
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 has been 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.

As of March 9, 2020, the Triad Woodcarvers had 89 members. This included some 17 who joined in early 2020 and have not been able to participate in the new-members free wood-carving instruction. We had to cancel instruction classes on Cotton Wood Bark Carving by Tom Gow and Pyrography by Michelle Parsons. We will **resume carving classes** as soon as we can get back into our meeting room. Let Program Chairman, Tom Mock (mockfish66@gmail.com), know of your interests.

Carolina Classic Fair has been **cancelled**. So have all of these events we were scheduled to participate in: Bethel Apple Festival, Home Creek Historical Farm, Rockford Festival, several church festivals, and ReadWS Art Show. All will be back on our schedule for 2021.

Our annual **summer picnic** has been cancelled. Lynne Patrick is planning for another Christmas/December Social this year and will have details out later.

Upcoming Activities Klingspor's has agreed to let us begin demo carving in August. 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. raybranch@carolina.rr.com

Also, **Forsyth County Library**, Downtown Winston Salem Branch, has agreed for 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.

Blanks of Angels of Hope and Comfort Birds are available at Klingspor's. Pick one up, carve it, and drop it back in the box. We need a volunteer to periodically pick them up and deliver them to Ronald McDonald House. Our Club goal is to carve and donate 100 of these for their residents in 2020.

Triad Woodcarvers will begin our second year of instructing high school students from **STEM Triad Home School Association** in August/September, 2020. Will Crawford and Stewart Hodges, assisted by Charles Griffin, will lead this program.

The Club recently acquired 140 new woodcarving books and magazines bringing our total **Library** collection to approximately 400 publications. Bonnie Sparrow is doing an excellent job as our Librarian and has all of these cataloged and stored for further use when we return.

Triad Woodcarvers has been re-approved for **non-profit status** as a 501c3 organization. This is a major milestone and we appreciate all the work of Will Crawford and Charles Griffin.

The COVID Carving Challenge **contest**, initiated by Charles Griffin, ended with the following winners:

1st place: Pat Patrick,

2nd place: Carol Adair,

3rd place: Sheila Hunter,

Honorable Mention: Lynne Patrick.

Participants were required to go online and view videos of carving instructions by Doug Linker and then create either a hillbilly, owl, leprechaun, or snowman.

Watch for the next contest coming soon.

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

Needs (along with those already mentioned above)

We need someone to administer our Facebook page. William Strader has moved to Boston.

We need a SunShine Committee chair to send out cards, keep the club informed of any members sickness, birthdays, etc.

Keep making those wood chips!

Allie Hutchison, Sr.
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