

TRIAD WOODCARVERS NEWSLETTER



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The Triad Woodcarvers Newsletter is published monthly by the *Triad Woodcarvers Club* of Winston-Salem, NC
Based in Winston-Salem – Carving throughout the Piedmont Triad

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Stewart Hodges

For the safety of all, masks are required inside the carving areas of the Miller Park Recreation Center. Be sure and abide by the state and local covid rules for wearing masks and social distancing. Check your Triad Woodcarvers emails for the latest covid information.

The monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Stay safe and Happy Carving!

WOOD FOR PURCHASE

The Club recently purchased some northern basswood from Heinecke in Minnesota in various sizes and 12 inches in length. We had to pay for freight, and that cost has been factored into our selling price and rounded to the nearest \$0.25 increment. The wood was purchased in this manner because there have been no carving shows (our normal place to get wood) in the last couple of years due to the pandemic.

This wood is for Club projects, STEM, and for our members. We do not have a tremendous amount of wood, but if you would like to purchase some, please let Charles Griffin know (336-978-1368, cwgriffin@triad.rr.com) and he will bring it to a Monday meeting at Miller Park. You can pay Lynne Patrick (Treasurer) once you receive your wood and invoice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Triad Woodcarvers will continue to offer free wood carving instruction to new members from 4:00 until 9:00 pm on Mondays at the Miller Park Recreation Center, 400 Leisure Lane, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Carving tools, safety gloves and wood will be available for use. Come any time during the session and stay for as long as you wish during this time. Masks are required inside the carving areas!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder to pay your club dues for 2022!

As time goes by, things change and those changes may include your address, phone number or email. If the club is not aware of those changes, you can be left out receiving information about our club. Important information. So what should you do? There is a Membership Form on our website. Please print it, fill it out, and give it to me along with your dues for 2022, **ONLY IF YOUR INFORMATION HAS CHANGED**. Your information will be corrected so you don't miss out on any club activities. Everyone's cooperation on this would be greatly appreciated. What to do if you can't print out the form? Write the information on a piece of paper and give that to me. Simple!

Lynne Patrick



PROGRAM CARVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS:

Vice President Tony Leonardi is responsible for arranging in-house carving programs for the Club. Please contact Tony at leonardi@surry.net or (336) 923-8569 with your suggestions for future programs!

On January 31 and February 7 Tom Mock will be demonstrating carving small people. He will supply roughouts at \$2.00 each so you can carve along. Contact Tom for reservations if you want roughouts - mockfish66@gmail.com or (336) 575-6608

On February 7 and February 14 Vince McHenry will be demonstrating spoon carving. He will provide roughouts at \$2.00 each so you can carve along. Contact Vince for reservations if you want roughouts - vincemc645@gmail.com or (336) 922-5047

On April 11 Lynne Patrick will demonstrate techniques for drawing and burning graphics onto wood. See Lynne for any materials you might need and reserve a spot with Lynne at lpatrick1@triad.rr.com or (336) 416-5145

On May 23 and May 30 Stewart Hodges will lead a class on carving toothpick holders. Contact Stewart for materials needed and to reserve a spot at stewhodges.mm@gmail.com or (336) 978-1368

BIRTHDAYS

BEST WISHES to the following members who will celebrate birthdays this month:

Theresa Mattie	February 1
Steven Coe	February 2
Stewart Hodges	February 16
Richard Mast	February 19
Jim Carpenter III	February 22
Manny Begick	February 23
Stephen Bower	February 23
Ruth McHenry	February 25
Pat Patrick	February 26
Douglas Greene	February 28

SATURDAYS AT KLINGSPORS

Calling for volunteers to carve at Klingspors between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. Bring some of your carvings to display and something to carve. It would be great to have a couple of folks for each date. And a big thank you to all the volunteers in 2021!

Contact Bob Holtje at (336) 682-8638 or Bob@WoodByBob.com to sign up for any of the following dates: February 12 and 26, and March 12 and 26.



