

2017 CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT PROJECT
TRIAD WOODCARVERS CLUB
WINSTON SALEM, NC

The Triad Woodcarvers of Winston Salem is planning a 2017 CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT PROJECT. The tree will be 6-7 feet and have 200 individually handcarved ornaments on the tree. The purpose for this project is a club fundraiser – but also, and just as importantly, to give back to the youth program of the Sawtooth School for Visual Arts in Winston Salem.

We are a small club and while this project is sponsored by the Triad Woodcarvers, we would like to give an opportunity to all our woodcarving friends and woodcarving clubs to participate in this program by donating a carved Christmas ornament/ornaments.

INCENTIVE AWARDS will be available for carvers donating an ornament or ornaments. Carvers will be eligible to win one of the following:

1. Free weekend at an ocean front condo (sleeps 4) at Ocean Isle Beach, NC in the spring of 2018. (Value: \$350) Donor: Frances Warner, Coldwell Banker Seas Coast Advantage.
2. Five day free tuition for any of the courses offered at the John C. Campbell Folk School in 2018. (Value: \$500-650) Donor: John C. Campbell Folk School.
3. Tom Wolfe Carving. Donor: Tom Wolfe. Tom is a Professional Woodcarver, member of the CCA, Southern Highlands Guild and author of 50 plus book on woodcarving. Tom is known nationally and has taught thousands of woodcarvers over the years. (Value: Priceless)

We need the ornaments as early as possible but at least no later than July 1, 2017. Ornaments should be valued at approximately \$30-35 but we will take all donated ornaments. Ornaments should be painted if possible but again, we will take all donated ornaments. Please sign your ornaments. Your name will be put into the Incentive Awards raffle for EACH ornament you donate. Carvers can win only one Incentive Award. We might have one or two more incentive awards and if this develops, we will let you know. Winners of Incentive Awards will be announced in early December, 2017. All participating carvers/clubs will be publicized during the marketing of the tree.

The Christmas Tree with the 200 ornaments will be displayed and marketed at the well- known Sawtooth School of Visual Arts during their “Deck the Halls” Festivity in November/December, 2017. This event is one of the highlights of the Sawtooth School and brings in thousands of visitors during this promotion and open house. With your assistance, we are anticipating a very successful project in which we will be able to give back to the community. We are hopeful that this event will also interest new carvers to join the Triad Woodcarvers.

Triad Woodcarvers Club President Tom Mock has designated Ray Branch to coordinate this project on behalf of the club and any questions should be directed to Ray. Other Project Committee Members are:

1. Larry Bailey. albailey@yatel.com
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ALL CARVED ORNAMENTS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

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On behalf of the Triad Woodcarvers, we thank you in advance for your welcomed assistance for our project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With Kind Regards,

Ray Branch
Larry Bailey
Will Crawford
Kevin Reid