

Triad Woodcarvers News  
January 2020

*Based in Winston-Salem — Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad*

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**Next Meeting, Monday, February 3, 2020** - Miller Park Community Center, Winston-Salem, NC — Carving from 3:00 till 9:00 pm. People come and go at their convenience. There will be a Monthly General Business Meeting beginning at 6:30 pm. The Club will discuss and vote on the adoption of amendments to the Club Bylaws. The amendments recommended by our Board of Directors have been sent out to all the members by email (and by postal mail to those who do not have email service). That e-mail was sent by Allie Hutchison on January 9, 2020, if you wish to review it. The **Bylaws** are available on the Club Website at [www.triadwoodcarvers.com](http://www.triadwoodcarvers.com) under ABOUT US.

The class on **Beginner's Spoon Carving** will start at 6:00 pm (with time out for the Monthly General Business Meeting) and will run for three weeks. This beginner's class is filled up, but due to the amount of interest, both an additional beginner's class and an intermediate spoon carving class are being considered. Please let Vince or Ruth McHenry know if you are interested. Attendees to this class need to bring their knives and \$2.00 for the wood blank which will be provided.

The majority of Club members have already paid their \$15.00 **annual dues** for 2020. If you have not paid yet, please bring your cash or check to this meeting. Thanks to Charles Griffin for his good work as Treasurer and for keeping us informed.

**At Our Last Carving Session**

There were forty-seven members and visitors at the carving session on January 27th. There were four guests for the spoon carving demonstration and seven other visitors. Joe Davis, who is a member of Charlotte Woodcarvers, showed examples of the spoons that he carves from **green wood** of various kinds. Tad Kepley, who is a member of Davidson County Woodcarvers, demonstrated his methods for carving spoons from green wood using a Viking Axe and several kinds of knives and carving tools. He actually carved a spoon from green cherry, demonstrating some of the most difficult parts of spoon carving for everyone to see. It was a very effective demonstration. Thanks to Ray for inviting them.

**New Carvers Instruction** is taught at each of the weekly sessions. The following members have volunteered to carry out training on the following rotation: Feb

- Will Crawford

Mar - Stewart Hodges

Apr - Tom Mock

May - Tim Trudgeon

Charles Griffin serves as back-up when needed.

### **Triad Woodcarvers Angel of Hope Program**

We reached the commitment of 100 Angels of Hope that we made to Ronald McDonald House and more continue to be turned in. Some carvers are now also working on Comfort Birds to be donated for the same use. Additional Angels of Hope and/or Comfort Birds will always be welcome. New members are encouraged to work on one (or perhaps both) as part of their early woodcarving instruction.

### **Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarvings**

The Charlotte Showcase will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 22-23.

Ray Branch will be giving an **Orientation** for how to participate in the show at 5:30 this Monday, February 3. He will review registration procedures and explain categories. He requests that those who have registered bring their Confirmation and Check-in Form and he will help with filling it out. There will be copies of the show brochure available if you don't have one. This orientation promises to be very beneficial as Ray was the chair of the Charlotte show in past years.

Newer members are encouraged to come to the Orientation and consider participating in the show. The Novice Category is for, well... novice carvers, so even the newest carvers should consider entering a carving or two.

Triad Woodcarvers has **challenged** the Piedmont Woodcarvers of Mauldin, SC (near Greenville) to see which club will enter the most carvings in this competition. After the show Triad Woodcarvers will be raffling off 20-25 incentive awards to all members who entered the competition.

The Charlotte Show is the largest woodcarving show in the Southeast. There will be many vendors, exhibitors, professional carvers and free mini-seminars. It's a wonderful way to pick up good values on knives, wood and other woodcarving supplies.

“**Spoons**” and “**Spirit Faces**” are this year's cash award categories, and with the demonstrations this past week and the classes on spoons this coming week, we seem poised to bring home some of the spoon cash—and that includes in the Novice Category.

The Triad Woodcarvers will host a Club Table at the show with items for sale to raise money for Club projects. If any members are willing to man the Club table or carve for this fund raiser, please see Tim Trudgeon.

### **Minutes from January General Business Meeting**

January 6, 2020

This Triad Woodcarvers Monthly General Business Meeting was called to order by President Stewart Hodges at 6:35 pm at the Miller Park Community Center in Winston-Salem. There were 32 members and 9 visitors present. The following Officers and Directors were in that group:

Stewart Hodges	President
Tom Mock	Vice President

Allie Hutchison, Sr.	Secretary
Tim Trudgeon	Director
William Strader	Director
Bonnie Sparrow	Director
Jim Zimmer	Secretary's Assistant

Charles Griffin, Treasurer was absent because of illness.

The proposed amendments to Triad Woodcarvers' Bylaws were presented to the membership and discussed. In particular the following items were considered:

- Will Crawford recommended that the minimum age for Junior Members should be 12 years, and others suggested that an allowance be written into that section to allow for exceptions to the minimum age requirement by a vote by the Board of Directors. We already have some members under the age of 14.
- Judith Ruff and others recommended that the Monthly General Business meetings be held earlier because so many people left before 6:30. Others felt that the Business Meeting should not be held earlier because members who work would not be able to get there while the rest of the members should be encouraged to stay for the meeting.
- The Board of Directors agreed to review their recommendations and submit it in writing to the membership by email and postal mail for discussion and a vote at the General Business meeting on February 3, 2020. Two thirds majorities are required to pass changes to the Bylaws.

Pat Patrick made a motion that we have more than one door prize at each meeting and give one out around 5:00 and one after 7:00 so that both those who come early and those who stay late would have a chance at a prize. The motion passed.

Ray Branch reminded the members that we have committed to provide Saturday woodcarving demonstrations once a month at Klingspor's, and he has a schedule that he is trying to fill. He has Vince McHenry and Tom Mock signed up for Jan 11 and needs more volunteers.

Tony Leonardi announced that he is still looking for a couple of members to serve on his Fund-Raising Committee. This job is not really as difficult as it sounds. Lots of members were paying their dues for 2020, and others are reminded that the membership rolls will be reduced by those who have not paid by March 1, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie Hutchison, Sr., Secretary, Triad Woodcarvers.

#### **Additional Events**

The class on **Carving Animal Caricatures** led by Bob Hershey will be presented in February after the Charlotte Showcase. We are not sure yet of the exact dates and times. There is still room for additional carvers. This all-day class will include lots of hands-on instruction and carving. Rough-outs will be provided. Each student will be able to choose the rough-out for the animal they prefer to carve. If you are interested call Stewart Hodges 336-413-3258.

April 24-26, 2020— **50th Annual Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition** will be held in Ocean City, Maryland. Call (410) 742-

4988. [www.wardmuseum.org](http://www.wardmuseum.org). Our member Jim Carpenter has been competing (and winning) in this show for many years.

October 3-4, 2020 **Western North Carolina Carvers Annual Show** will be held in Asheville, NC at the Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382. Free parking and entry. Hours are 9:00 till 6:00 on Saturday and 9:00 till 4:00 on Sunday.

Email: [JohnNieburg@msn.com](mailto:JohnNieburg@msn.com).

#### **Triad Woodcarvers Club Information**

Patches with the club logo are available for \$2.00 for members and \$2.50 for non-members. This is a good way to show your pride in being a part of this great Woodcarving Club.

Triad Woodcarvers Website and Facebook

[www.triadwoodcarvers.com](http://www.triadwoodcarvers.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/Triadwoodcarvers/>

Contact information for Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs is available on the Website.