



TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom videoconference; use the link, meeting ID and password below to join.

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Topic: Updates to 17th & 18th Century Woodworking - Evolution of Woodworking Techniques

Chuck Bender is one of the most highly regarded furniture makers in the country and the founder of the Acanthus Workshop. He began woodworking at the age of 12, making pieces of furniture for friends and family. Chuck studied under Werner Duerr at the Central Chester County Vocational Technical School in Pennsylvania. Werner taught the program exactly like his apprenticeship in Germany. The students were instructed to blend hand tool use with power tools. Chuck teaches that same philosophy today.

After high school, Chuck began working for other cabinet makers to hone his skills. Having spent nearly ten years working with Irion Company Furnituremakers, working his way up to head of case and chair production, Chuck decided to branch off on his own. Since 1991 Chuck has built a reputation for making the highest quality 18th Century furniture in the country. His work can be seen in museums, private collections, and at some of the finest juried craft shows in the country.

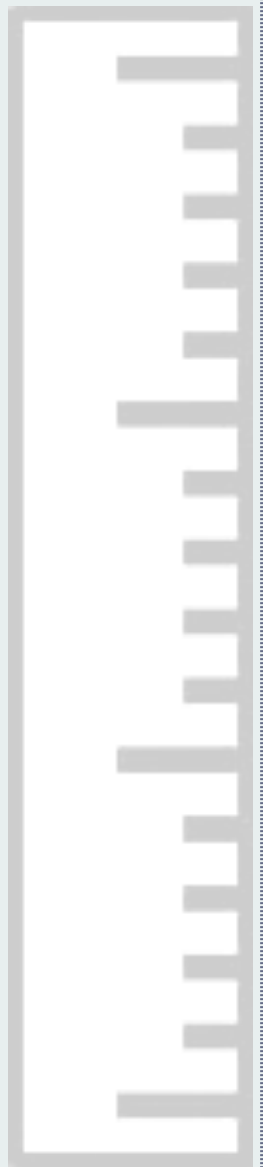
In 2007, Chuck started the Acanthus Workshop (a school for avocational woodworkers). Also, in 2007, he began sharing his knowledge publicly by writing articles for Popular Woodworking Magazine and teaching skill-driven classes at woodworking shows across the country.

In 2013, Chuck joined the staff of Popular Woodworking Magazine as Senior Editor but left nearly two years later to start an online magazine. Realizing his true passion resides in the workshop, either building furniture or teaching others, he exited the online venture and re-established himself as a teacher and furniture maker in 2017.

Host: Mark Firley

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—DECEMBER 15, 2020

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

Roy Brookhart opened the general meeting conducted using Zoom virtual technology. There were 36 members in attendance.

One new member, Chris Gebhardt, joined the meeting at the invitation of Joe Sabo. Welcome Chris!

Bob Andrews volunteered to do a shop tour at the February 2021 meeting.

The January meeting featured speaker will be Chuck Bender (acanthus.com) who will discuss 17th and 18th century furniture and the changes made in their production.

Fred Ford then led the Toys for Tots annual presentation. This was our 35th year of making a lot of children happy. Our workshops have produced 4579 toys this year, a new all-time record for the Toys for Tots program exceeding last year's record of 4255 toys. This is a very remarkable result given that we did this with a worldwide pandemic going on all over. A great deal of ingenuity has been applied to keeping people safe to produce these toys. There were 15 workshops with 51 participating members in support of these workshops. The Zoom program featured many of the workshop hosts, or their representatives, doing a Show and Tell of a toy that resulted from their workshop. They also included some interesting points about the design process, their assembly process, and other activities that were necessary as a result of the Corona Virus. A summary from each presenter is below.

Cecil Raynor – his team designed and built a new heavy-duty truck.

Terry Tenhouse/Roy Brookhart – the team met weekly via Zoom to discuss building 3D tic-tac-toe puzzles, knick-knack boxes, and Jenga games.

Jim Rhodes – Jim made tractors and delivery trucks

Pete Hodges – his team built Volkswagens and helped with Volkswagens for Joe Sabo's Klingspor workshop.

Mark Firley – his workshop had reduced participation this year; in spite of this, he delivered numerous toys to the Marine Corps.

