
Triad Woodcarvers News

Based in Winston-Salem — Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad

Next Meeting, Monday, March 2, 2020 — Miller Park Community Center, Winston-Salem, NC — Carving from 3:00 till 9:00 pm. People come and go at their convenience. Visitors and prospective members are welcome. Carving instruction is free.

Incentive Awards for the Challenge 2020 will be raffled at the meeting. Raffle begins at 5:30 (changed from 6:00 due to the business meeting). 26 awards will be raffled for those 31 carvers who entered the Charlotte contest. Additionally, 3 awards will be raffled for those 13 members who attended and signed up at the Triad Woodcarvers' Table at the Show.

The Monthly Business Meeting will start at 6:30 pm, and carving will resume after the meeting.

We request that all members who took the Bob Hershey woodcarving class on Animal Caricatures bring their carvings in for Show and Tell. Also, any participants who did not bring their Charlotte Showcase Carvings to the February 24 meeting – especially the Blue Ribbon and Second Place winners—bring these for Show and Tell. Autry Paris, please bring your Best of Novice/Best of Caricature Novice for show to the membership.

This past Monday, February 24, there were 47 members present.

The **Carving Animal Caricatures** class met on Monday and Tuesday at Klingspors with professional carver, Bob Hershey. Ten carvers attended.

Stewart Hodges says, “We had a really great time at Bob Hershey's class. Everyone turned out great work under his instructions. I look forward to seeing many of these pieces in upcoming shows. Thanks to those who participated. We had folks from Atlanta, Tennessee, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Lexington. Many expressed interest in doing this again next year.

“Bob surprised us all with a free raffle with items ranging from a top prize of his signature knife to rough-outs and books.

“A special thanks goes out to Klingspors for coming thru on short notice with a classroom for this event.” Stewart

Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting

TRIAD WOODCARVERS

MINUTES

MONTHLY GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

This Triad Woodcarvers General Monthly Business Meeting was called to order by President, Stewart Hodges, at 6:40 pm at the Miller Park Community Center in Winston-Salem, NC. There were 41 members present plus 3 visitors who joined the Club at the meeting. Officers and Directors that were present were:

Stewart Hodges	President
Tom Mock	Vice President
Allie Hutchison	Secretary
Charles Griffin	Treasurer
Bonnie Sparrow	Director

Directors, Tim Trudgeon and William Strader were absent.

Treasurer, Charles Griffin, gave the Treasurer's Report. The Board of Directors approved the expense of \$150 to spend on carving books for our Club library. This amount was taken from the budgeted amount of \$200 previously budgeted for a new tent to use for outdoor carving demonstrations. The revised annual budget for 2020 is now \$2,500. The current bank balance is \$2,457.86. The Treasurer's Report was approved with no objections.

Secretary Allie Hutchison read the minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of January 6, 2020. The Minutes were approved as read.

Stewart brought up the subject of the approval of amendments to the club Bylaws. It was mentioned that the Bylaws recommendations by the Board of Directors had been sent to all members. Charles Griffin moved that the revised Bylaws be approved as recommended and Tom Mock seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, and therefore, the revised Bylaws were adopted.

Stewart also announced that the club has completed arrangements for a two-day carving class (from 8:30 to 5:00) at the Miller Park Community Center on Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25. This will be a class on Carving Animal Caricatures led by professional woodcarver (and member of the Caricature Carvers of America) Bob Hershey. The cost of the two-day class will be \$110 plus the cost of your choice of rough-out, about \$30 more. At the end of the class a participant should have a carved animal caricature and lots of great professional carving instruction. Members should contact Stewart or Tom Mock if interested.

Pat Patrick suggested a class on painting carvings, separate from the regular carving session. Jim Carpenter will soon be leading a class on power carving, also separate from the regular carving session.

Tom Gow will be teaching a full two-day class on Carving Cottonwood Bark with up to twelve carvers, to be scheduled in May or June. The cost will be around \$90 for the two days. People interested should contact Tom Mock. Stewart Hodges will be teaching a class on Carving Bottle Stoppers, to be scheduled in March. Jim Carpenter also let it be known he will be teaching a week-long bird carving class at the John C. Campbell Folk School, in Brasstown, NC during the week of May 3, 2020. The class will be carving a Bunting.

