



TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWSLETTER

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*******TRIAD WOODCARVERS, Founded in 2009*******

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Tony Leonardi

Dear Club Members,

As the saying goes....."Tis The Season to be Jolly". It's also the season that many of us 'gift' our Santa Ornament carvings to family and friends. It's one of the gifts I really feel good about giving, and most recipients feel good about getting; Unless they've already gotten one from Tim Trudgeon or Tom Mock. Then my carved Santa looks like something my dog chewed up and spit out. My wife was gifted a Santa from both Tim and Tom. My Santa carving hangs at the bottom of the tree, in the back. Both Tim's and Tom's Santa take front row placements on our tree. And I'm reminded that those ornaments are hers, NOT ours.

But, as they say, it's the thought that counts. If you're like me, you give a lot of thought as to what to give to those who are most important to us. It's also the time of year when giving to worthy non-profits and other organizations ask our help in funding their charitable causes.

Some of you know that the TRIAD WOODCARVERS CLUB is organized as a non-profit and our club gives back to the community in many ways. From our STEM program to other community efforts, we try to be more than a group of people who enjoy the art of carving. Giving back to the community is a great way to be of service to others, so, fundraising is part of our tasks.

One of our goals this year is to raise funds through an Art Show comprised of not only our members, but members from other clubs, and artists in the two-dimensional arts. We did such a show for the benefit of READ-WRITE-SPELL not too long ago.

Putting on a show is expensive. In order to raise money, we must first spend money. To that end we have secured a donor who will match any funds we raise up to \$1,000.00. The donor does have a time limit on this offer....Midnight January 31st 2024.

So, if you can spare a few dollars, please see Lynn Patrick and leave her your donation. And it's tax deductible.

I'll leave you all with my best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with happy surprises.

Merry Christmas,
Tony Leonardi

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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

Thanks to our Directors and Officers for their service in 2023.



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CARVING AT KLINGSPOR'S WOODWORKING SHOP...Bob Holtjie

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*.

JAN 13	S Hodges	T Trudgeon	MAR 9	B Sparrow	S Hodges
JAN 27	B Sparrow		MAR 23		
FEB 10	S Hodges		APR 13		
FEB 24			APR 27		

As an added inducement to sign up, there will be a prize drawing for all Klingspor's volunteers at our annual Christmas party. Lots of available Saturdays! **See website for complete schedule.**

FINANCIAL REPORT...Lynne Patrick

OCT Ending Balance: \$6194.85

NOV Income:

Dues: \$50.00

Donation: \$35.00

Wood: \$42.00

STEM: \$450.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$577.00

NOV EXPENSES:

Richard Smithson (3 Knives): \$126.00

Tim Trudgeon (wood): \$20.00

Bob Holtje: (gift cards/plaque) \$91.05

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$237.05

NOV Ending Balance: \$6534.80

MEMBERSHIP: 110

2024 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. 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



Carvings for Kids

**GOAL: 100
ACHIEVED!!!!**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM TRIAD WOODCARVERS



Yes, Santa and Mrs. Claus are woodcarvers. How else could they make all those wooden toys we all loved as kids? The Clauses (aka Tom and Carol Mock) have a busy schedule this time of year making appearances at community events in addition to preparing for the big night. We wish Santa a good flight and we look forward to the surprises he leaves under our trees. They both will deserve a nice break after all the hard work! And give our best to the elves.



Woodcarver of the Year, Will Crawford!

Our Woodcarver of the Year honor was announced at the annual Christmas Party: This year's honoree is Will Crawford, in recognition of his many contributions to the Club and his efforts in spreading the joy of woodcarving to a new generation, not just this year, but for his entire time with Triad Woodcarvers. Will developed and obtained approval for TWC's 501C3 tax status, developed our website and social media outreach, and directs the STEM program teaching woodcarving to middle school and high school students.

Will is a retired educator, having served as school Principal and Superintendent.

He has a large following of new carvers in our club who have learned technique and enthusiasm from Will.

CONGRATULATIONS, WILL!!



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Greetings from Richard Mast

“Hey fellow Woodcarvers!

