

# TWA NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Klingspor Store, Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC

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A message from the owners of The Hardwood Store of North Carolina:

December 14, 2015

Dear Members of The Triangle Woodworkers Association,

I just wanted to thank you again for inviting us to come over for the Toys For Tots presentation. The food, fellowship and especially the heartwarming experience of seeing first-hand all of the toys that your members had lovingly made was overwhelming. Your project definitely exemplifies the giving spirit of Christmas. We are honored to be even a small part of it.

Thank you also for the beautiful hand carved replica of the tree used in our logo. The talent within your group is remarkable. It has been placed proudly in our showroom.

Please be assured that we will continue to support your members with the lumber needed for this project in the future.

Thanks again.

Cheryl Lewis  
The Hardwood Store of NC, Inc.

*Happy Holidays!*

*Cheryl*

## President's Message

WOW! It was absolutely wonderful to see the turnout for our annual Toys for Tots social. The toys were just amazing in their quantity, variety, and the talent that produced them. The wooden toys will make over 2,600 kids a Merry Christmas.

It was also great to see the cooperation of everybody with the setup and cleanup of the tables, chairs and food. Roy Underhill was most entertaining, and even helped afterward with loading the Marine's van. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all that made this social the success that it was.

As we look forward to 2016 we need to be more active in increasing our membership. Getting more woodworkers to participate in meetings and workshops. We all need to step up and encourage others and advertise membership and participation in TWA activities, workshops and management. Yes, management. We will have elections later this year for the Board and other management positions.

Sincerely,  
Pete Bucki

## General Meeting Minutes 12/9/2015

Pete Bucki our acting president opened the meeting promptly.



Our last function of the year was our holiday party and Toys for Tots roundup and distribution. The tables were brimming with food as the Marines assigned to collect our donations were introduced and explained that their unit is responsible for processing donations from a 5 county area, sorting them into age appropriate groups, and then sending them out to 500 or so organizations that submit a request of need. They work on the Toys for Tots project from October to Dec. 20th. Luckily they have lots of volunteers to help, and they sure could have used some tonight, especially if they had a truck!

Terry Tenhouse, one of our hosts for the party, introduced Cheryl Lewis and Hal Peel from the Hardwood Store, our honored guests at the party. ("LIKE" them on Facebook!) They are responsible for the generous donations of wood to us for our projects. Terry presented a plaque to them from the club made by members and carved by Bernie Bogdon.





Roy Underhill was the featured speaker at the party. He described himself as the rodeo clown following the real act after the introduction of the Marines. He does not appear to take himself too seriously as a celebrity, and he followed with some ridiculous and amusing stories. Like the one where O'Rion the Irish constellation was speaking to Sagittarius and telling him how diligently TWA members are helping to reduce global warming by sequestering carbon in their basements. He also touched on Homer's Odyssey and some apocryphal mythological creatures such as the CAPSLOCKS creatures who send him reeling with their comments at times. Roy was very entertaining as usual and his attendance much appreciated. He gave us some good news about our friend Bill Anderson, who has undergone a bone marrow transplant, which appears to have taken.

Fred Ford, our Toys for Tots Top Team Leader proceeded with the introduction of the round robin of workshops. All in all, we made over 2,600 toys this year. Yes, there is a comma there!

- Alan Campbell's work shop was at Klingspor and made 809 Volkswagons. Kudos to Bruce Wrenn who cuts out all the cars before they enter the production line.



- Les Hall made dog pull toys, 150 in number.



- Roger Sanwald's group made 4 different toys numbering 50 each: wooden airplanes, fish crayon holders, flower crayon holders, and last but not least, small wagons with 37 blocks in each wagon (2000 blocks total!)



- Don Frankfather and his wife Dorothy built 62 trucks to hold crayons.

- Jerry Tenhouse built 60 wagons with 8 people working on his team. The team is targeting 100 for next year!



- Mark Firley built 55 bulldozers, and 60 hippos on wheels, multiple trucks, and a pig on wheels (172 toys total.) The Hillsboro Orange County Woodworkers participated in this effort.



- Jim Rhodes made 75 tractors, and finished another 100 started by Bill Scoot, a former member in poor health.



