jim Zimmer and Jesse Calderone for the new updated club brochure seen to the left. These will be used at Klingspor's and at Festivals and other events to recruit new members.**

**MAY GALLERY: Club Offerings at the Charlotte Showcase**



**KELLY WALL**



**Sara Reinthaler**





Sara Reinthaler



LYNNE PATRICK





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**Sheila Hunter**





Vince McHenry



SHEILA HUNTER





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**LIZ DUNCAN**



**MARGO BARRY**

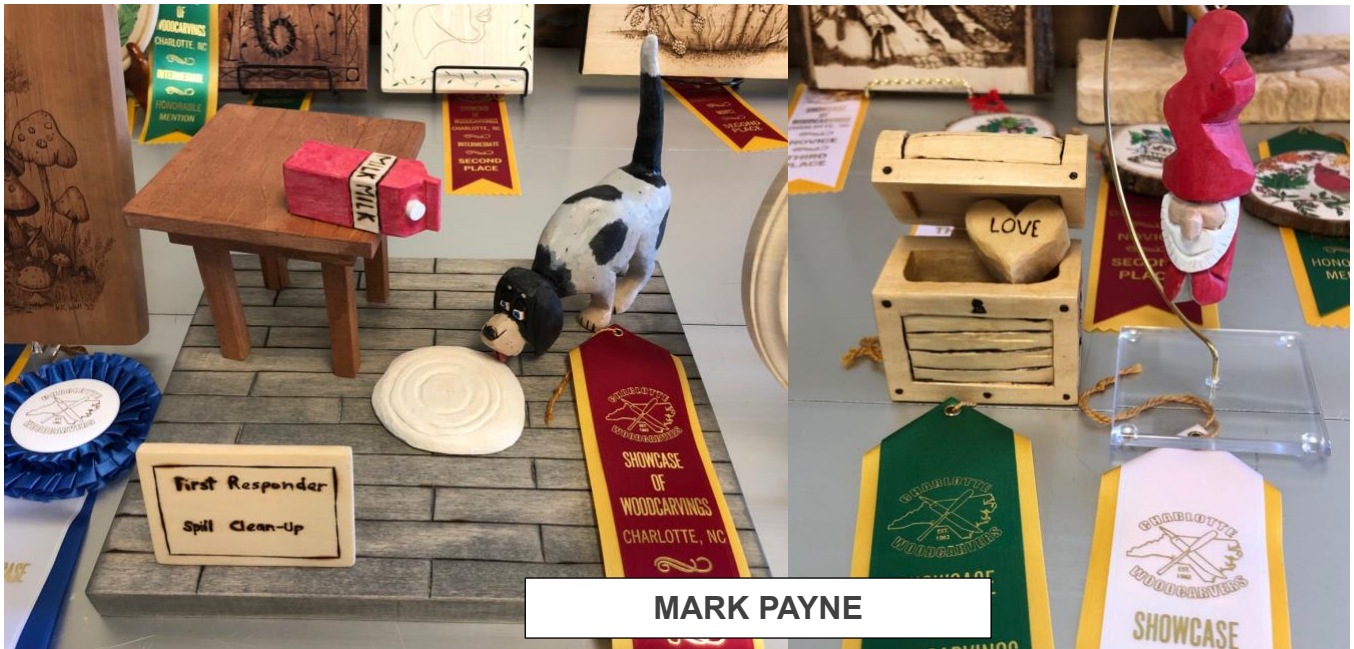


**RUTH MCHENRY**





**PAT PATRICK**



**MARK PAYNE**



**BRIAN SWANSON**



CAROL ADAIR



VINCE MCHENRY

**If you didn't bring your winning entries to our meeting, just send me a picture, or bring them soon, so I can include them in the June Gallery!**



**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS**

The Charlotte Woodcarvers Showcase of Woodcarving was a splendid event. Many of our members attended and many entered carvings in a wide range of categories in Novice, Intermediate and Open levels. Many of our members were awarded ribbons for their excellent work, including Best of Novice Runner-up for Kelly Wall's pyrography piece and Best of Show Theme in Novice for Lynne Patrick. We are hoping to get a list of all the awards from the Charlotte Club so we can post the results on our website. Take a look at the gallery for this month and you will see the amazing accomplishments of our folks.

