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# TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWS

Based in Winston-Salem — Carving Throughout the Piedmont Triad

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**Cancelled Meetings:** Because of the threat of Corona Virus, all meetings of Triad Woodcarvers have been canceled until further notice. It appears that we will be sheltering-in-place for some time to come. The schedule of future activities has been pretty much suspended until we know more.

In the meantime, Jim Zimmer will be sending out photos of projects our members are working on at home. **Please help with this by sending him photos and descriptions of what you are doing so he can share them.**

Since there was no business meeting in April there are no **Minutes**.

Charles Griffin gave the **Treasurer's Report** as of 4/29/20:

Current check balance = \$1,986.94

Expenses since last report of \$428.00 for insurance and the purchase of some Helvie knives for Club use

\$0.00 income.

**This is the ReadWS/Triad Woodcarvers Art Show graphic which will be used in promoting our 2020 jointly sponsored art show and fundraiser in Winston Salem.**



In addition to the potential financial benefits to the Triad Woodcarvers – and our continuing legacy as a Club of giving back to the community – publication of this event will reach a broad regional population, promote the art of woodcarving, and generate a further interest in membership in our Club. It also provides the Club with name recognition for when the Club sponsors a Triad Woodcarving Show in the future.

Tony Leonardi has done a great job in promoting this with the Winston Salem

Arts Community. We have 23 carvers committed to participate at this time.

Success of the 2020 Art Show could lead to this becoming an annual event – continuing to provide a significant benefit to the Triad Woodcarvers.

**COVID-19 Triad Woodcarvers Challenge**

Your Club leadership would like to challenge each of you to enter a carving contest—that is, a competition within the membership among our newer carvers (Club members of 3 years or less). “Seasoned” carvers are not included in the competition but may wish to carve the project for themselves.

Here’s the deal. Please select one of the five Doug Linker videos from the list shown below, and carve the project following his instruction on the video. You may elect to paint it, or finish it as you like, and present it at a future club meeting for judging. Most of these carvings can easily be converted to a bottle stopper if you so choose by drilling a hole in the bottom and installing the stopper.

- (1) Carving a Simple Owl (7-24-2019: 1”x1”x2 ¾”)  
<https://youtu.be/LXY3wuRn5yo>
- (2) How To Carve a Scarecrow (10-2-2019: 1 ¼”x1 ¼”x4”)  
<https://youtu.be/e8sZyxS8Zbs>
- (3) Carve A Leprechaun -Step By Step Full Tutorial (3-1-2020: 1 ½”x1 ½”x4 ½”)  
<https://youtu.be/UHBxhYKBm94>
- (4) How To Carve a Snowman With a Jacket -Step by Step Tutorial (1-23-20: 1 ½”x1 ½”x5”)  
<https://youtu.be/eEHAOsRICU4>
- (5) Woodcarving How To: Carve a Hillbilly (4-5-2017) 1 ½”x1 ½”x3 ½”)  
<https://youtu.be/YjEdyyuutOO>

We plan to offer a nice prize(s) for the contest winner(s)—maybe a great Helvie knife or a gift certificate. Judging will be done by our current Club Instructors. If you don’t have wood, please contact one of the Instructors and we will try and provide it from the Club supply, or you can purchase it from Klingspors or Arrowhead Wood Products.

Stewart Hodges	336-413-3258	Tom Mock	336-575-6608
Tim Trudgeon	336-414-4660	Will Crawford	540-661-9661
Charles Griffin	336-978-1368		

Many links have already been posted on our Triad Woodcarvers Website. We hope you have taken advantage of them for new carving ideas.

**Scam Protection:** Several Club members have received e-mail messages purporting to be a Club member who is occupied and asking for assistance. The initial message seems very legitimate and we all want to be helpful, especially in this time of stress. The follow-up message requesting we buy gift cards seems quite obvious to be a scam. But our concern is that more sophisticated efforts may be used to do harm to the Club and its members.

Jesse Calderone gives the following advice: “I have worked in IT for a bit and read a lot on these types of things. I used to help govern email and security for a university.

Always be suspicious of:

- Strange grammar and sentence structure.
- Calls of urgency, anytime an email is saying 'quick' or 'urgent'.
- Emails that are from friends but seem to contain a message that could be directed at anyone.
- Any call for monetary assistance, especially when it is ill-defined and strange.

-Any call for employment, often scams try to convince you to do a job for a friend like dog walking and will try to get financial information from you for your 'payment'.

-Any email from a friend that does not read like it was written by your friend.

“Most 'phishing' scams tend to get into your email account and send to everyone in your address book. So, if you get a strange email from someone you know, always reply to them in a new and separate email asking politely if it was really them who had sent the message. It won't hurt your friendship and it will keep you safe. It will also alert that person that their account was used to spread a scam. Deleting emails you know are scams is recommended.

“NEVER download a file attached to a strange email. If you did not ask for a download or a file, then it is likely a virus or some other malware.”

Thanks, Jesse

Remember to keep your “social distance” and stay safe till we can meet again.

Allie Hutchison



Mr. Owl by Charles Griffin