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**THANK YOU,  
RON!**

For about the last 5 or 6 years, we have been accustomed to seeing the result of Ron Johnson's hard work appearing in either our mailbox or email account in the form of the monthly TWA Newsletter. He organized submitted articles, edited, stamped and mailed the newsletter each month. January's newsletter was his last as he has passed along this responsibility, allowing him to concentrate on other areas. When you get the chance, stop him and give him a hearty "Thank You" for his hard work over the years.

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## ***From the January Meeting!***



Leon Harkins displaying his handiwork

## **February 19th Meeting Surface Decoration of Furniture With Michael Joerling**

Michael Joerling is a professional furniture maker from Chapel Hill. He has operated his own studio near his home since 1984. He creates both commissioned and gallery pieces that are sold and exhibited across the nation. Besides creating beautiful objects in wood, Michael has taught woodworking classes over the last several years and is currently teaching classes at his studio.

Throughout his career, Michael has chosen to work with materials or techniques that aesthetically add to the piece, whether in the choice of woods, veneers, paints, or surface decoration. His presentation at the Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on the surface enhancement of furniture. He will talk about and demonstrate how one can use paints, carving, distressing of wood, or a combination of these and more to achieve surface appearances that are unique and expressive of the form they adorn. I guarantee that you will take home ideas that you will be tempted to try.

## **VENEERING WORKSHOP**

On Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Michael will host a workshop at his studio on veneering. He will demonstrate and guide members through a veneer project using techniques that can be used in most home shops. This is a hands-on workshop; everyone will take home a panel that they have veneered during the day. He will also demonstrate how you can use a vacuum press to achieve results that would be difficult to accomplish with other techniques. In addition, Michael will demonstrate the preparation and use of scrapers. If you haven't tried to use this tool, or your trials have left you frustrated, Michael will teach you how to use this incredibly simple and useful tool. The workshop is currently filled, but ask Jeff Leimberger about cancellations that may open a spot.

The Triangle Woodworkers Association is a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to teaching woodworking techniques through seminars, classes, and workshops; promoting woodworking education and community interest in woodworking and in general sharing a love for wood.

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<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Balance January 1, 2002	\$7,773.56
Income	\$1,208.20
Expense	\$906.88
Balance January 31, 2002	\$8,074.88
The December 31, 2001 balance in the last newsletter was incorrect. The correct balance was \$7,773.56, not the \$7,413.55 as printed.	
Respectfully submitted, Noel Butzke	

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings everyone,  
 Sorry I missed the January meeting, I was enjoying the warm weather in Florida. I understand we had a large turnout. Tom Ferone is looking at ways to increase the seating space for future meetings and the board is considering a larger PA system so hopefully we can make our meetings a bit more comfortable

The board of directors and officers have completed the changes to our bylaws. I will give a brief summary of these changes at the February meeting. We will then be mailing a copy of the new constitution and bylaws to all active members with a return postcard so that you can indicate your approval of the changes. We need to have at least a 51% membership approval in order to make the change so be sure to return the post cards. As I said in the January newsletter, the changes will not affect our programs or other club activities but will make our board member and officer elections consistent with NC State requirements for a non profit organization

Dave Mackie

**INTRODUCING YOUR NEW EDITOR**

My name is Rick Cornell, and I have been a member of TWA since August of 2001. I am a beginning woodworker with a "garage shop". Having moved to the area from Arizona, I wanted a chance to develop my woodworking skills, become more involved and meet more of you. Over the next few months, I will be looking forward to hearing from you as to what you would like to see in the newsletter. What you want to see more of and what you want to see less of. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me at the meetings, call or email with any ideas you may have. My phone number is 919-319-9980, and email address is: [RickCornell@usa.net](mailto:RickCornell@usa.net)

**JUST FOR GRINS**

A woodworker had a neighbor that always borrowed his tools and never returned them, one day frustrated with this he phoned him.  
 " Could I put my table saw and drill press in your garage?" he inquired.  
 " Sure," his neighbor replied, " But why?"  
 " Just to have all my tools in one place." he retorted

**MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY TWA  
MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by Fred Ford at 7:30 at the Woodworking Shop on Capital Blvd. Quite a number of visitors were introduced. Attendance at the November meeting was 95.

Jeff Leimberger reminded the group of the meeting on Feb. 19 with Michael Joerling presenting the program on the surface decoration of furniture.

Irene Joyner spoke about the fun trip planned to the 3M Research Facility in Highpoint on March 5. Forty-two people have signed up and will meet to car-pool.

Bob Gabor announced that the Carolinas Expo, Industrial Woodworking Show will be held in Greensboro on Feb. 14 and 15. Registration can be done on the Internet at  
[www.carolinaswoodshow.com](http://www.carolinaswoodshow.com).

