



TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWSLETTER

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Tony Leonardi

Dear Club Members,

As you may know, 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 such as Ronald McDonald House Carvings for Kids, 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. As of our Board of Directors meeting on January 22, we had \$580 in individual donations, which will be doubled.

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

**See you on Monday,
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.

Club Officers

President: Tony Leonardi
Vice President: Stewart Hodges
Secretary: Carol Adair
Treasurer: Lynne Patrick

Director:s: Will Crawford (2026)
Carol Mock (2025)
Charles Griffin (2024),

Happy New Year! Remember it's that time again: Membership dues for 2024 are due and can be paid to Lynne Patrick in person or by mail, using our PO Box address.



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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*.

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	W Crawford	T DePrat	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

NOV Ending Balance: \$6534.80

DEC Income:

Dues: \$75.00

Donations: \$20.00

Wood: \$44.00

TOTAL INCOME:\$139.00

DEC EXPENSES:

Bonnie Sparrow: \$98.20

USPS: \$13.20

Bob Holtje (gift cards for party): \$250.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$361.40

DEC Ending Balance: \$6312.40

MEMBERSHIP: 115

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 2024, If you can't print out the form, just write the information on a



Carvings for Kids
GOAL: 100
So Far: 6



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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; the registration form can be found on their website. 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. There are food trucks at lunch time.

The Charlotte Woodcarvers are happy to accept items for their raffle, which supports the show. Such items would include woodcarvings, books, tools in good condition, etc. TWC has always been a strong supporter. Lynne Patrick has connections for getting the items to the Charlotte Club.

EVERGREEN WOODCARVERS SPONSORS SHOW IN MAY

The Iris Festival Woodcarving Show has been scheduled for 2024. Show dates are May 18-19, 2024. Setup will be on May 17th. Carving entries will be accepted from 3 to 7 pm. The entry fee has been changed from last year. The new fee will be as follows: \$20.00 for the first five

Artisans in the Garden

Paul Ciener Botanical Garden in Kernersville, July 19 & 20, 10 AM till 3 PM. Table setup in on July 18. This is an opportunity to display and sell your work. Ask Carol Mock for details.

Our Favorite Tree



Tilia americana, American Basswood



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU: A TWC Member Contest

We have lots of new members to get to know- and old members for them to meet. We'd like to encourage everyone to wear a name tag, so we can all put names with faces. In light of that, the club is sponsoring a little contest for members who joined the group on or after January 1, 2022. These folks will have the month of February to work on a personalized name tag- the wooden blanks and magnets are available at our meetings- just ask one of our instructors or officers. Make yourself a name tag that expresses your personality; you can carve it, attach a little carving, do wood burning, or painting, or a combination of techniques. Then, send a picture of your tag to Carol Adair (secretary)- or have her photograph it at the meeting. The best tags will be determined by a vote of our members in March. Prizes will be given for the best name tags in two categories: Junior (under 18) and general (18 and older); if you already have made a name tag, you can use it for the competition.

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....

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

SCHEDULED TWC MEMBERS MEETING

TWC Board Meeting: February 5, 5 PM.

TWC Membership Meeting: February 12, 6 PM.



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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!

BIRTHDAYS

The following members have January birthdays.

WE WISH EACH OF YOU THE HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY EVER



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.

Emma Odell	January 1
Mike Violette	January 1
Chad Montgomery	January 2
Ray Branch	January 3
Jeanie White	January 8
Karen Hall	January 15
Susan Rife	January 22

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.



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JANUARY GALLERY



Sheila Hunter is teaching Girl Scouts to carve these snowmen



A flock of sheep by STEM students



Brian Swanson's magnum opus: a relief carving based on a drawing by his daughter. We look forward to seeing the finished work.



Lynne Patrick made these gift tags for family Christmas gifts.



There are many new features on the Club's Website.

- First – The **Programs/Meeting Section** has been divided into four parts to eliminate lengthy page scrolling:
 1. In-house Carving
 2. Klingspor Carving
 3. Shows/Events
 4. TWC Meetings
- Secondly – The **RESOURCES** menu contains many additional carving ideas listed under **New Carving Ideas**. These are especially useful to the carver that has run out of ideas.

Take a look at these by going to www.triadwoodcarving.com.