
Triad Woodcarvers News

Based in Winston-Salem — Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad

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Cancelled Meetings

Because the Corona Virus is still with us, all meetings of Triad Woodcarvers have been cancelled until further notice. Miller Park Community Center is temporarily closed. It appears that we will be sheltering at home for some time to come.

Normal Club assembly will **resume** after the Governor's COVID Phase 3 begins. We have requested additional time, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, in our Miller Park meeting room to give us flexibility to space out, but the park has not responded yet. We will keep you informed. In the meantime – keep carving.

Those who feel safe can attend the small group, **outdoor carving sessions** at the picnic tables of Miller Park, Pavilion 5, across from Moore Elementary School. They meet every Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm, social distancing, wearing masks, and bringing their own chairs. Those who attend tell us they are really glad to get back together to work on their projects. Jim Zimmer has been sending announcements of these meetings and photos of the group and carvings they have done.

Last Monday there were sixteen members at the outside gathering at Pavilion 5, and everyone was busy and happy to be together.



Seen from Pavilion #5





Woodworking projects by
Andrei Marek

Triad Woodcarvers Board of Directors met on Monday, September 14th, at Miller Park Pavilion 5 while the carving session was going on. The following actions are worth reporting:

President Stewart Hodges has appointed Bob Holtje to be a Director, to complete the term of Will Strater, who has moved out of town.

Since the Corona Virus pandemic has caused disruption in our club activities, twenty-nine of our newest members have not been able to experience many of the activities and benefits of club membership since they joined. Their dues for 2021 will be forgiven, and they will not have to pay dues till January 2022. These people will be notified by the Treasurer.

Nominations for Officers for 2021

In accordance with the Triad Woodcarvers Constitution and By-Laws, elections for officers and the open Board of Directors position for 2021 will be voted on at our November Business meeting. Candidates will be identified and their names published in the October Newsletter for all members information prior to the elections at our November meeting. (This November Business Meeting will probably be held outside at Miller Park Pavilion 5 where we can meet without violating COVID restrictions.)

Members are requested to consider candidates you wish to nominate for the positions shown below. Please discuss this with the individual you are nominating and ensure that they agree to be considered for the position. The Club has many energetic and creative members with great ideas and suggestions – let's get them involved. It is an honor to serve, and we look to those Officers and Board members to provide vision and direction for the club into the future. Please name any candidates you wish to submit – **INCLUDING YOURSELF** - for the following Officer positions to the Nominating Committee:

- Position: President. Current Incumbent: Stewart Hodges
- Position: Vice President: Current Incumbent: Tom Mock
- Position: Secretary: Allie Hutchison
- Position: Treasurer: Charles Griffin

Officers in these positions serve for one year: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

In addition to the above positions, the Club needs to fill the one Board of Directors position. The Club has three Board of Directors (officers are members of the Board of Director as well). William Strader, BOD member through December, 2020 has relocated and, in accordance with our By-Laws, Bob Holtje was appointed for the duration of William Strader's term. The Club needs to elect one BOD member for a three-year term, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023.

- BOD: Bonnie Sparrow. Term ends December 31, 2022
- BOD: Tim Trudgeon. Term ends December 31, 2021
- BOD: Bob Holtje. Term ends December 31, 2020.

Please submit candidates including yourself (if interested) to Ray Branch, Chair of the Nominating Committee, or one of the members of this committee by Friday, October 9, 2020. Details of the responsibilities are listed in our By-Laws on the Club's website at www.triadwoodcarvers.com If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ray Branch.

In summary, the Club needs candidates for FOUR Officer positions to serve from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and ONE Board of Director to serve from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

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Triad Woodcarvers 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2020 = \$1,651.94

EXPENSES: STEM, Purchased Club wood from Charlotte, US Postal Box Renewal = \$562.29

INCOME: STEM, Club wood sold to members, dues, donations = \$1,041.89

Income less Expenses = \$479.60

Balance as of September 30, 2020 = \$2,131.54

Charles Griffin, Treasurer, Triad Woodcarvers

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) classes are well underway for this semester. There are nine youth in the Beginners Class and two in the Advanced Class. Instructors are: Will Crawford (Lead), Stewart Hodges and Charles Griffin (Assistants).

