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# TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWS

*Based in Winston-Salem — Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad*

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## **Carving Sessions on Monday, March 8, 2021:**

Starting next Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will go back to the system that we started with, conducting two sessions of two hours each. The first session will be from **4:00 - 6:00 PM** and the second will be from **6:30 - 8:30 PM**. Megan told Tim that we can have up to ten folks in each session. We will try to give first dibs on the early session to new carvers who are under instruction and those who will be instructing them. The sign-in procedures will remain the same. Each member will have their temperature taken at the door, will sign the release form, and sign in on the log sheet. Masks shall be worn at all times and 6 foot spacing is required. I urge those attending to please follow these rules. If we wish to continue to use this facility, following these rules is "a must". We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Below is a list of those who have signed up for next week. There are currently **NO VACANCIES** in the early session. We only had to switch one person to the late session. (Sorry Stephanie!) This was done by random choice. There are currently 15 vacancies on the later session so if you wish to switch, let me know. If your name does not appear on either list, **you have not signed up for 3/8/21**, so email or text Tim Trudgeon to get on the later session. If for any reason you need to cancel your requested session, please let Tim know ASAP.

**You can text Tim at 336-414-4660 or email [trudgeon@yadtel.net](mailto:trudgeon@yadtel.net)** Try not to wait until the last minute. If you are in the early session and want to come back at 6:30 for the later session, you may do so if there are vacancies. (First come - first served.)

**FIRST SESSION 4:00 - 6:00 PM:** Tim Trudgeon, Will Crawford, Stewart Hodges, Tom Mock, Carol Mock, Dennis Caudill, Richard Gregory, Douglas Greene, Michael Greene, Michael Ritch, Niki Hanson, Lee Baker, Robert Urane, Paul Holder, Jesse Calderone, Carol Adair, Richard Mast, Tony Leonardi, Bonnie Sparrow, Bob Holjte

**SECOND SESSION 6:30 - 8:30 PM:** Tim Trudgeon, Larry Bailey, Ray Branch, John Virgo, Stephanie Seaton

We thank everyone for their patience and participation. We can make this work and can accommodate up to 40 members each Monday. As people get their vaccines, they are more willing to venture out so we need to do our best to meet their needs. Conditions may change with the Center as the restrictions loosen up. Also we may be able to resume an outdoor session when the time changes along with the weather.

## **News from Lynne Patrick:**

**During the next few weeks, the Club will offer three programs to its members.**

The first program will be on **Monday, March 29, 2021**. Jim Carpenter will present **Color Theory 101** during the **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** club session.

On **Monday, April 5, 2021**, Jim will present "**How I Paint,**" during the **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** club session. At this session, you may bring an item you wish to paint along with your colors.

If you are interested in attending either of these presentations by Jim, please sign up by calling **Lynne Patrick at 336-416-5145**. Only 10 members can attend each session and you must sign up to attend. Please call no later than March 22, 2021.

The third opportunity is a carving session by Tim Trudgeon. He will demonstrate how to carve a **little brown jug bottle stopper** during Monday club sessions in April. Each class will be taught during two weeks. The first class will be the weeks of **April 5, 2021, and April 12, 2021**, at both the **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** times. The second class will begin again on **April 19, 2021 and April 26, 2021**, at both time sessions.

You must either text or email Tim no later than **Monday, March 22, 2021**, to reserve your space. Again, remember there is a limited number of 10 in each class that can attend. **You can text him at 336-414-4660 or email [trudgeon@yadtel.net](mailto:trudgeon@yadtel.net)** and let him know which carving session you wish to attend.

At every program opportunity, you will learn and grow. I encourage all who are interested to attend.

I am open to any and all ideas of other programs you are interested in. Please contact me with your ideas.

Lynne Patrick  
Vice President and Program Chair

### **New Fund Raising Opportunity for READ-WRITE-SPELL:**

Dear Club Members,

As many of you know, we are co-sponsoring an Art Show in November with READ-WRITE-SPELL, a non-profit organization that provides private tutoring to disadvantaged children who are reading below their grade level. We are planning a raffle event to help raise money for READ-WRITE-SPELL. The item to be raffled will be a Hiking Stick, with numerous characters carved onto the stick, by our club members. I need volunteers who are willing to carve at least one character, and also paint the character.

