



# TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWSLETTER

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Triad Woodcarvers ~ Founded in 2009

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

Welcome to 2023! As the newly elected Club President, I am planning and expecting that 2023 will be our best year ever. With the talent from those that serve as the Club Officers and Club Directors, the sky is the limit on what we can do as a team. I encourage all members of **Triad Woodcarvers** to do their part in planning, volunteering, participating, suggesting, and the like, to keep us on track to meet our goals. Participation in programs and events such as *Ronald McDonald House*, *STEM* (Woodcarving and Pyrography), *Carolina Classic Fair*, woodcarving shows, and other carving events will help us grow into an even stronger club in 2023.

Regular Monday carving sessions will continue to be from 3-9 pm at the Miller Park Recreation Center (unless they are closed that day). Business meetings will be on the second Monday night of each month at 6 pm; and, Board Meetings will be held as necessary to address club issues and concerns and planning sessions.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity of serving as your Club President this year!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

### NEW OFFICERS and DIRECTOR



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.

The following were elected to serve in 2023:

- President: Tony Leonardi
- Vice President: Stewart Hodges
- Secretary: Carol Adair
- Treasurer: Lynne Patrick
- Director: Carol Mock (2023-2025)

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.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

There will be no carving sessions on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 because the Miller Park Recreation Center will be closed.



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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 Holtjie at (336) 682-8638 or Bob@holtjie.com to sign up for one of the open slots on the dates below:

January 14	February 11	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 10
January 28	February 25	March 18	April 22	May 27	June 24
July 8	August 12	September 9	October 14	November 11	December 9
July 22	August 26	September 23	October 28	November 25	December 23

**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

The Club has done extremely well in the past few years managing its finances and I am happy to report the following:

**November Ending Balance = \$6,374.48**

**December Income.....\$249.75**

(Dues, Club Sales, Pins)

**December Expenses.....\$617.86**

(Christmas Social, Silicone Bottle Stopper Inserts, Heinecke Wood, STEM Certificates and Postage)

**December Ending Balance = \$6,006.37**

## 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

January is the time for our Treasurer (Lynne Patrick) to start 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.

**Help your treasurer out by making sure your 2023 dues are paid in JANUARY!**



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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](mailto: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.

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.

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### January 9, 23, and 30

Stewart Hodges and Charles Griffin will be teaching sessions on carving various types of bottle stoppers. The class is mainly aimed toward new members that have completed their 5 New Member Projects and want to learn how to carve faces and use gouges. Materials (Basswood blocks with predrilled holes, and silicone stopper inserts) will be furnished to students for \$3.00 each. Sessions will be from 4:00 until 5:30 pm.

### February 6, 13, 20 and 27

Carol Adair will be demonstrating how to carve small people. She will supply the materials needed for students for \$2.00 each 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.

### 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.

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



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## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

This year we are planning to feature one or more of our new members in each TWC Newsletter so that everyone can get to know them better. This edition features **Charity Watterson** and daughter **Cricket** who joined on October 10, 2022.



*Charity is a research nurse at NC Baptist Hospital and found out about TWC while attending the Carolina Classic Fair. She decided she'd like to try her hand at woodcarving. Her goal is to learn how to carve faces and be able to spend quality time with her daughter on a hobby that they both can do together.*

*Cricket is 15 years old and is a student at RJ Reynolds. She is very artistic and wants to go to the NC School of the Arts. Presently one of Cricket's hobbies is to draw and make inking stamps out of rubbers blocks.*

*We are happy to have this mother-daughter team as members of TWC Club.*

Be sure and introduce yourself to Charity and Cricket at the next TWC meeting and get to know them better!



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## SCHEDULED TWC BOARD MEETING

There will be a Board of Directors meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for all newly elected 2023 officers and director. This will be a planning meeting for events and opportunities for 2023.

### BIRTHDAYS

*The following members have January birthdays.*

**WE WISH EACH OF YOU THE HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY EVER!**



- Richard Martin            January 1
- Chad Montgomery        January 2
- Ray Branch                January 3
- Mike Violette              January 3
- Russell Robinson         January 4
- Jeanie White               January 8
- Bill Shugart                January 13
- Susan Rife                  January 22

*Please let Carol Adair know if there are any birthday corrections or additions.*

### 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.*