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December 13 Meeting

Bring your "Show & Tell", show it off and share your secrets of construction. Equally as important — bring your "Toys for Tots", those you have made or purchased toys if you have not had the time to build some. This is a good time to give to those who are less fortunate. There will be a very special door prize in store for us this month — an autographed basketball by Jim Valvano. Get a party together and join us for supper before the meeting.

January 24 Meeting

Note the date! Because of a job conflict, Louis Price of J&G Machinery will not be able to make our normal meeting date. His topic will be "How to make intelligent choices when buying power tools."

Future Meetings

- February 21 — Finishing with Frank Wells of Southerland-Welles.
- March 21 — Carving — Durham Carvers Association with StClair Williams and other members.
- April 18 — At Raleigh Hardwoods Center with David Williams, Manager.
- May 16 — Home Depot with Don Smallwood, Manager.
- June — Annual picnic

Tom Kurysz

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seminars. I have picked up some nice tidbits of information here and there. So now I have been out in the shop “practicing”. I have made a number of mistakes, some due to lack of skill, some due to using the wrong tool, some due to stupidity. Some I have fixed, some I have hidden, and some are there for everyone to see. If you want to see them come on out to the December meeting. Bring a project, jig, tip, or favorite tool to show as well. I’ll see ya there.

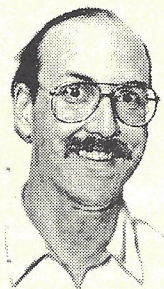
Ron Johnson

Flame Flnials

I’m not sure I can do this justice. Watching someone carve a flame finial and describing how it was done are two different things entirely. George Kosinski demonstrated why he is an expert in his field, by quickly and deftly laying out and carving a flame finial. The first two steps is turning the basic finial shape on the lathe. After this is done a grid is marked onto the turning. The type of grid will depend upon the number of edges (called starts) and the number of turns one wants on the finial. The indexing head of the lathe is used to help mark out the grid pattern. The centerline of the starts is drawn using a flexible straight edge, and then corrected with an “artistic eye.” Then everything that does not look like a flame finial is carved away. George, who began wood carving under the tutelage of his father and grandfather at the age of eleven is a master woodcarver, and his skill with carving tools is very evident. George demonstrated all of this on a large finial of 3 lb density polystyrene foam, a material that he uses for laying out many of his large carvings. Besides the foam some of his favorite carving woods are mahogany and walnut. George finished with an invitation for us to stop by and see his shop when we are in the High Point area. I know I will take him up on it. Please give him a day or two warning, and be sure and thank him for an interesting and informative lesson. Thanks George.

Ron Johnson

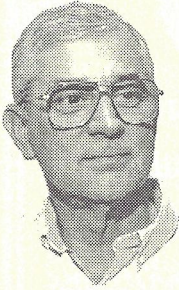
President’s Message



I have been out in the shop working on a project, hoping to get it done for the December Show and Tell meeting.

This is one of the more involved (i.e. complex) projects that I have tried. I glued up the main boards over eight years ago when I had a basement shop in Peoria, Illinois. Since then I have started and completed a number of less involved projects. This summer I decided it was time to finish this one. My skills have grown a bit since I first started this project, as has my tool collection, however, I would not classify myself as “skilled.” Although I aspire to be, I may never be a craftsman, but I hope to move beyond the wood butcher that I currently am. One of the reasons I joined the TWA was to improve my skills. However, I soon realized that just joining was not going to accomplish that. First I needed to get involved and meet other people that I could learn from. And second I needed to practice those skills on projects. I started attending meetings and talking to folks; I have even attended a few

Minutes of November 15, 1994



The November 15 meeting of the Triangle Woodworkers Association, held at the Community Room in the South Hills Mall, was called to order at 7:30PM by President Ron Johnson. There were 110 in attendance.

The floor was opened to members.

- Ed Karolak announced that Phil Bright has a stroke sander for sale for \$150. Ed also announced that he has Taunton Books on display and for sale.
- Roger Austin of the Triangle Woodturners announce a woodturning seminar by Roger Jacobs to be held at N.C. State's Stuart Theater from 10 to 4 on December 3rd. Admission is free.
- Dan Cameron introduced Dave Weeby of Wake County Vo-Ed Department, who thanked TWA members for their involvement in the Cary High School Project. Dave asked for someone experienced with hand rubbed finishes to give a workshop for instructors. Call Dave at 850-1873. (The Home Depot manager, Don Smallwood was in attendance and gave the name of his coatings expert.) Dan told of the letters that have been sent out to help build interest in Toys for Tots. He suggested taking copies to our churches and asking that they get involved. The kickoff date for the Toys for Tots collection campaign is nearing. He also showed toy samples available for members to copy.
- Don Smallwood of Home Depot invited us to build toys at their store on December 3 from 10 - 2. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- George Kissell shared his feelings about

Toys for Tots and the importance of toys being available for children in need. He also paid tribute to Dan Cameron for his efforts on behalf of Toys for Tots.