I will bring the stick to the first carving session on Monday. I'm hoping we can get someone to take it and begin the process. Each carving will also need to be signed by the carver. Please respond to me at my email address:

Email: [leonardi@surry.net](mailto:leonardi@surry.net)

Cell phone: 336-391-1208

Much appreciated.

Tony Leonardi

### **Triad Woodcarvers needs a new photographer:**

Rachel Powell is unable to continue as the club photographer. She is not able to attend club functions for now for health reasons. Who would like to make photos of our activities so we have photos to go into the newsletter? This is very helpful to all our activities.

### **Club Activities:**



Ray Branch and Carol Adair represented the Triad Woodcarvers at Forsyth Home Educator annual Home School Resource Fair on Saturday, February 28, in Clemmons. The purpose of the Fair was to give Home School families the opportunity to review resources available for their Home School Students. Over 100 families attended and seventeen families expressed an interest in the Triad Woodcarvers – to either take the Woodcarver Instruction classes provided at STEM of the Triad Home School Association – or to possibly join the Club as regular members for woodcarving instruction.



Triad Woodcarvers are into our fourth semester of providing Woodcarving Instruction for high school students at STEM of the Triad Home School Association. This program, 13 sessions of instruction per semester, is led by Will Crawford and assisted by Stewart Hodges and Carol Adair. Because of the success of this program, Triad Woodcarvers has been requested and the Club has agreed to provide a second Class on Tuesdays beginning the Fall, Spring Semester, 2021. Triad Woodcarvers has the only structured program to instruct woodcarving to high school students in the Carolinas. Picture shows Spring Semester, 2021 with students and instructors.

## Treasurer's Report for March1, 2021:

2020 Year-end Bank Balance 12-31-2020	\$1,853.61
2021 Income (Dues, Donations, Club Sales)	1,606.00
2021 Expenses Display Cabinet, Website Renewal Fee STEM outlay)	<u>475.98</u>
March 1, 2021 Bank Balance	\$2,983.63

### Budget Status

Total Budget for 2021	\$2,160.00
Amount spent toward budget	423.15

Charles Griffin, Treasurer, Triad Woodcarvers

## Happy Birthday!

Rachel Powell	March 1
Matthew Fuller	March 7
Charles Mabry	March 8
Belford Fuller	March 12
Bonnie Sparrow	March 26

## AND ON THROUGH 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; 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 several months 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](mailto:raybranch@carolina.rr.com) and let him know if you will enter this art show - and any questions you may have.**

### **Charter Members of Triad Woodcarvers:** Founded: August 2009.

As we work through the period of collecting our annual Club dues, I think it is important to recognize those that came before us and founded *Triad Woodcarvers* in August of 2009. These 17 original members enjoyed woodcarving and wanted to make sure that the art was not forgotten. The club was formed with Tim Trudgeon serving as its founder and first president.

We salute Tim and these original members for their effort in establishing the organization! The organization has grown to some 100 members today with a large number of lady carvers and youth. Teaching the art of carving now goes well-beyond our normal venue walls. Classes are offered through the STEM program for Home Schooled youth; and, Club exposure at carving events has made our organization very visible.

#### **Charter Member List**

Triad Woodcarvers  
Founded: August 2009

**Tim Trudgeon - President**  
**Matt Lomison – Vice President**  
**Paul Kisselbach - Secretary**  
**Dan Rominger - Treasurer**  
**Bill Burton**  
**Bob MacKenzie**  
**Larry Milton**  
**Fred Moench**  
**Bob Ramsey**  
**Jo Robinson**  
**Dottie Sabo**  
**Dick Sheek**  
**Brian Tilton**  
**Howard Tucker**  
**Jennifer Utley**  
**Bill Whitaker**  
**Gunner Halliday (Youth: Paul Kisselbach,  
Sponsor)**