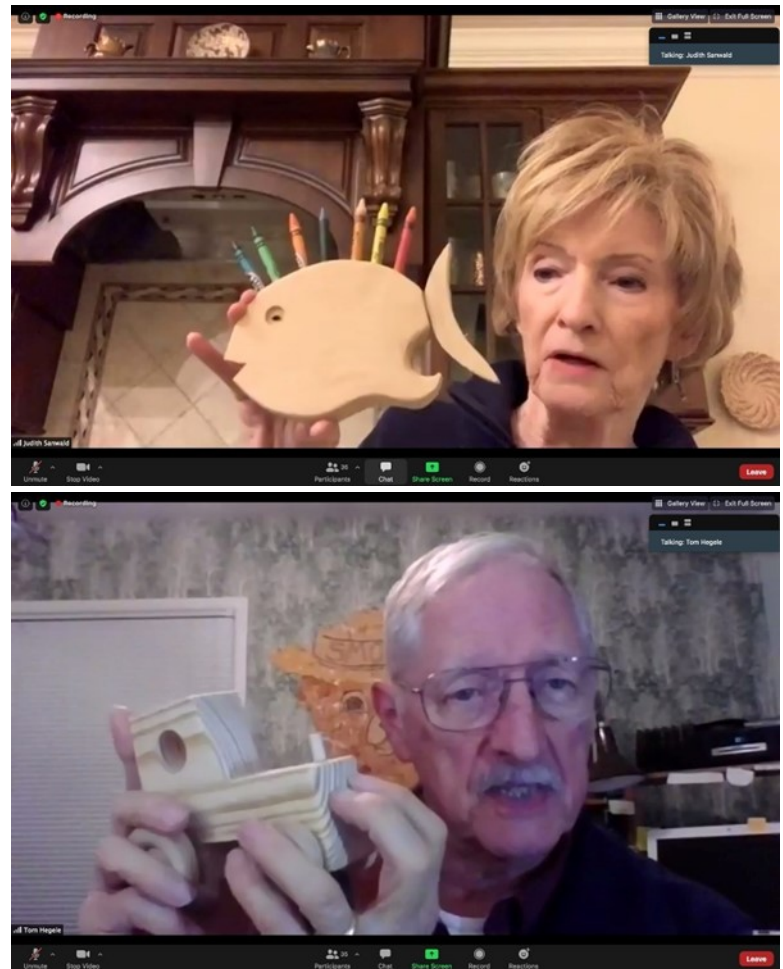
Bob Gabor – his workshop built doll beds, cars, tote boxes, rocking chairs and Volkswagens.

Judy Sanwald/Hugh Fish – their workshop built fish-shaped crayon holders, building boxes in hand stenciled bags, and puzzles.

Bob Guenther – produced helicopters and worked on Volkswagens.

Bob Andrews – built large trucks, small trucks, bat mobiles, Maxwell cars, and duck pull toys.

Bill Burton – his team completed numerous toys, assisted by multiple ingenious jigs to help make the



Toys for Tots show-and-tell (photos: Mark Firley)

production efficient and consistent.

Joe Sabo – led two groups making toys. The Volkswagen cars usually made in a Klingspor weekend had to be performed in individuals shops this year. Joe's other workshop made numerous toys including race cars, cradles, trucks, convoy trucks, keepsake boxes, army tanks, and ring toss games.

Tom Hegele – his workshop produced tractors.

Alex Knittel – his workshop produced various types of cars and dogs.

Roy Brookhart reminded the members that the Hardwood Store was a significant sponsor of the Toys for Tots program this year as in the past, providing much of the wood used for the toys.

TOYS FOR TOTS—FINAL 2020 REPORT

This year we donated 4,579 toys! For the second time, we have gone over 4000 toys, having made 4265 last year.

This is going to be an abbreviated report because of the corona virus. I was unable to visit the workshops and report on their progress or take pictures of the ongoing activities. We did not even have a banquet at the end of the year to have a good meal and to take pictures of all the toys to share with the other members.

The good news is that our esteemed President Mr. Roy had the brilliant idea of holding ZOOM meetings. This allowed us to at least show the toys on computers to those attending the meeting. The ZOOM meetings also have allowed us to at least see each other once a month even though we can't be in person.