- Pete Hodges had some help with a CNC machine making 200 cars, many ring catchers that look like Pinocchio were demonstrated for us by an agile youth. Yes indeed, he made cars with fenders!



- Pete Bucki made 187 buses out of 2 x 4's.



- Bob Gabor and Ebenezer Methodist Church youth assembled 185 cars. He had a couple of the children with him to share their enthusiasm for the project. Pete Bucki cut the bodies.



- Alex Knittel made 45 locomotives and 50 race cars, 16 cars, and 50 dog pulls.

- Cecil Raynor's group designs, tests, and produces a new toy every year. This year George Mills designed a ferry boat that will hold 6 match box cars. 50 were built.



More toy pictures are on Page 11.

After the groups who manufactured the toys were acknowledged, we adjourned and all hands on deck helped with the cleanup. The food and fellowship was memorable. Thank you to those who made the arrangements and were there early to make sure everything went smoothly. Happy Holidays. A gift of wood is always good!

We were then adjourned.

Jan Batker, Secretary

## *Toys for Tots – Year End Report*



**1986**

**2015**

Dan Cameron led the TWA's first venture into making toys for the Toys for Tots in 1986, four years after the club was conceived. During the thirty years since, our effort has been on handmade toys. We have now contributed 96,809 toys to the Toys for Tots program in our thirtieth year of making a lot of sawdust.

This year we delivered 2,651 to the Marines at our celebration meeting. The Commanding Officer of the Marine Corp Reserves Raleigh, Major Burette, attended to express his gratitude for our years of support and to pick up the toys. He described the procedure for handling the 40,000 toys they distribute on an annual basis. Underhill was kind enough to entertain us for the second time in 2015. The food was excellent and the turnout was overwhelming.

I want to give a special thanks to all of you that furnished refreshments. Last year was well done, but this year was even better.

2015 was the second year in which we had 12 independent workshops make Toys for Tots. We were able to produce 2,651 toys with great variety and excellent workmanship. I believe we hit an all-time high in quality of work and workmanship. We had at least 70 people participating in the program this year. About 50 of them were TWA members and the others were from various organizations. For instance, Mark Firley brought in most of Hillsborough to help with his workshop, and his output showed the quality of the Hillsborough helpers.

The real history, including 2015, of the TWA Toys for Tots program lies in the men, women, and children who have given their time and skill. The table below lists their accomplishments, but the true story was in the homes Christmas morning with the children receiving a toy made with love.

Submitted by Fred Ford  
Chairman of the TWA Toys for Tots Committee

## *Membership Welfare*

If you are aware of any news of illness or misfortune, or better yet, something really good happening to one of our members, please contact Pete Bucki. The TWA wants to support and uplift its members. Pete can be reached either by phone, 919-380-8860, or email, [peteb301@att.net](mailto:peteb301@att.net)

## *TWA Treasurer's Report*

Beginning Balance:	\$9,217.78
Income:	\$40.00
Expense:	\$240.76
Ending Balance:	\$9,017.02

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kite – Treasurer

## *Future Program Schedule & Descriptions*

<i>Month</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Host</i>
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Basic and More on the Jig Saw	<b>Scott Miller</b>	Fred Ford
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thinking Outside the Can	<b>Jay Cash</b>	Fred Ford

# *January Program*

## *Basic and More on the Jig Saw*

Tuesday, January 19th

**Speaker: Scott Miller**

**Host: Fred Ford**

Scott Miller is an ex-member of TWA since he moved out of town several years back. He was one of our Scroll Saw experts. He has agreed to come back and get reacquainted with his friends and teach us how to use the Scroll Saw or just improve our skills.

Scott will be discussing his recommendation on which saw to buy and why. Following that he will discuss the basics of Scroll Sawing such as blade choice, cutting speed, and tips on how to stay on the line, etc.

He will go over the steps needed to complete a project. Items like choosing your pattern, choosing your wood, attaching the pattern, preparing to start {drilling etc.) cutting, and finish of choice.

Please come with pencil, paper, and your questions.



