
TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWS

Based in Winston-Salem — Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad

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Next Meeting, Monday, November 23, 2020, at Miller Park Community Center in Winston-Salem. We do not yet know what teaching will be on tap for this meeting.

There will be two carving sessions (one group from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm, and another group from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm). We will have two rooms available for use and each will have a limit of 9 people. There is an hour between each session so the Community Center Staff can clean the space to prevent Covid virus collection on surfaces.

Tim Trudgeon has taken on the responsibility of coordinator between our club and the Community Center for our return to regular Monday meetings. There will be a few hoops to jump thru but we can easily manage them. Attached is a copy of the Waiver of Liability regarding Covid-19 which spells out most of the rules we will have to adhere to.

We will have two opportunities on each Monday to attend our group sessions. One group will meet from 3-5pm and one from 6-8pm. There is an hour between each group so that the staff can clean and arrange furnishings before the next group arrives. Below is a list of procedures which we will ALL be required to follow. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Please do not attend if you or anyone from your household have any signs of illness.
- Upon arriving, members are required to wear a mask from the time they leave their car until they are back in their car.
- Arrival will be at the main, front, door.
- Your temperature will be taken, sign in and then sign and date the Waiver of Liability. (Under 18 must have parent/guardian's signature).
- Hand sanitizer 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.
- 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.
- Maximum limit in the room is 22. If a visitor would like to come they will be one of the 22.
- Participants must wipe down tables and chairs with cloths and a solution, which will be provided, when thru for their session.
- **All members must pre-register** with Tim Trudgeon for which slot (early or late) that you wish to attend.
- **BY EMAIL or TEXT PLEASE.** trudgeon@yadtel.net text: 336-414-4660.
- Exit from the building will be through the rear door.

Once we go thru this routine a few times it will become rote. We may be advised later if we'll have to sign the waiver each time. Tim will sign up for the early slot each day so he can get out the locker and get things ready. Someone with a locker key will have to come to the 6pm meeting to lock up. We already have three signed up for the early "shift". If you decide at the last minute to come, give Tim a call at 336-414-4660 to see if there are any vacancies. The number 22 matters more than who it is. **CONTACT TIM SOON TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Our last meeting was held on Monday, November 16, 2020. at the Miller Park Community Center. There were eight members for the early session, and two members for the late session. Tim Trudgeon held a class in painting carvings. The first photo shows a carving with the painting just starting, and the same carving with the painting finished.



Photos by Jesse Calderone.

Officers and Directors elected for 2001:

Congratulations to the people who were elected to Triad Woodcarvers offices for 20021. The results of the election are:

President	Stewart Hodges	
Vice President	Lynne Patrick	
Secretary	Allie Hutchison, Sr.	
Treasurer	Charles Griffin	
Director	Bob Holtje	2021 thru 2023
	Bonnie Sparrow	2020 thru 2022
	Tim Trudgeon	2019 thru 2021

We look forward to the chapter being more active as the Covid pandemic begins to wear itself out.

Treasurer Charles Griffin and the Officers and Directors are working on the budget for 2001.

Ongoing activities:

STEM ~ Woodcarving ~ Fall Semester

Today (November 19, 2020) was the final day of class for the woodcarving students—Beginners and Advanced. Three female and six male beginning students completed a series of carvings ranging from a basic Mushroom to a Moravian Star. The two, male, Advanced students completed a beautiful Santa as their final project. Will Crawford served as lead instructor with Charles Griffin, Stewart Hodges and Carol Adair assisting.



Triad Woodcarvers teamed with **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) last year to teach woodcarving to Home-Schooled students as an elective to their curriculum. This year marks our second completed instructional session. Seven of the nine in the Beginner's class have already signed up for next year's Advanced class. We are expecting a total of four Beginners and seven Advanced carvers in the Spring Semester beginning January 12, 2021.

Thanks to the instructors who gave their time and talent for 26 carving classes this semester; and, thanks to *Triad Woodcarvers* for giving back to our community!

Klingspor's has agreed to let us demo carve in their store, safe with social distancing and masks. Jud Bond and Bob Holtje are coordinating this. This is an excellent way to meet people who do all kinds of things with wood and learn lots.

We've had a good response on getting members to volunteer to promote our club on Saturdays from 10 to 2PM.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED!
PS - you can volunteer again.

The following dates still need volunteers:

	Volunteer #1	Volunteer #2
Sat Nov 28		
Dec 5		
Dec 12 - Klingspor's Big Sale - no space for us		
Dec 19 -		Richard Mast
Thanks,		
Bob Holtje	(bob@woodbybob.com)	(336) 682-8638
Jud Bond	(jud_bond@yahoo.com)	(408) 568-7920



Photos of Tom Mock and Bonnie Sparrow demo carving at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop by Jesse Calderone.

- Members are encouraged to **visit our website** at www.triadwoodcarvers.com and check out:
- Carol Adair demonstrating carving Comfort Turtles. Carol has introduced these into the "Comfort Creatures" which Triad Woodcarvers provides to Ronald McDonald House residents.
 - Richard Mast and Vince McHenry demonstrating for the Virtual Bethabara Apple Festival.

Jim Zimmer has initiated a **Pyrography Class** and has about ten members attending on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 pm till 6:00 pm.

Forsyth County Library carving exhibit was cancelled because of the Covid crisis.

The Comfort Creatures Project is being led by Carol Adair. Our Club goal is to carve and donate 100 Angels of Hope or Comfort Birds to the Ronald McDonald House for their guests in 2020. Blanks are available at Klingspor's. Pick one up, carve it, and drop it back in the box at Klingspor's. Carol will periodically collect them and deliver them to Ronald McDonald House. We understand that these little carvings mean a lot to the families whose members (especially children) are in the hospital. Charles Griffin has challenged every member to carve one or two and turn it in before the end of the year.

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 2021 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 28 activities during 2021 including 10 days at the Carolina Classic Fair, 14 days at Klingspor's, Bethabara Apple Festival, Horne Creek Historical Farm, two 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 ReadWS – an organization dedicated to providing mentorship to children to enhance their skillset 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 about one year away now and penny 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 carver 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