
TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWS

Based in Winston-Salem — Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad

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The COVID Virus is still with us, stronger than ever. There will be no monthly business meeting in January.

Carving Sessions continue to be held every Monday.

Sorry, but our photographers have been hiding at home from the virus and we have no photos.

Triad Woodcarvers will be meeting on Mondays at the Miller Park Community Center from 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm. Since we are limited to 18 people, everyone attending needs to contact Tim Trudgeon in advance to reserve a spot. **Please contact Tim by text or phone 336-414-4660 or 336-492-2994 or trudgeon@yadtel.net if you would like to attend.** The schedule of TWC Carving Sessions has recently changed. We now have only one session each Monday. It will be from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We can accommodate 18 people, so it is important to give your name to Tim Trudgeon prior to the meeting.

No one will be allowed into the building before 3:50 pm. These extended hours will allow us to carve a little longer. We have been averaging only about 13-15 members every Monday so it is felt this will work out better for us as well as for the center.

When the time arises where we need to accommodate more members we will change back to the two session system.

The currently effective boiler plate requirements for COVID 19 meetings are shown below:

There will be one carving session from 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm. We cannot get into the building before 3:50 pm. We will have two rooms available for use with a limit of 9 people in each room.

Tim Trudgeon has taken on the responsibility of coordinator between our club and the Community Center for our return to regular Monday meetings.

- Please do not attend if you or anyone from your household has any signs of illness.
- Upon arriving, members are required to wear a mask from the time they leave their car until they are safely distanced in the room, and when they leave the room until they are back in their car.
- Masks can stay off as long as you are in the room and 6' apart. If you have to leave the room for any reason, you must mask-up until you return.
- Arrival will be at the main, front door.
- Your temperature will be taken; sign in and then sign and date the Waver of Liability. (Under 18 must have parent/guardian's signature).
- Hand sanitizer is applied at this point and prior to returning to the class. Suggest that you bring some of your own hand sanitizer.
- Once in the room, maintain 6' distance from each other. Once seated, masks may be removed. You may talk and eat.
- Maximum limit in the room is 9, and we have 2 rooms.
- **All members must pre-register** in advance with Tim Trudgeon to reserve a spot to attend, **BY EMAIL or TEXT PLEASE.** trudgeon@yadtel.net text: 336-414-4660.
- Exit from the building will be through the rear door.

2021 Dues Report

As you recall, 29 Members were exempted from paying dues for 2021 because they joined in late 2020 or early 2021, and were not able to receive the full benefits of carving instruction because of COVID 19 restrictions. As of January 28, 33 have paid their dues and there are 36 Members that have not paid their dues. ***We encourage all of these 36 who have not yet paid their dues to do so as soon as possible. We will begin culling membership rolls starting March 1, 2021. You can download the most current Membership Form from the TWC Website to complete and mail along with your dues check. This form allows us to check our contact information so you will not miss out on our activities. Please send to Charles Griffin, Treasurer Triad Woodcarvers, 3531 Old Grist Court, Winston-Salem, NC, 27103.***

Financial Report for Treasurer Charles Griffin:

We have received reimbursement from STEM for expenses encountered for the 2021 Spring Semester and 2021 dues from a portion of our Members. We have also not spent as much because of the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions on activities.

- The checking balance at the end of December, 2020 was \$1,853.61.
- As of January 28, 2021, the checking balance is \$3,196.61.