During the carving session next Monday, Lynne Patrick, Chair of the Social Committee, will be looking for suggestions for the Club Picnic coming up in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allie Hutchison, Sr., Secretary, Triad Woodcarvers

2020 Charlotte Showcase of Wood Carvings

The Triad Woodcarvers challenged the Piedmont Woodcarvers of Mauldin, SC to see which club could enter the most carvings into the Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarvings – 2020. It was agreed that both clubs would use their April, 2019 memberships as the basis of normalizing the results. At that time Triad had 43 members and Piedmont had 98 members. The losing club would donate 10 Angels of Hope to the winning club and their president would donate a carving to the winning club president.

TRIAD WOODCARVERS WON THE CHALLENGE!!

31 Triad Woodcarvers entered 416 Carvings.

15 Piedmont Woodcarvers entered 155 Carvings.

We have received the 10 Angels of Hope and are awaiting the Presidential Carving. Triad Woodcarvers won a free table for 2021 Showcase.

Triad Woodcarvers garnered 170 individual ribbons with 52 Firsts, 44 Seconds, 37 Thirds, and 47 Honorable Mentions. Of note, five Triad Woodcarver members won six BEST OF awards.

These were:

Autry Paris, Best of Caricature, Novice and Best of Show, Novice

Carol Mock, Best of Show Theme, Novice

Belford Fuller, Best of Spirit Faces, Novice

Ruth McHenry, Best of Spoons, Novice

Bob Holtje, Best of Tom Wolfe

These BEST OF winners received a total of \$225 in prize winnings.

Triad Woodcarvers is proud of this achievement which could only have been done by the efforts of so many. It was a tremendous Club effort. Of significance was the fact that 14 of the Triad Woodcarvers were first time competitors. Larry Bailey entered the most carvings with 33 entries and Norval Van Sickle of Florence, SC received the most Blue Ribbons – 7. (Yes, he entered the Lion Fish.) Charlotte Showcase 2020 was the largest in the history of their shows with 1174 carvings entered.

Congratulations Triad Woodcarvers. Ready for Charlotte 2021??!!

Thanks to Ray Branch for organizing and coordinating this.

[Attention New Carvers !!!](#)

Welcome to Triad Woodcarvers! We know you will be delighted to learn the various techniques of woodcarving from other members. In the beginning you will learn about safety features and how the woodgrain affects carving. Next, you'll actually get started on a simple mushroom project. But, please, don't rush out and purchase a carving knife. Use the knives provided as loaners by the club during our meetings until you learn exactly what to look for in your personal knife (or knives).

From time-to-time we offer a session called "*All About Knives*." Here you'll be exposed to all sizes, shapes, and brands of knives that we recommend (and don't recommend) for successful carving. Usually there is no single knife that meets all carving needs. As time goes on you'll be looking for additional knives to enhance your carving ability.

Please see Charles Griffin to sign up for the next session. The session is free. You will receive an informative hand-out specifying various types of knives, estimated costs, and where to purchase them.

Upcoming Events

Stewart Hodges will be offering a 4-week Bottle Stopper Class beginning on March 9. Classes are from 6:00-8:00 at Miller Park. Sign up on March 2 for these classes.

Jim Carpenter will be teaching a week-long bird carving class at the John C. Campbell Folk School, in Brasstown, NC during the week of May 3, 2020.

I have had discussion recently with several members regarding selling carvings. Some view their carvings as an expression of natural talent that can be shared, but too personal to be sold, especially to a stranger. They often give their carvings to close relatives and friends. Others choose to keep anything they create. Nearly all Club members carve for the enjoyment, and if a piece is sold, the money is a bonus—like frosting on a cake. Some that regularly create art for a market find the enjoyment of carving gets lost when it seems like work.

The ancient Egyptians carved for a different reason. They carved figurines of slaves, guards, and pets as well as household items to be placed in their tombs for the afterlife. Since wood carving is often accompanied by a sense of peace, perhaps even spiritual, it seems reasonable to assume that we may have our carvings in the afterlife. I'm beginning to work on a corvette.

So...

Carve as if preparing for your afterlife.

Jim Zimmer