



TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWSLETTER

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Triad Woodcarvers ~ Founded in 2009

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Tony Leonardi

Dear Club Members,

The Triad Woodcarvers Club has experienced significant growth over the last three years. Much of this growth is the result of the Clubs attendance at the various festivals, art shows, and other planned events throughout the year. Additionally, our carvers demonstrate the art of carving every Saturday at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop in Winston Salem.

We depend and rely on club members to support these efforts by volunteering to attend and explain to visitors what the club is about, and what carving is, as an art form. So, if you can spare the time we ask that club members please support our efforts by volunteering at least one Saturday (for four hours) to attend a Klingspor's demonstration event.

And when a special event is planned, please help the club by signing up to staff the clubs table for at least a few hours. You would be surprised how many attendees come to our tables and ask questions. Our club is important both to us and to the community we serve, through our outreach programs. God Bless and keep you all safe.

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 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*.

FEB 11:	Brian Swanson	*	APR 8:	*	*
FEB 25:	Pat Patrick	Lynn Patrick	APR 22:	*	*
MAR 11:	B. Sparrow		MAY 13:	B. Sparrow	
MAR 25:	*	*	MAY 27:		

As an added inducement to sign up, there will be a prize drawing for all Klingspor's volunteers at our annual Christmas party.

FINANCIAL REPORT...Lynne Patrick

December Ending Balance = \$6,006.37

JANUARY INCOME:

Dues, Club Sales, Wood/Pin Sales \$554.25

Total Income \$ 554.25

JANUARY EXPENSES:

William Crawford (internet page host) \$20.00

Regina L. Patrick (STEM, paper, ink) \$195.61

Charlotte Woodcarvers Club. \$120.00

Total Expenses \$ 335.61

January Ending Balance \$6,225.01

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. 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: 8



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CHIP CARVING

Bill Johnson will be teaching a **chip carving class** at the Sawtooth Center on March 11 and 12, 2023. For details, visit:

<https://www.sawtooth.org/class-detail/9998-chip-carving-for-all-with-guest-artist-bill-johnson/31586/>

Financial assistance is available. Contact Josie Vogel, the Director of Wood Programs, at wood@sawtooth.org or (336) 723-7395 Ext.1207 for additional information.

CHARLOTTE SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVING

The **2023 Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarvings** is scheduled for **April 14-16, 2023**. This show is one of the largest in the Eastern United States, and will have over 800 carvings in 32-33 categories with carvers from 15-20 states. Woodcarving supply vendors will be available for you to purchase your supplies. There will be five free woodcarving seminars of 1-1.5 hours by major professionals during the show. Check the Charlotte Woodcarvers website or our display table for information.

All members are encouraged to enter and plan to attend the show. So, start carving your entries now. The cash award categories will be: Cotton Wood Bark, Caricatures, Pyrography, Chip Carving, Birds, and Ornaments. Note that these are for all skill levels – Novice, Intermediate and Open.

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



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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.

February 6, 13, 20 and 27

Carol Adair will be demonstrating how to carve small people. She will supply the materials needed to make 2 figures for \$2.00 per person so you can carve along. Sessions will be from 4:00 until 5:30 pm. Use the signup sheet provided in the January meetings to reserve your spot. We will paint them at the end.

March 6, 13, 20 and 27

During the carving sessions in March, Tim Trudgeon will be teaching carvers how to sharpen their knives and gouges. A sharp carving tool is a must for any carver—seasoned or new. The time will be announced later.

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 Illustrated magazines for projects.

Future training opportunities will be announced as soon as they are confirmed!



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MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

In accordance with our plans to feature one or more of our new members in each TWC Newsletter, we have selected Jim Stoltz as our featured guest this month.



Jim Stoltz has been a member for a little over a year now. He was unable to attend much in 2022 because he was hospitalized with COVID.

He served his country in the United States Army is now retired from Westinghouse and Cook Medical.

Jim's home is in the Bethania area of Forsyth County, North Carolina. He loves to carve and is currently working with a piece of Cherry wood where he plans to carve a cardinal on the piece he is working on.