There will also be a show in Charlotte, March 14, 15 and 16.

The program by Bob Gabor, which was scheduled for this meeting will be held in April due to unforeseen circumstances and the April program, was switched to January. Leon Harkens explained his venture of carving a 16 foot totem pole (a commissioned piece). He used a log of bald cypress that was 15" in diameter at the bottom and 13" at the top. The piece was selected with as few knots as possible and was then cut in half and hollowed out. A centering rule was used for placing the design and after it was all carved he figured out a way to put the two halves back together with the joint being hidden in the design. The project took a year and in the end was placed in the entrance of a home with a cathedral ceiling so that the totem pole spanned from the bottom of the first floor all the way to the ceiling of the second floor. Leon is almost as amazed with his carving ability as others are. He brought several other pieces he had carved. One was a beautiful box made of Bass wood with ornamental chip carving; another was a large wall hanging of Indian cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde, Colorado.

The program was adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Kay Baker, Secretary.

**Meeting Program: March 19th**

Ben Hobbs of Hobbs Furniture Classes in Hertford NC and well know woodworker and instructor will share with us his knowledge of the construction of furniture. Ben has over twenty furniture construction classes a year at his school, and his students turn out a wide variety of projects to include traditional chairs, tables, chests and beds. In his presentation Ben will include planning for the project all the way through actual construction and finishing. While Ben's school uses some modern power equipment, they also concentrate heavily on the use of traditional woodworking tools and equipment. This will be both an interesting as well as useful presentation as we start thinking about all those projects around the house that we need to start work on. Hosted by Rob Zacardi. Telephone (910) 590-2340.

**UNC FESTIVAL 2002  
!!!!NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!!**

Coming up the end of February and March is UNC FESTIVAL 2002, the annual fundraiser for our local public television station. For a number of years TWA has volunteered to answer phones for this worthwhile event. And we are doing it again. We have signed up for Saturday March 16 from 2:30 to 6:30. This is the time when Roy Underhill will be in the studio promoting his show, The Woodwright Shop, and the Festival. This is always a fun time and you can see his shop/set where the program is filmed. If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile and fun event please give Ron Johnson a call at 544-2021 (home) or 854-6210 (work) to volunteer or for further information.

**New Members** this month include:

Michael Leclercq, Wake Forest  
Elia Bizzarri, Pittsboro  
David Carlson, Cary  
Phil Boyle, Raleigh  
Bob Brown, Lucama  
Henry Bibb, Chapel Hill

Make sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you see them!

### 3M Company Road Trip

Our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be your last chance to sign up for our planned road trip to the 3M Company on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduled to arrive at the 3M facility by 9am and depart for home at 3:30pm. We have been asked to gather in the parking lot until our entire group has arrived (or until 9am) at which time someone from 3M will come out and escort us in. Between the morning and afternoon sessions lunch will be provided by 3M.

Get together with other members from your area and plan a place to meet and car pool. Please call Irene Joiner (919-833-8113) NO LATER than 6pm on Sunday Feb.24 if you wish to participate (and have not already signed up) or need to cancel. See you on the 5<sup>th</sup>!!

Irene Joiner and Leon Harkins (tour coordinators)

### Directions to 3M Facility

#### From Raleigh/Durham area

- Take I-40 to Greensboro
- Go South on I-85 about 5.5 miles to Business I-85 exit
- Stay on Business I-85 approximately 6.5 miles until you get to US 311 South (you will go over the bridge around a cloverleaf to the right onto US 311)
- Once on US 311 go South a short distance until you come to a Churches Fried Chicken on the Right. Turn right at Churches onto Fraley Street (Drive?)
- 3M company will be on the Left

Go into the 1<sup>st</sup> parking lot and WAIT until the whole group has arrived.

#### From Apex/Cary area

- Take US 64 West to Siler City
- Go North on US 421 about 18 miles to NC 62
- Go West on NC 62 approx. 16-17 miles (you will cross over I-85) until it intersects with US 311 in Archdale (this road may also be called Main Street in Archdale)
- Go right on US 311 about 5-10 minutes until you come to a Churches Fried Chicken on the Left. Turn Left at Churches onto Fraley Street (Drive?)
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### Woodworking Tip

**W**hen applying liquid stains, the stain soaks more deeply into the pores of the end grain than the face grain, darkening the ends much more than the faces, see top photo.

One way to even out the stain color is to sand the end grain with a higher-grit sandpaper than the face grain.

In the bottom photo, the face is sanded with 220-grit and the end grain with 600-grit, resulting is a much better color match.

*from Online Woodworking Tips*



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