TRIAD WOODCARVERS CLUB - 2021 OPERATING BUDGET

		2021
		BUDGET
1. Public Relations/Membership (#100)		
#101	Fees for Carving Events	\$ 100.00
#102	Miscellaneous Administrative Expenses	\$ 35.00
#103	Membership - Arts Council	\$ 50.00
#104	ReadWS (David Boone & Darlene Tarleton)	\$ 150.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 335.00
2. Community Service (#200)		
#201	Wood - Angel of Hope/Comfort Bird Project	\$ 50.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 50.00
3. Club Needs (#300)		
#301	Liability Insurance (FIXED COST)	\$ 58.00
#302	Club Tools	\$ 50.00
#303	Carving Wood	\$ 25.00
#304	Canopy/Club Banner	\$ 100.00
#305	Library Needs	\$ 25.00
#306	Gloves, Thumb Guards, Magnets, etc.	\$ 25.00
#307	Teaching camera/projection system	\$ 500.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 783.00
4. Programs (#400)		
#401	Programs and Supplies for Programs	\$ 150.00
#402	Carving wood	\$ 50.00
#403	Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 225.00
5. Office Supplies (#500)		
#501	Postage and Office Supplies	\$ 50.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 50.00
6. Post Office/Banking (#600)		
#601	PO Box Rental (FIXED)	\$ 92.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 92.00
7. Website Development and Maintenance (#700)		
#701	Site and Hosting (FIXED)	\$ 150.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 150.00
8. Club Socials/Door Prizes (#800)		
#801	Club Picnic	\$ 75.00
#802	Club Christmas Party	\$ 75.00
#803	Specials (Sympathy, Get-Well cards, etc.)	\$ 25.00
#804	Door Prizes	\$ 50.00
	Subtotal =	\$ 225.00
Total 2021 TWC Budget (excludes STEM) =		\$ 1,910.00

2021 Operating Budget:

The budget shown has been approved by all Officers and Directors. This allows Committee Chairs to approve their activities up to the amount allocated without further approval. This budget may be revised at any time during the year by a majority of the Officers and Directors. Also, any \$25.00 should be approved by the Treasurer (even though it is a budgeted item) to make sure that cash is available.

Reimbursement Forms for expenditures may be downloaded from the TWC website, completed, and mailed to the Treasurer for reimbursement. ***Don't forget to match the expenditure to the budgeted account number on the 2021 Operating Budget and attach a receipt for what you paid.***

More Comfort Critters needed for Ronald McDonald House

Carol Adair continues to look for carvers to contribute Comfort Critters for Ronald McDonald House. We continue our commitment to send them 100 Critters in 2021. They are very quick to carve. There are still some turtle kits at Klingspor's, and Carol is planning to cut a bunch of penguin and bunny blanks to put at Klingspor's for you to pick up. And Tim Trudgeon added 16 comfort bird blanks and 12 small bird blanks to Klingspor's last Monday. Carol has also carved a Comfort Fish for this project and will soon have blanks for this at Klingspor's too. **Your help is needed to carve these items for the project.**



New Members:

In late December through January the following new members have joined Triad Woodcarvers: Frank Draper, Michael Hunter Wilkins, John Virgo, Bill Bunker, Katrina Newsome. Let's make them feel welcome.

A Note from Lynne Patrick - the Vice President

I am honored to be Vice President of TWC this year.

One of the responsibilities of the VP is to set up programs each month. The Club has a tremendous amount of talent. Everyone can benefit from that talent and our members are always willing to assist others.

I would like for those with ideas and teaching instructors for programs to contact me. I will be scheduling programs each month starting in March or April depending on COVID-19.

I appreciate everyone working together this year. I look forward to hearing from you.

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A Message from Ray Branch, Chairman of Public Relations and Recruitment:

- Triad Woodcarvers will be displaying 50-60 carvings in the Forsyth Country Library in Winston-Salem on Saturday, February 27, 2021. The display will be in the display case of the North Carolina Room, 2nd level of the library. This display, to promote the Art of Woodcarving and the Club, will be there from February 27 to May 31. Tim Trudgeon will be coordinating the display. Need lots of members' carvings!
- Triad Woodcarvers will participate in the Forsyth Home Educators' 2021 Home School Connections Resource Fair on Saturday, February 27. FHE sponsors this annual event to provide Home School Families access to resources for their Home School students. Triad Woodcarvers will offer Woodcarving Instruction for 10 Home Schooled High School students beginning Fall, 2021. This Program will be hosted at Miller Park Community Center and run from 1-2:30pm on Mondays – and will be modeled after the highly successful Club program at STEM of the Triad Home School Association.