# *February Program*

## *Thinking outside the Can*

Speaker: Jay Cash

Host: Fred Ford



*Many of you will remember the presentation Jay Cash gave to our Association in November of 2014. Many of you requested that we have him back to follow on what he talked about and get into details on the exact finishing process he has developed. Jay has graciously agreed to join us again in February.*

*No matter how good you are at finishing I am sure you will leave this meeting with an even better understanding of the finishing process.*

*Jay will present a great “how to” program on many aspects of finishing for wood working projects. His main emphasis will be the actual finishing process he has developed over his more than 35 years of woodworking and finishing. He will begin with a quick summary of his last presentation included wood selection and matching finishes to the type of wood, sealing and conditioning, and using dyes and pigmented colors. He also discussed recipes for desired wood colors and matching fillers to grain. He will then cover the finishing process in detail.*

*The program will have a lot of useful, practical information. Visitors with an interest in woodworking are welcome.*

Many of you met Jay in November of 2014. Some of you will may remember Jay from his days working at Klingspor, and others may have attended one of the classes he taught on finishing at Klingspor.

Jay knows more about finishing in his little finger than some of us know, well, me anyway, in our entire body.

Jay is now working for Finish Pros of Raleigh.

<http://www.finishpros.com> Finish Pros specialize in furniture restoration and upholstery where you not only have to know how to finish new furniture, but you must be able to match the finishes of 100+ years ago.

Come and be entertained and learn.

The following is from the Finish Pros website. Here is what Jay has to say about himself:

I'm Jay, the Shop Manager here at Finish Pros. I have over 35 years of woodworking, furniture making, and finishing experience. Early in my career, I began working in the carpentry field and later developed a passion for furniture making. I have studied the art of furniture making and design with Master Craftsmen around the world. I still enjoy advancing this knowledge through intensive woodworking and finishing classes around the country. This helps me provide critical guidance to our shop staff throughout the finishing process. In my free time, I still enjoy woodworking if you can believe it. When I'm not doing that, I am spending time with family and enjoying my grandchildren.



# More Toy for Tots Photographs

All photos by Ed Mastin



# *Current Board and Committees Members*

## POSITION

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
At Large Board Member  
At Large Board Member  
At-Large Board Member

## BOARD MEMBER

Pete Bucki acting for Diane Philyaw  
Roger Sanwald  
Janet Batker  
Jack Kite  
Fred Ford  
Judy Sanwald  
George Mills

## COMMITTEE

### Program Committee

## CHAIRPERSON/Members

**Roger Sanwald & Judy Sanwald** - Fred Ford, Terry Tenhouse, Allen Campbell, Bob Gabor, Jeff Leimberger, Terry Brown, Hal Brown, Mike Payst

### Toys for Tots Committee

**Fred Ford** -Allen Campbell, Joe Gorman, Bruce Wrenn, Cecil Raynor, Diane Philyaw, Pete Hodges, Bob Gabor, Terry Tenhouse, Roger and Judy Sanwald, Jim and Thelma Rhodes, Don Frankfather, Mark Firley, Les Hall, Pete Bucki

### Nominating Committee

**Fred Ford/Terry Tenhouse, Diane Philyaw**

### Newsletter Publications Committee

**Diane Philyaw** - Fred Ford, George Mills

### Library Committee

**Jim & Thelma Rhodes**

### Publicity Committee

**OPEN**

### Sponsor Committee

**Mike Payst**

### Internet Committee

**Paul Holzworth**

### Mentor Committee

**Allen Campbell**

### Membership Committee

**Ken Sender** - Cheryl Serdar Judy Sanwald, Paul Holzworth, Sue Bunch?

### Audio/Visual Committee

**Tom Reville** - Leon Abbas, James Chamberlain

### Photographer

**Ed Mastin**

### Hospitality Committee

**Pete Bucki**

### Facilities/Refreshments Committee

**John Zatti** - Ed Mastin

### Raffle Committee

**Mike Payst & Pete Bucki Co-chairs**

### TWA Duties and Responsibilities Editor

**Fred Ford**

## *Mentors*

The purpose of this program is to have a reference guide to call when you need to “pick someone’s brain”, Rule #1 in woodworking: nobody has a monopoly on brains! This list of people includes: contact information, projects the Mentors are comfortable offering advice about, and skills they would be able to help other members acquire.