We are happy to Jim as members of TWC Club.

Be sure and introduce yourself to Jim at the next TWC meeting and get to know him better!



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SCHEDULED TWC MEMBERS MEETING

Our next TWC Board meeting will be on February 6 at 5:30 PM. The next membership meeting will be on February 13 at 6:00PM; there will be prize raffles. Don't miss it!

BIRTHDAYS

The following members have
February birthdays.

WE WISH EACH OF YOU THE HAPPIEST
BIRTHDAY EVER



- Michael Ritch February 13
- Stewart Hodges February 16
- Richard February 19
- Jim Carpenter February 22
- Steve Bower February 23
- Ruth McHenry February 25
- Pat Patrick February 26

CHIP CHATS

Check out the CHIP CHATS publication of
the National Wood Carvers Association.

A copy will be on the display table, or go to
www.chipchats.org

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.

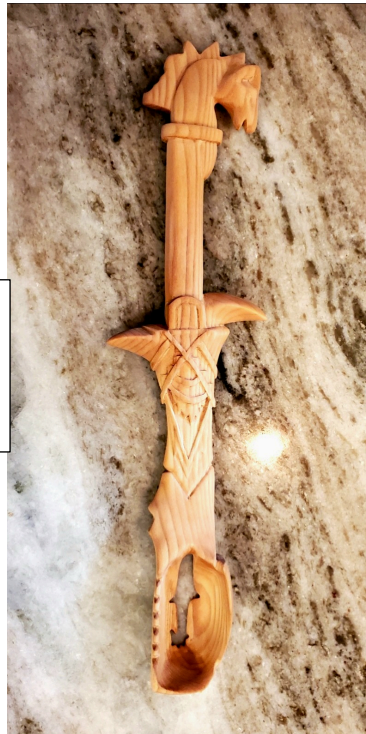
FEBRUARY GALLERY



Elf in spring attire, by Carol Adair



Comfort turtle by Sheila Hunter for Ronald McDonald House



Jesse Calderone's carving of "Bahubaali's Sword" as a pasta spoon

Sheila Hunter's carving of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", part of a larger project which she promises to bring and share when it is complete. Looks very readable!



Bring your new projects on Mondays to share on the display table so we can expand our Newsletter Gallery!

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



Charlotte showcase of woodcarving '22

By BILL DOMINICK, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE 39th annual Showcase of Woodcarving was held April 2 and 3, 2022, at the central campus of Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N. Car. As in the past, admission and parking were free to encourage community interest in the art of woodcarving. Since the 2021 show was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic, there was an increased interest in the 2022 event from both the woodcarvers and the public.

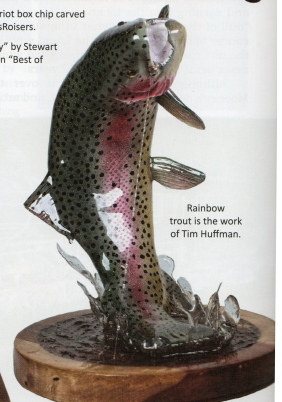
There were 1077 carvings from 126 different carvers entered into competition. The quality of the carvings has increased each year, with many of the intermediate and novice carvers rising to the level of the open competition.

"St. Christopher" by Xavier Colen was best of intermediate.

Show theme in 2022 was "Anything Tom Wolfe" to honor Tom's contribution to the art of woodcarving as well as his contribution to the Charlotte Woodcarving Club. Tom had been a member



Above: Patriot box chip carved by Paul DesRoisers.



Rainbow trout is the work of Tim Huffman.

The recent winter 2023 edition of **Chip Chats** magazine had an interesting section about the recent Charlotte showcase of woodcarving '22. Our own Stewart Hodges' carving of "Casey" won "Best of the Theme" (Tom Wolfe).

Stewart is a talented woodcarver and has been a Triad Woodcarvers Club member for over seven years holding offices as Vice President and President. He also teaches many different in-house carving classes guiding new and seasoned members on specific carving techniques.

Congratulations on your achievements and thanks for all the many hours you give to the club!