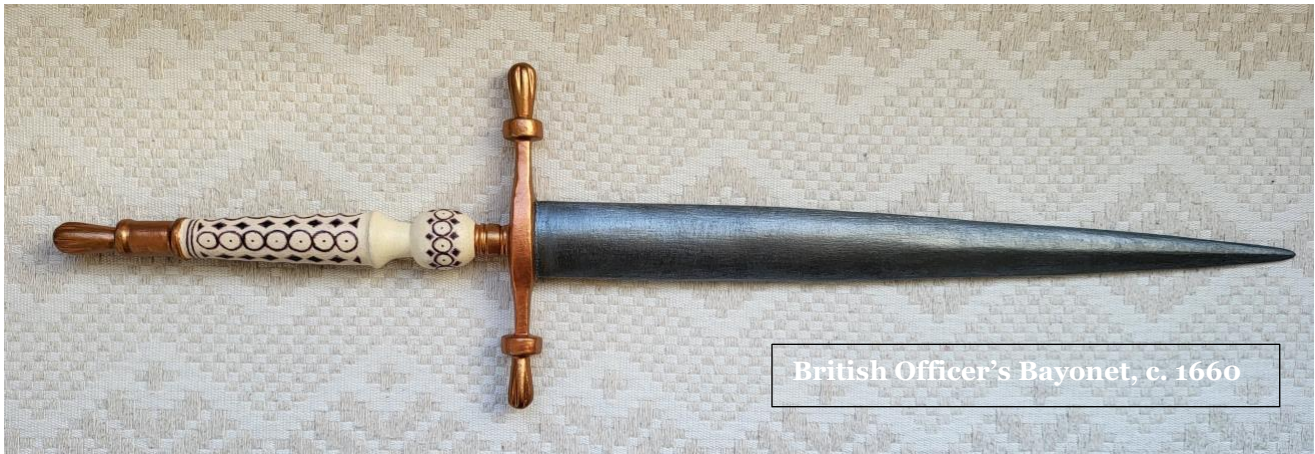
A special thanks goes to the members of our club who contributed carvings, tools and other items for the raffle: Carol Adair, Vince McHenry, Rught McHenry, Tim Trudgeon, Jim Carpenter, Sara Reinthaler, Will Crawford, Stewart Hodges, Charles Griffin and Bob Holtje.

**JESSE CARDERONE'S UNIQUE WORK**

We have all seen Jesse's works in progress, but not all of us have had the chance to see the final product. He has a most unique carving subject- he uses his knives to carve knives! After beginning with utilitarian pieces for family, such as very unusual salad tongs and other serving utensils, he has been working on wooden interpretations of historical knives and daggers. He has honed his skills in shaping, sanding and applying stains and paint, so the basewood creations have the appearance of metals and ivory. Have a look- yes these are made of wood and are hand-carved:



Italian Stiletto, c. 1600



British Officer's Bayonet, c. 1660





## TWC CLUB PICNIC

**The big picnic is coming soon. Mark your calendars for Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>! We will meet at Shelter #1 in Miller Park. It is near the parking lot off Knollwood Street (make a left turn onto the first small street after the Knollwood/Queen Street traffic light, if you are coming from Stratford Road. There will be balloons on the street sign where you will turn. Some of us will be there by 4:00 to set up, so feel free to come early. We will eat around 5:00. The Club will provide Barbecue for sandwiches as well as plates, cups, etc. Bring a side dish or dessert- and your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. A lawn chair is a good idea too!**

**If you have raffle items to contribute contact Bob Holtje. Small carvings are especially fun; carving books, wood blocks, cutouts, roughouts, tools, etc are also great for the raffle. Questions: Ask Bonnie Sparrow or Carol Adair.**

As a new member, you are entitled to:

Benefits of Membership in Triad Woodcarvers Club:

- A membership card
- A Club Sticker (large or small)
- Free wood and carving lessons on five (5) basic projects
- The opportunity to use the Club library and checkout books, magazines, etc.
- The opportunity to use Club carving tools (knives, gouges, gloves, etc.)
- A 10% discount on most items (except power tools) at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop
- The opportunity to purchase Heinecke Basswood at Club meetings at a reduced price (while supplies are available)
- The opportunity to participate in classes on several carving/pyrography projects presented by the club each year
- The opportunity to participate in various carving events throughout the year
- The opportunity to attend the summer Club picnic and the Winter Christmas party

You may also purchase Club Patches and Pins at reasonable prices.



**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!** 3/20/2023

**Your Triad Woodcarvers Website Is continually being updated!**

We are trying to keep the TWC Club website up-to-date with fresh information. So, if you haven't had a chance to look at it before now, please do so

([www.com](http://www.com)).

We hope that you have found the **TWC Membership List** (password protected) on the website useful. It only contains names, emails and phone numbers of current members. Members last year that have not currently paid 2023 dues are also shown but “lined out.”

A potential new member (currently residing in Florida but planning to move into this area) found out about us via our website—so, we are **visible!**

There are many videos and carving opportunities for new (and seasoned) members to look at for carving ideas. You’ll find information on Club history, Club Newsletters, in-house carving events, community carving events, Club bylaws, a member carving GALLERY, and many other items.

Please let me know if you see corrections and additions; or, if you have other information that you would like to see on the website that is currently not there ([cwgriffin@triad.rr.com](mailto:cwgriffin@triad.rr.com)).

It’s an excellent source for keeping abreast of the very latest happenings in and around the community.

**CHECK IT OUT TODAY!**