<i>Mentor</i>	<i>Service/Skill Offered</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
Bernie Bogdon	Relief Carving	(919) 850-0739	sabile_27615@yahoo.com
Hugh Fish	Chairs, Joinery, Machinery & Power Tools, Mantles, Routers, Tables and TV Cabinets, Turning	(919) 467-5696	hughpatfish@yahoo.com
John Margeson	Baby Furniture, Beds, Bookcase, Chairs, Chest, Decks, Tables	(919) 876-3476	jmalice@bellsouth.net
Mike Resar	Baby furniture, Beds, Bookcase, Cabinets, Chest, Drafting, Dressers, Tables, TV Cabinets	(919) 876-1664	atwaterla@ncleg.net
Allen Campbell	Simple inlay, Staining/dyeing, Pen turning, Cabriole legs	(919) 772-4551	aacjr@nc.rr.com
Cecil Raynor	Joinery, Finishing, Tables, Chairs	(919) 870-0508	raynorc@bellsouth.net
Amy Dowden	Google SketchUp		

## TWA Sponsors

### **Ashcroft Saws and Tools**

919-876-3223  
3125 Gresham Lake Rd. Unit 116  
Raleigh, NC 27615  
[www.ashcroftsaw.com](http://www.ashcroftsaw.com)  
25% off list on blades and 10% off on sharpening

### **Capitol City Lumber Co.**

919-832-6492  
4216 Beryl Rd.  
Raleigh, NC  
1-800-244-6492  
[www.capitolcitylumber.com](http://www.capitolcitylumber.com)  
Special prices to TWA members

### **Edwards Mountain Woodworks**

919-932-6050, evenings  
Fine handtool woodworking: creating and teaching in wood. For further information on the workshops, schedule, and tools needed and any other requirements email Bill Anderson at: [bill@edwardsmountainwoodworks.com](mailto:bill@edwardsmountainwoodworks.com)  
[www.edwardsmountainwoodworks.com](http://www.edwardsmountainwoodworks.com)  
Tuition discount for club members.

### **The Hardwood Store**

1-888-445-7335  
Gibsonville, NC  
1-888-445-7335  
[www.hardwoodstore.com](http://www.hardwoodstore.com)  
Discount: 10 cents per board foot

### **Guy C. Lee Building Materials**

900 N. Salem St.  
Apex, NC

### **Keglers Woodworks LLC**

919-608-7220  
330 Dupont Circle  
Raleigh NC 27603  
[mkeglers@earthlink.net](mailto:mkeglers@earthlink.net)

### **Stock Building Company**

919-828-7471  
3000 Yonkers Rd.  
Raleigh, NC  
[www.stocksupply.com](http://www.stocksupply.com)

### **Klingspor's Woodworking Shop**

919-608-7220, 919-876-0707  
3141 Capital Blvd.  
Raleigh, NC  
(.9 mile N of Beltline exit 11)  
[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com)  
10% discount excluding lumber and power tools

### **Raleigh Saw**

919-832-2248  
5805 C Departure Dr.  
Raleigh, NC 27616  
[www.raleighsaw.com](http://www.raleighsaw.com)  
10% discounts on all new products

### **Tarheel Wood Treating Co.**

919-467-9176  
10309 Chapel Hill Rd. (Highway 54)  
Morrisville, NC 27560  
[www.tarheelwoodtreating.com](http://www.tarheelwoodtreating.com)  
Contractor's prices on all wood products  
TWA card before order is written

### **Woodcraft**

919-781-1911 Fax: 919-781-1980  
4317 Pleasant Valley Rd.  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
[raleighwoodcraft@bellsouth.net](mailto:raleighwoodcraft@bellsouth.net)  
<http://www.woodcraft.com>  
\$25 gift certificate at each  
TWA meeting for the raffle

### **Woodworker's Supply of NC**

Store: 336-578-0500  
Mail order: 1-800-645-9292  
1125 Jay Lane  
Graham, NC 27253  
[www.woodworker.com](http://www.woodworker.com)

### **Wurth Wood Group**

919-231-6620  
4213 Poole Rd. (Exit 15 off I-440)  
Raleigh, NC 27610  
[www.wurthwoodgroup.com](http://www.wurthwoodgroup.com)