
Triad Woodcarvers News

Based in Winston-Salem - Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad

Next Meeting, Monday, December 16, 2019 - Miller Park Community Center, Winston-Salem, NC - Carving from 3:00 pm till 9:00 pm. People come and go at their convenience. We expect a lot of visitors and new members.

At our last Monday meeting on December 9, 2019, there were 27 Members and 2 visitors present. Carving started at 3:00 pm, and our monthly General Business Meeting ran from 6:30 pm till 7:00 pm, when carving resumed. Minutes of the business meeting are below:

There will be no meeting on Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th. Have a great Christmas and New Year!

Minutes of the General Business Meeting held on Monday. December 9, 2019

The December General Business Meeting of Triad Woodcarvers was called to order by President Tom Mock at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Miller Park Community Center in Winston-Salem, NC. All officers and Directors except Gary Litchfield were present.

Tom reported in general terms on the plans being considered by the Board of Directors for amendments to the club Bylaws. The changes under discussion are to be outlined in the *Triad Woodcarvers News* and suggestions from the general membership are encouraged.

Social Committee Chairman Lynne Patrick, and her committee and lots of other helpers were thanked for the great Christmas Social the club held on December 2nd. Also thanks were given to all the members who contributed the eighty-three food items to the collection for Samaritan Ministries.

Charles Griffin gave the following Treasurer's Report:

<i>Christmas Social raffles and contributions</i>	<i>\$ 430.00</i>
<i>Less 50/50 ruffle payout</i>	<i>- 85.00</i>
<i>Less reimbursement supplies and cleanup</i>	<i>- 25.00</i>
	<i>\$ 320.00</i>
<i>Less fees for facility</i>	<i>- 50.00</i>
<i>Less Chairman's expenses</i>	<i>- 55.10</i>
<i>Ending bank balance</i>	<i>\$1,985.91</i>

The following Door Prizes were given out at the meeting:

- Mike Duncan won a computer mini-drive containing fifty back issues of *Woodcarving Illustrated*.
- William Strader won a small carving by Dwayne Gosnell.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie A. Hutchison, Sr.
Secretary, Triad Woodcarvers

Changes are being considered to Triad Woodcarvers Bylaws. You can help.

The Board of Directors met on Monday 12/9/19. We are considering some minor amendments to our bylaws. In accordance with Article XII, all members are given notice of these considerations. They are:

- Article III: Establishing a minimum age for Junior Members.
- Article IV: Change the method of prorating dues.
- Article V: Clarify the meeting time in Section 1 and add another section clarifying the time of our monthly business meetings.
- Article X: Describe the option of officers appointing an assistant to their duties. Also in Section 3, clarify that notification requirements in Sections “e.” and “f.” may be accomplished electronically.
- Article XI: In Section 3. “....shall plan two (2) annual social gatherings...”
- Article XI: Create an “Information Technology” (IT) Committee clarifying their duties and responsibilities.

All members are asked to make any comments or suggestions to the BOD in writing before our next meeting on 1/6/20. All written comments will be considered by the BOD before final notification of any bylaws amendments on 1/20/20 in accordance with Article XII. The amendments will be voted on by the entire membership on 2/3/20. The BOD invites any other suggestions, other than bylaws amendments, which would improve the club's effectiveness. The BOD thanks you for your cooperation.

The present Bylaws, before amendment, are in the attached file sent in the email with this newsletter.

We had a great Christmas Social!

The club held a pot-luck Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 2, 2019. The food was great, thanks to the great cooks that are members (or their spouses). There were 82 food items brought to contribute to Samaritan Ministries food drive. There were lots of raffle items for club fund raising, and lots of door prizes that were mostly carved by members. Our thanks go to all the many people who participated, and especially to Lynne Patrick who made it all happen.





Special Triad Woodcarvers Projects and Programs

Triad Woodcarvers has been offered the opportunity for a great class on carving animal caricatures led by Bob Hershey. Bob is a well known member of the Caricature Carvers of America. He has offered us a two or three day class on carving animal caricatures from rough-outs. some photos of his animal caricatures are below. These will be all day classes arranged for two days, so there will be 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 the carver prefers to carve. **If we can get a minimum of eight students the class will be arranged with Bob.** He would prefer to have ten or twelve. Bob wants each carver to do a piece that is to their liking, as opposed to everyone in the class doing the same thing. Bob usually finds a fixed station in the front of the room and lets the carvers come to him. He generally takes six to eight minutes with each student to give instruction and advice each time around. Three days of this kind of instruction teaches a LOT. He always includes a short demo on fur texturing, and a demo on painting with oils.

The dates would be consecutive days just after the Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarving in February. That means they probably would be between February 23rd and 26th, 2020, while Bob is still in this area.

Cost probably would be: 2 Day class with one rough-out \$165.00 per carver

If we arrange a 3 day class with one rough-out \$230.00
per carver.

This is the kind of opportunity that Triad Woodcarvers has not been able to provide before, and as a student in similar classes I can recommend them highly.