VIDEOS

Don't forget to subscribe to the Triad Woodcarvers Club's YouTube channel. We've got over 170 subscribers, and Stewart Hodges' video on carving a comfort bird has been viewed close to 11,000 times!



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Carol Adair reports that the Triad Woodcarvers Club completed and delivered 95 of the 100 carvings promised to Ronald McDonald House for 2021. Not bad for another year of the pandemic. See Carol for cut outs for a variety of comfort critters, and get carving for 2022! Here's an adorable example of a whale carved by Ruth McHenry:



WEBSITE

The Triad Woodcarvers website was created by Will Crawford and is now maintained by Paul Holder. You are encouraged to visit the website frequently for the latest information. Let Paul know if you see changes or corrections that need to be made. Just email Paul at holderp@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

December Ending Balance \$1,515.37

December 14, 2021
open new account \$500.00

January Income:

Dues \$500.00

Club Sales \$97.75

Donations \$25.00

Read/WS Sales \$2,281.20

Close out old Account \$1,515.37

Total Income \$4,685.07

January Expenses: None

January Ending Balance \$4,919.32

Lynne Patrick, Treasurer

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

TWC logo stickers and patches are available for purchase for just a nominal fee. See Lynne Patrick to obtain these snazzy items!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHARLOTTE SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVING

While we are not participating in a challenge as we did in 2020, we are encouraging Triad Woodcarver members to enter the competition this year. We were the most active club at the 2020 Show and would like to be so again in 2022. We had 31 carvers enter in 2020 and would like to have 50 Triad Woodcarvers enter in 2022. The showcase is scheduled for April 1-3, 2022 at the Central Piedmont Community College central campus (Worrell Building, 1228 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte). This year's showcase is dedicated to the work of the renowned Tom Wolfe, who passed away in September of 2020. See <https://www.charlottewoodcarvers.com/showcase> for details

STEM UPDATE

The Triad Woodcarvers Club was highlighted in the 2021 Summer Issue of *Chip Chats* for our partnership with STEM. Many of you are aware of this partnership, but I would like to share some more specific information regarding the evolution of this partnership. First to briefly recap, the program was started in 2019 under the direction of Tim Trudgeon with the assistance of Will Crawford. The program was an outreach on behalf of the Triad Woodcarvers Club and was the brainchild of Ray Branch. Ray thought that TWC should try to expand the art of woodcarving to another generation as a legacy to our club.

We have embarked on this journey, and we are nurturing a new generation of carvers and now pyrographers, since in the fall of 2021 STEM was asked if we could also offer wood burning. Thanks to the commitment of Lynne Patrick we are now in our second semester of wood burning. Lynn had five students last semester and has three this semester. Pyrography is off to a great start.

The carving program has continued to grow and change with each semester and with the students' increased desire to learn more. To date, this is our eighth semester of carving with a total of 60 enrollees in the carving program. Roughly 80% of the enrollees have completed the beginners and advanced carving classes, and about 20% of the enrollees are now members of the STEM Carving Club. The Carving Club for STEM students is similar to our carving club in that the students are already proficient in carving basics and safety and this offers them a time to meet and improve their skills and craft. Carving club students are assigned more difficult projects and are introduced to patterns and methods for transferring and cutting them out.

Spring Semester 2022 started on January 24 and is a 13-week semester. This semester we have eleven students that are all registered in "Advanced Carving" or "STEM Club" classes. What this indicates is that we have eleven students out of the 60 enrollees (over the past three years) who like carving and wish to continue developing their skills in this art form.

This is great! A new generation of carvers and pyrographers is being nurtured thanks to TWC. Our legacy is well on its way to fruition but we need more membership involvement in this endeavor. Currently the instructors are Lynne Patrick (pyrography) and in woodcarving we have Stewart Hodges, Larry Bailey, Carol Adair and Will Crawford. We enjoy working with STEM but would love to have more instructors to help carry the load and build our legacy.