- Triad Woodcarver had 5 new members join the Club during January. We have been the fastest growing club in the Carolinas for the past three years – and are off to a great start to another banner year!!
- Birthdays for February. Did you know that there are 2 sets of 2 people each in the Club that have the same birthday? And we only have a listing of 50% of the members to date. No years – just month and day. Send them to Charles with your 2021 dues if you have not paid yet.
- In January, 2021, Will Crawford along with Stewart Hodges and Carol Adair began the fourth semester of the Clubs’ partnership with STEM of the Triad Home School Association to teach woodcarving to high school students. Eleven students are enrolled for this spring with eight in advanced classes.
- Have you checked out the Triad Woodcarvers website at www.triadwoodcarvers.com. It is recognized by many as one of the top woodcarving websites in the country. Check the “Home” link for the new Chip Chats National Schedule of Events.
- Reminder. Triad Woodcarvers co-sponsors an ART SHOW with ReadWS in November, 2021. Carvers set their prices and get 40% of the sales price. Flat art, ceramics, pottery, jewelry and woodcarving will be exhibited and for sale. Major fund raiser for the Club. Begin carving now. Details later on registration, etc. 70-100 artists are anticipated to participate. Contact Tony Leonardi or Ray Branch for details.

Happy Birthday! Michael Rich, Feb. 13; Stewart Hodges, Feb. 16; Ruth McHenry, Feb. 25; Pat Patrick, Feb. 26; Doug Greene, Feb. 28. If we have missed your birthday please send an email to me ahutchisonr@triad.rr.com or Susan Rupp rupp@wfu.edu , or Rachel Powell rcpowell73@gmail.com.

AND ON TO 2021!!

The Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarvings has been deferred from February, 2021 to **JUNE 25-27, 2021**. While we are not participating in a Challenge as we did in 2020, nonetheless, we are encouraging Triad Woodcarver members to enter the competition. We were the most active club at the 2020 Show and would like to be again in 2021. We had 31 carvers enter in 2020 and would like to have 50 Triad Woodcarvers enter in 2021. Show theme is: **Everything Tom Wolfe**. The Club has numerous Tom Wolfe books. Pick up one and make a Tom Wolfe carving.

Triad Woodcarvers Events for 2021. The Club is planning for 29 activities during 2021 including Display of carvings, and carving demonstrations at the Forsyth County Main Library, February 7, through May 31, 2021; 10 days at the Carolina Classic Fair; 14 days at Klingspor’s; Bethabara Apple Festival, Horne Creek Historical Farm; additional library demos for a month or more each. While our success will be dependent on COVID, many of these events are for the later part of 2021 and we feel confident that we will be able to participate in most, if not all, of them.

Triad Woodcarver Meeting Programs. Plans are to continue the successful program of classes which were begun in 2020 with bottle stoppers, spoons, pyrography, relief, Christmas ornaments, Chip carving, caricatures and others being considered at this time. We already have a commitment of TOM GOW – a member of the Southern Highlands Guild to teach a class on wood-bark carving in 2021. And others depending on membership interest.

Read-Write-Spell & Triad Woodcarvers Art Show and Fundraiser

Triad Woodcarvers has partnered with Read/WS – an organization dedicated to providing mentorship to children to enhance their skill-set in the areas of reading, writing and spelling - to cosponsor an ART

SHOW. It is expected that 70-100 artisans – including two dimensional art (paintings, drawings, etc.), woodcarving, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, etc. – will participate. This ART SHOW, originally scheduled for November, 2020 had now been deferred to NOVEMBER 6, 2021.

Triad Woodcarvers are urged to participate and to date, 28 members have indicated that they will enter this ART Show. It is almost a year away now and plenty of time to turn out some of your best work.

Note that David Boone – perhaps the USA's top professional carver – has graciously agreed to show a couple of his works to promote the art of woodcarving. Darlene Tarleton, one of the best animal carvers in the nation, has also agreed to show here as well.

Further details regarding registration, forms, schedule, etc. will be available in the next few weeks. Tony Leonardi, Fundraising Chairman for both Read/WS and Triad Woodcarvers, and Ray Branch are representing the Club for this project. **Please contact Ray Branch at raybranch@carolina.rr.com and let him know if you will enter this art show - and any questions you may have.**

Allie Hutchison
Secretary, Triad Woodcarvers