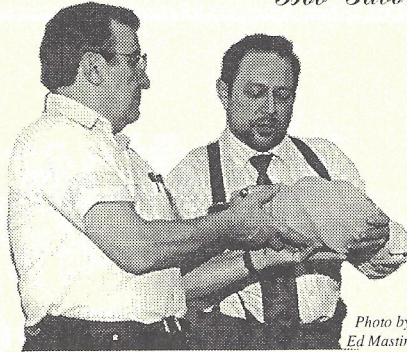
- Dan Cameron announced that Bill Eckard is having a battle with cancer. Send cards to: 2934 Rustic Court, Hillsborough, NC 27278.
- Tom Hurysz reminded us that December 13 is our next meeting date and gave an update on coming programs:
 - January—Machine Rebuilding
 - February—Finishing, with Frank Wells
 - March—Durham Carvers
 - April—Raleigh Hardwood Center, at their new place
 - May—Home Depot

At 8:10, Tom Hurysz introduced George Kosinski, master furniture carver, who presented the program for the evening. George also invited any of us to his studio to spend a day with him. The program was over at 9:05PM.

Next Ron awarded Door prizes. Cheyney Nicholson won a \$20 gift certificate from Ashcroft Saws & Tools. Henry Bibb won a router bit set from Specialty Tool Service. Carson Webb won a \$10 gift certificate from South Hills Seafood Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Gabor



Ed Karolak assists George Kosinski with his carving demonstration

Photo by
Ed Mastin

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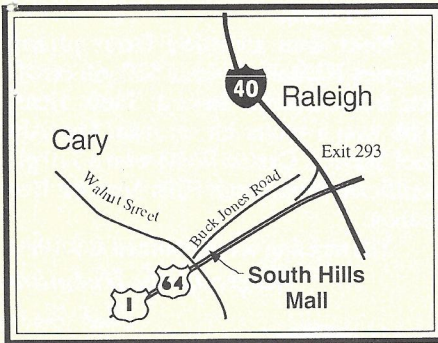


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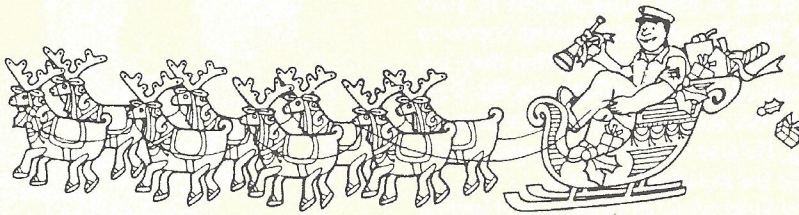
For sale or trade. Belt stroke sander 8'x8". Phil Bright 477-2096. \$150 or trade for color monitor or whatever you want to trade.

Taunton Press Books and Videos at 15% off list prices. Request price list or order by phone. See display at the next meeting. Ed's Woodshop, 2718 Heather Glen Road, Durham, NC 27712. (919) 383-4233.

December Meeting Location South Hills Community Room



*In Appreciation.
TWA would
like to give
Major Dale Williams
a big thank you for
his cooperation in
Toys for Tots
over the past four
years. We wish him
well in his retirement
in January 1995.*



Quit Procrastinating

if you want to feel good, make some Toys for Tots

Membership Application

Complete and mail to:
Triangle Woodworkers Association
8504 Smith Road
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Dues for twelve month period (please check)

- New \$40 Renewal \$35 Change of Address
 Former Member \$40 (dues lapsed longer than 30 days)
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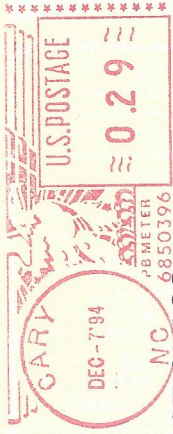
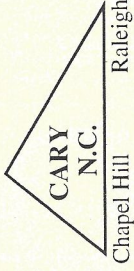
Sponsors offer discounts to our members. Membership cards must be shown to qualify. Please report your experiences, good or bad, to Ed Karolak.

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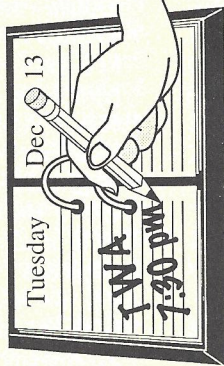
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FIRST CLASS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 13	7:30 PM. Monthly Meeting. Member Show n' Tell and Toys for Tots collection. (see page 4 for map).
Jan 2	7:00 PM Furniture Special Interest Group. Capitol City Lumber Company.
Jan 4	Deadline for TWA News.

**It's Time to
 bring in your
 Toys for Tots**

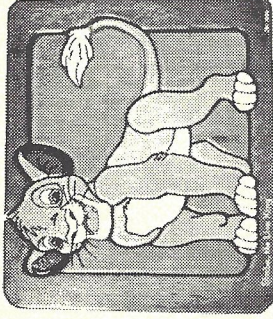


Photo by Brad Craig

Simba, the Lion King
 a Toys for Tots project by
 Timothy Crawshaw