The Beginners Class completed their carved mushrooms and dipped them into boiled linseed oil to seal and protect the wood. Several in that group also completed carving a comfort bird. Next week everyone will complete carving the comfort birds and begin carving a pumpkin or a boot. The pumpkin will enhance their carving skills by having them layout the ribs (or lobes) of the shell and carving it in a symmetrical pattern; and, practice carving in the round.

The Advanced Class is currently completing a Bird Dog and should be finishing soon and starting on faces.

Here is an interesting project recently completed by Allie Hutchison.

A man came to Allie and requested him to carve a sign to put under the mailbox on his new house. Here's why. He had found and polished a stone that contained an inclusion of Opal. His wife saw the stone and said "That looks like a dragon's eye, and it is mine!" So he set it in silver and made a necklace for her — her "Dragon's Eye." She died a few years ago, and he is now building a new house which he is calling "The Dragon's Eye." He wanted to include the opal as the eye of a dragon carved on a sign under his mailbox. This is the sign that was carved for him, with the opal forming the eye.



Upcoming Activities

Klingspors has agreed to let us demo carve in their store, safe with social distancing and masks. Ray Branch is organizing this; he suggests we do this twice monthly. Days can vary—about two hours each session. Let him know if you are interested and he will include you in the schedule.

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Forsyth County Library, Downtown Winston-Salem Branch, will allow the Club to display carvings in their display cases for November/December, 2020. We did this last year with about 60 carvings on display. **We need someone to coordinate this.** This is great publicity for the club and the art of woodcarving. It is encouraging to hear the compliments of the public.

The Angels of Hope Project is being led by Carol Adair. Our Club goal is to carve and donate 100 Angels of Hope or Comfort Birds to the Ronald McDonald House for their guests in 2020. Carol has added the option of carving a Comfort Creature Turtle using a wooden egg. Blanks are available at Klingspors. Pick one up, carve it, and drop it back in the box at Klingspor's. Carol will periodically collect them and deliver them to Ronald McDonald House. We understand that these little carvings mean a lot to the families whose members (especially children) are in the hospital.

As another community service, **Triad Woodcarvers and READ Winston-Salem are sponsoring a fund-raising art show and sale.** This is called Read-Write-Spell Art Show & Fundraiser with the revenue split between READ/WS, the contributing artists, and Triad Woodcarvers. It is expected to be a great fundraiser for READ/WS, a program proven to be successful helping at-risk students improve their reading/writing/spelling skills. It also offers an opportunity for Triad Woodcarvers to gain recognition and sell their works. We encourage participation by all our members. For more details contact Tony Leonardi (leonardi@surry.net). Unfortunately, the show has been postponed to November 2021 because of the COVID-19 restrictions. That gives us plenty of time to prepare carvings for sale.

The Third Triad Woodcarvers Phase II Carving Challenge, is about to end. This is "Old Beau" the hound dog that is the project for September. Those participating need to turn in your hound carving at Klingspor's by October 1. You still have time to carve your dog and get it in for the judging. Please take a photo (maybe a selfie holding your carving) and send it to Jim Zimmer (jameszimmer@yahoo.com) or Allie Hutchison (ahutchisonsr@triad.rr.com) for inclusion in our newsletter, website, and other announcements. Charles Griffin will be sending out the fourth challenge project for October during the next week or so. Remember, these carvings make great entries in Woodcarving Shows when they start up again.

The Club has some **basswood** available for members. Contact Charles Griffin at cwgriffin@triad.rr.com

The new Triad Woodcarvers **Sunshine Communicators** are Rachel Powell rcpowell73@gmail.com and Susan Rupp rupp@wfu.edu. One of the things they are planning to do is send out birthday greetings to all our members. For that we need to know your birthday (without the year of course). If you would email that information to either of them or to Allie Hutchison ahutchisonsr@triad.rr.com we will see that you are remembered during the correct month. Rachael and Susan also need to know about members with illness in the family or other needs. **Let them know your birth month.**

Needs

Someone to coordinate the carving display at the Forsyth County **Library**, Downtown Winston-Salem Branch.

Someone to administer our **Facebook** page. (William Strader has moved to Boston.)

Keep chipping away!

Allie Hutchison, Sr., Secretary, Triad Woodcarvers