If you are interested, please call **Stewart Hodges 336-413-3258** right away so he can make arrangements before Bob makes an arrangement somewhere else. Tim Trudgeon, Gary Litchfield, and Ray Branch have expressed an interest already. Look at the photos below. Don't miss this chance!



Carving will be taught to new carvers at each of the weekly carving sessions. the following members have volunteered to carry out this training on this rotation:

Jan - Tom Mock
 Feb - Tim Trudgeon
 Mar - Will Crawford
 April - Stewart Hodges
 May - Tom Mock Charles Griffin stays busy as a backup instructor.
 If several new carvers show up at the same time, help from other members will be requested.

TRIAD WOODCARVERS ANGEL OF HOPE PROGRAM

Kudos go to Triad Woodcarvers and Ruth McHenry for keeping this program going, Lots of *Angels of Hope* are being turned in, and we have reached the commitment we made to Ronald McDonald House. We know they will always need more. Give yourself a pat on the back! This is a wonderful “giving back to the community” project and done in the spirit of caring for others. It is great to see the club getting this exposure in the community and encouraging others.

The Club has prepared a program to teach the Home Schoolers at STEM which began in August.

Six students have already started attending for the sessions. Tim Trudgeon and Will Crawford organized the process. We have the following information so far:

- STEM is an association of Home Schoolers which offers enrichment programs for approximately 200 youth in over 100 families.
- Triad Woodcarvers will provide one hour classes on Basic Woodcarving from 1:00 pm till 2:00 pm every Thursday at Central Triad Church at 2935 Cole Road, Winston-Salem. Classes will be limited to 10 students. This program has been extended to cover the spring semester of 2020.
- You can contact Will Crawford wcpapawill@gmail.com or Tim Trudgeon trudgeon@yadtel.net to volunteer or get more information. The school will need to do a background check on everyone working with the youth. All you need to provide is your full name and birthdate.

Challenge 2020. The Triad Woodcarvers has challenged the Piedmont Woodcarvers of South Carolina to see which club will enter the most carvings in the Charlotte Woodcarvers Showcase of Woodcarvings competition in **February, 2020**. Piedmont has accepted this challenge and all Triad Woodcarvers are encouraged to begin carving and commit to enter this competition. Details of the categories and divisions will be reviewed with all members in the near future. Winning Club will receive (hopefully) a free table at the 2021 Showcase. Additionally, Triad Woodcarvers will be eligible for incentive awards for carvings they enter in the Show. If we lose, we have to carve 10 Angels of Hope for the Piedmont Club – and our President has to carve a carving and present it to the Piedmont Club. Triad will use this Challenge to publicize our club and increase our membership in 2020 and beyond. The show brochure and entry information is on line now at Charlottewoodcarvers.com. **Start your engines, err, knives!! Also remember “Spoons” and “Spirit Faces” are this year’s cash award categories!**

Woodcarving Shows and Exhibits

February 22,23, 2020 - Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarvings, Charlotte,NC - The largest Woodcarving Show in the Southeast. The CCA will be meeting there. There will be a huge raffle. Great competition, and lots of vendors of tools and supplies. Our club will have a table and the Challenge with the Piedmont Woodcarvers in SC will take place. **The show brochure and entry information is on line now at Charlottewoodcarvers.com.**

2019 SUMMARY REPORT
of
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP
TRIAD WOODCARVERS CLUB

Following is a summary report of activities of the Triad Woodcarvers for 2019 as it relates to public relations and membership. The purpose of this report is to provide a history of the Club in this area for 2019 and a means of evaluating what was valuable to the club in promoting the art of woodcarving and promotion of the club.

The Club is the most active Woodcarving Club in the Carolinas – participating in 19 individual projects/festivals, fair/libraries in 2019. Membership has grown from 43 to 88 members in 2019.

Public Relations.

The Club has continued to pursue publicity to promote the art of woodcarving, highlight Triad Woodcarvers in the Triad region of NC and to generate an interest in Club membership. These has included:

- Triad Woodcarvers Website. The Club has one of the best websites, completed in 2019, which has generated numerous positive comments from others – both near and far – including carvers from Florida, Ohio, West Virginia and other states. It is a draw for new members.
- Face Book Page. Posts are frequent depicting Club activities and is drawing a lot of attention for “likes” and “sharing”.
- Winston Salem Journal. Club continues to publicize meeting notices in the Journal including their “Relish” section and the Club is beginning to see new members from this source.
- City of Winston Salem. Department of Marketing and Communications. Club was featured on City’s face book page at a WS farmers’ market interview. Later, Club was photographed and interviewed at a July meeting, article written and framed collage of photos presented to the Club.
- Chip/Chats magazine. Article written and published by Chip/Chats which gives the Club nation wide publicity.
- Kernersville News. Front page article on Club carving display and demonstration at new Kernersville Library.
- WTOB Radio. Winston Salem. Public Service Announcement daily on this Classic Music radio station about the Triad Woodcarvers and our meeting.
- Yadkin Valley News. Article on Triad Woodcarvers display and demonstration at Yadkinville Library.
- Forsyth Family Magazine article. **Article on Triad Woodcarvers in Forsyth Family Magazine. Broad distribution and coverage.**

