
Triad Woodcarvers News

Based in Winston-Salem — Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad

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Cancelled Meetings

Because the Corona Virus is still with us, all meetings of Triad Woodcarvers have been cancelled until further notice. Miller Park Community Center is temporarily closed. It appears that we will be sheltering at home for some time to come.

Normal Club assembly will **resume** after the Governor's COVID Phase 3 begins. We have requested additional time, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, in our Miller Park meeting room to give us flexibility to accommodate all members in the event there are restrictions and we have to space out. We will keep you informed. In the meantime – keep carving.

Those who feel safe can attend the small group, **outdoor carving sessions** at the picnic tables of Miller Park, Pavilion 5, across from Moore Elementary School. They meet every Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm, social distancing, wearing masks, and bringing their own chairs. Those who attend tell us they are really glad to get back together to work on their projects. Jim Zimmer has been sending announcements of these meetings and photos of the group and carvings they have done.

Rain disrupted several outdoor carving sessions this month. But this past Monday the **weather** was beautiful as eleven members met and enjoyed the fellowship of carving together. As the Fall begins, we anticipate a lot of pleasant weather and expect our numbers to increase.

Health News

Two of our Club members have had health issues. Rachel Powell was hit with COVID-19 and suffered a lot of headaches, eye issues, and prolonged weakness but is now recovering nicely. She commented, *“Good News! Every day is getting better. Trying to get out of lazy mode. Watched carving u-tubes yesterday. Dreaming of carving Christmas gifts.”* Rachel, we are so glad you're improving !!! We were quite worried for a while.

Lynne Patrick has been struggling with back issues for a long time. She writes, *“For the last three months I have been dealing with procedures to try to eliminate back pain. On Tuesday of this week they did a fourth procedure on one side of my spine where they placed needles in and burned the nerve endings. It was very difficult to go through. I am hoping that this will relieve a lot of pain that I have been experiencing for years. I am waiting to be scheduled to have the other side done in the very near future.”* Then just today she wrote, *“I just wanted to let you know that I am feeling so much better today. I have hope that this is going to give me a new lease on life.”* A really Huge HOORAY !!! Both Rachel and Lynne have big hearts and do a lot for the Club.

Please share if you or family members have health issues. We are a lot more than just a bunch of people who carve wood.

Upcoming Activities

Klingspors has agreed to let us demo carve in their store, safe with social distancing and masks. Ray Branch is organizing this; he suggests we do this twice monthly. Days can vary—about two hours each session. Let him know if you are interested and he will include you in the schedule.
raybranch@carolina.rr.com

Forsyth County Library, Downtown Winston-Salem Branch, will allow the Club to display carvings in their display cases for November/December, 2020. We did this last year with about 60 carvings on display. **We need someone to coordinate this.** This is great publicity for the club and the art of woodcarving. It is encouraging to hear the compliments of the public.

The Angels of Hope Project is being led by Carol Adair. Our Club goal is to carve and donate 100 Angels of Hope or Comfort Birds to the Ronald McDonald House for their guests in 2020. Blanks are available at Klingspors. Pick one up, carve it, and drop it back in the box at Klingspor's. Carol will periodically collect them and deliver them to Ronald McDonald House. We understand that these little carvings mean a lot to the families whose members (especially children) are in the hospital.

The third semester of wood-carving classes for home-school students in **STEM** (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**ath) began with eight students, 3 boys and 5 girls, in *Beginning Wood Carving* and two boys in *Advanced Wood Carving*. They meet Thursdays at 1:00 and 2:00 pm respectively. Beginning students began learning basic wood-carving skills and will advance to mushrooms next week. Advanced students are working on a dog.

As another community service, **Triad Woodcarvers and READ Winston-Salem are sponsoring a fund-raising art show and sale.** This is called Read-Write-Spell Art Show & Fundraiser with the revenue split between READ/WS, the contributing artists, and Triad Woodcarvers. It is expected to be a great fundraiser for READ/WS, a program proven to be successful helping at-risk students improve their reading/writing/spelling skills. It also offers an opportunity for Triad Woodcarvers to gain recognition and sell their works. We encourage participation by all our members. For more details contact Tony Leonardi (leonardi@surry.net). Unfortunately, the show has been postponed to November 2021 because of the COVID-19 restrictions. That gives us plenty of time to prepare carvings for sale.

Triad Woodcarvers Phase II Carving Challenge, initiated by Charles Griffin, is about to end. This one is known as “The Pig” for short. When you have finished carving your pig, take a photo (maybe a selfie holding your carving) and send it to Jim Zimmer (jameszimmer@yahoo.com) or Allie Hutchison (ahutchisonr@triad.rr.com) for inclusion in our newsletter, website, and other announcements.

The Club is in the process of purchasing some **basswood** to be available for members. We will advise you when this is ready.

The new Triad Woodcarvers **Sunshine Communicators** are Rachel Powell rcpowell73@gmail.com and Susan Rupp rupp@wfu.edu. One of the things they are planning to do is send out birthday greetings to all our members. For that we need to know your birthday (without the year of course). If you would email that information to either of them or to Allie Hutchison ahutchisonr@triad.rr.com we will see that you are remembered during the correct month. Rachael and Susan also need to know about members with illness in the family or other needs. **Let them know your birth month.**

Needs

Someone to coordinate the carving display at the Forsyth County **Library**, Downtown Winston-Salem Branch.

Someone to administer our **Facebook** page. (William Strader has moved to Boston.)

TWC Financial Update:

2019 Year End Balance = \$2,146.20

Expenses thru 8-28-2020 = \$2,494.49

Income thru 8-28-2020 = \$2,557.48

Current Balance as of 8-28-2020 = \$2,209.19

Other News:

Watch out for “Old Beau!” He will probably be making the scene on September 1, 2020!

The Oglebay Woodcarvers in Wheeling, West Virginia, is hosting their **2020 Woodcarving Show** at the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling on Labor Day weekend. This is a great show and if anyone is interested and wishes details, contact their website or call Ray Branch (704-577-8619). Ray has attended this show and is a member of that club. This is one of the very best wood-carving shows to be held in this country.

Keep chipping away!

Allie Hutchison, Sr.
Secretary, Triad Woodcarvers