I do mean “fellow” woodcarvers. It is important to me to maintain my membership in the club because I do intend to come again to some or all meetings. I truly miss the welcoming camaraderie of you fine people. My wife Kay’s health has digressed and she is becoming more dependent on my daily help in most all daily activities. I’m glad I am able to look after her on my own. I haven’t carved much, but I still think about it and have plans for projects. The newsletters and pictures are wonderful - so happy to see newer members accomplishing so much. Hey to everyone - Richard says “Hey!”

Richard Mast

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Charlotte Woodcarvers’ Showcase of Woodcarvings

April 26-28, 2024

This is one of the big events for woodcarvers from the Southeast and around the country. Lots of great woodcarvings in competition (yes, you can enter: novice, intermediate and open levels). In addition there will be lots of vendors or wood, carving knives and gouges, roughouts, books, patterns, and anything your little carving heart desires. Look at the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club website for more information. Further details will be coming in the January newsletter. Don’t miss it- this is really fun for you and family members. Hundreds of fantastic carvings to see; and some professional carvers have pieces for sale.

NEW PROGRAM for YOUNGSTERS

We are planning to introduce a Soap Carving program for youngsters who are not old enough to handle a carving knife safely in the new year. We will need volunteers to make wooden knives, collect the necessities such as soap and patterns, and make example soap carvings, as well as folks who would like to teach the young people. Stay tuned....



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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
- Tim Trudgeon
- Brian Swanson

CLUB PROGRAM CARVING OPPORTUNITIES

Vice President Stewart Hodges is responsible for arranging carving programs for the Club in 2024 and he would appreciate any suggestions you might have for programs. Please contact him at (336) 413-3258 with your suggestions.

We have had a rich variety of classes this year, which will conclude with a Pattern Swap in December. Bring your favorite pattern for folks to copy on Mondays.

Also, watch for the list of new classes coming up in 2024.

Pat Patrick has volunteered to help new carvers who have finished their basic projects carve a wood spirit. It is an easy project that requires minimal wood and allows for a whole world of creativity. If you have finished your basic projects and want to move on to something more original, check with Pat!

SCHEDULED TWC MEMBERS MEETING

TWC Board Meeting: January 8.

TWC Membership Meeting: January 22, 6 PM.



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BIRTHDAYS

The following members have
December birthdays.
WE WISH EACH OF YOU THE HAPPIEST
BIRTHDAY EVER



Candy Martinez	Dec 2
Bill Bunker	Dec
Andrei Marek	Dec 6
Tony Leonardi	Dec 11
Sherry Kye	Dec 13
Vince LaConte	Dec 22
Chris McDonald	Dec 25

HEINECKE WOOD



Charles has ordered more high quality basswood from Heinecke Wood Products of Wisconsin. It has been priced per piece to include incurred shipping costs and will be available for club members

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.

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.

Congratulations and Thanks to Everyone who contributed carvings for our Ronald McDonald House project for the children. We had lots of lovely birds, fish turtle, whales, owls and Angels of hope. And we already have a start on 2024.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE (triadwoodcarvers.com),
HOSTED BY CHARLES GRIFFIN, FOR MORE INFORMATION,
INCLUDING DETAILED SCHEDULES OF EVENTS, UPCOMING CLASSES,
PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS AND VIDEOS, AND ONLINE RESOURCES.**



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DECEMBER GALLERY



Our holiday party was held on Monday, December 4, at Miller Park Recreation Center.



Bob Holtje hosts the raffle, while Tim Trudgeon leads the Dirty Santa gift exchange.



Sheila Hunter's Zombie Turkey & Pat Patrick's Zombie Tiki Scene



Charity was this year's record holder for "most Dirty Santa strikes", opening many gifts but having them stolen in short order. A very good sport!



Larry Bailey ornaments



Santa gets a Santa ornament

Beth Santangelo's Little Cat



Angel by Karen Hall



Moon Man by Carol Adair



Stewart Hodges' ornaments



Santas by Ray Branch



Carol Adair Snowman



Ornaments by Sara Reinthaler



Comical Santa Ornaments by Tim Trudgeon

Remember the Miller Park Recreation Center is closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1 and Monday January 15 (MLK birthday). Have a wonderful holiday and join us for a New Year of carving on Monday, January 8.