The Public Relations Committee was also responsible for coordinating _events to promote the art of woodcarving and create an interest in membership in the Club. 2019 represents the most active in the history of the Club. Specific events are as follows:

Events:

- March. Yadkinville Library. Displayed over 40 carvings for 4 weeks and demonstrated woodcarving.
- May. Scottish Highlands Festival. WS. Demonstrated carving.
- June. Parkway Presbyterian Church Women’s Summer Gathering. Demo carved.
- July. Crickets Nest Firecracker Festival. WS. Demo carved and sold carvings.
- July. WS Farmers Market. Demo carved and sold carvings
- August. WS Farmers Market. Demo carved and sold carvings.
- August 24. Old Nick Williams Distillery and Farm. Lewisville. Demo carved and sold carvings.
- August 28. Kernersville Library. Demo carved 11am- 2pm. After displaying 30 plus carvings for 4 weeks.
- September. Demonstrated at Klingspors in Winston Salem
- October 2. Homestead Hills. WS. Demo carved.
- October 4 – October 13. Dixie Classic Fair. Demo carved for 10 days to promote the art of woodcarving and promote the Club.

- October 19. Parkway Presbyterian Church Bazaar. WS. Demo carved and sold.
- October 19. Horne Creek Historical Farm. King. Demo carved.
- October 19. Hanging Rock State Park. Danbury. Demo carved and sold.
- October 26. Bethabara Apple Festival. WS. Demo carved and sold.
- November 13. Presentation to Clemmons Rotary Club.
- November 16. Bethabara Founders Day. WS Demo carve and sold.
- December 7. Demonstrated at Klingspor's Open House.
- December 7. Bethabara Christmas. Demo carved and sold.

As a result of the Public Relations/Membership activities – which has involved the participation of many members volunteering many hours of their time, the Club – a noted above – has grown from 43 to 88 members in 2019. Because of this, the Club has been active in the following:

- Ronald McDonald House. Carved and donated 100 Angles of Hope and Comfort Birds for their residents.
- Taught 13 Classes of Basic Woodcarving Instruction to High School Students at STEM of the Triad Home School Association.
- Participation in Woodcarving Shows. Triad Woodcarvers participated in/attended 10 Woodcarving Shows in seven States – NC, SC, Tennessee, Virginia, Louisiana, Maryland and Ohio. Four Triad Woodcarver members won Best of Novice (2), 2nd Best of Novice and Best of Theme, Novice.
- Triad Woodcarvers continues to have two members who teach Woodcarving at the John C. Campbell Folk School and the Sawtooth School for Visual Arts. The teaching at the Sawtooth School publicizes the Triad Woodcarvers to the regional art community. One member had a booth at the Piedmont Craftsmen Fair in 2019.

The Triad Woodcarvers has challenged the Piedmont Woodcarvers to see which club will enter the most carvings at the Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarvings at their February, 2020 show – dubbed “The Challenge 2020.” Through November, 2019 (with 2.5 months to go) the Triad Woodcarvers has registered 2.5 times the number of carvers who entered the 2019 Show.

Two major social events – the Summer Picnic and the December Christmas Socials were coordinated by the Social Committee and is great for the membership – all handled by a new member!

It is clear that the outstanding achievements by the Triad Woodcarvers would not have been possible without the exceptional volunteering by; many members in participating in so many projects. The Club photography, Social Committee and the communications to the Club members have all be important in the Club activities in 2020.

A major change in the Club has been the growth of the lady carvers from 1 two years ago to 27 currently. The membership of 88 also includes 8 youth who carve with us on a regular basis.

A major challenge facing the Board in 2020 will be scheduling effective programs for a large organization in order to retain our members and addressing the needs for a larger meeting venue.

Respectively Submitted,

Ray Branch
Chair, Public Relations & Membership

Vince McHenry
Member, Public Relations & Membership
Triad Woodcarvers
Winston Salem

Triad Woodcarvers Patches that you can sew on your caps, jackets, shirts, tool bags are now available. You can pick one (or more) up at any meeting for \$2.00 for members and \$2.50 for non-members.

TRIAD WOODCARVERS WEBSITE - It is alive!!

www.triadwoodcarvers.com - Take a look ! It contains photos of the carvings of our members and other well recognized carvers. Post some photos of your work! It also contains the following information:

- Gallery of Photos of carvings by members
- Photos from meetings and other related events
- Current and past issues of the Triad Woodcarvers News
- Minutes of the Business Meetings of Triad Woodcarvers
- Resources section
 - Magazines
 - Woodcarving clubs and organizations
 - Vendors of tools, wood, and supplies
 - Useful websites
 - Carving shows and expositions

Triad Woodcarvers club contact information:

Contact information for Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons is available at:
www.triadwoodcarvers.com