I need to thank Hil Peel of The Hardwood Store of North Carolina for his generous contributions of hardwood. About 90% of the hardwood we used came from The Hardwood Store. We had quite a bit of wood left over from the pallets of wood Hil give us for the 2019 program. Lets give Cheryl Lewis a very large thank you for all the support she gave to us on behalf of the Hardwood Store to make the pick up of wood so easy. Cheryl—it is a pleasure to work with someone that is so pleasant, efficient and giving.

Some of the members mentioned the various ways they were able to use small pieces of wood and use end cuts from the Truss Company for soft wood requirements.

One of our hosts mentioned some of the expenses for his workshop. They amounted to several hundreds of dollars. I cannot be sure, but I am 99.9% sure that every Host and many members contributed purchases that go unrecorded.

I think it is important that all members of the club realize that the actual cost to the club is minimal. This is due to the generosity of the participants in the Toys for Tots program as well as donations from all the individuals in the club and outside the club. In net over the seven years we looked at in a recent study, it showed a recorded expenditure of \$9607 (\$2,360 average/year). However, donations covered most of it nearing a cost to the club of \$251 per year.

But over the last two years, we have averaged 4402 toys per year. This equates to a 72% increase in production. Using the \$2,360 cost per year from above times the 1.72 increase we should expect to spend \$4,592. Jack Kite reports our expense to be \$3,534.91. With donations, the cost to the club was \$2,264.79. Several years ago, that



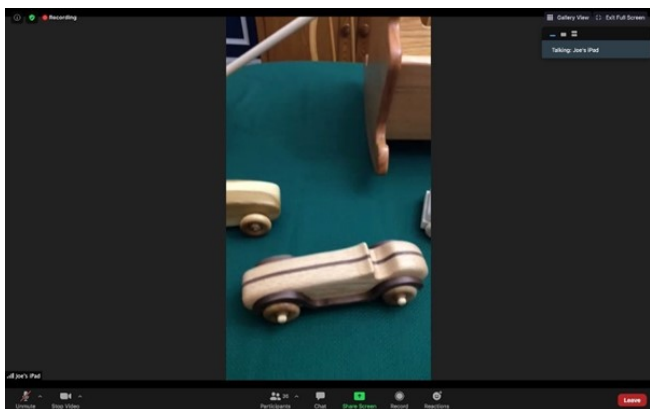
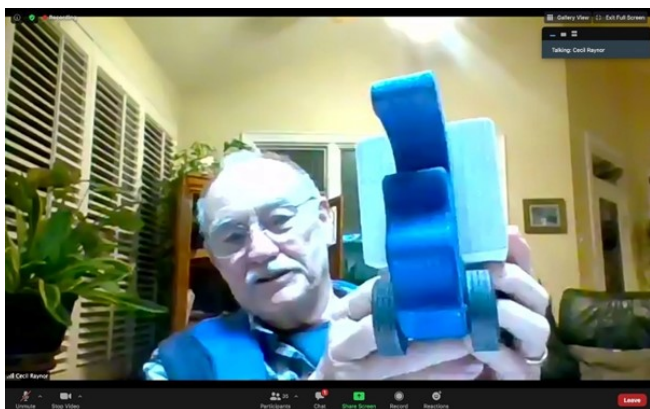
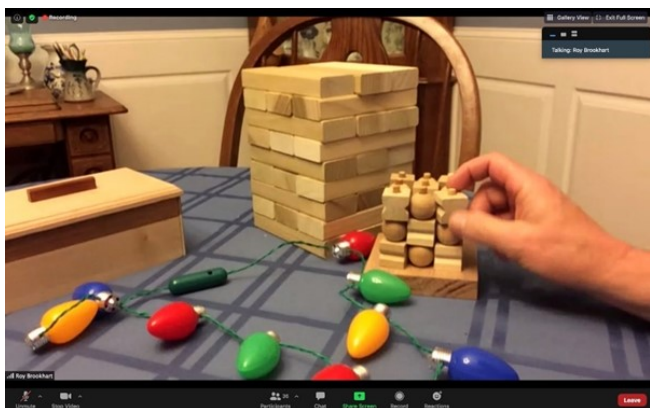
Toys for Tots show-and-tell (photos: Mark Firley)

would not be a problem. But with our reduced membership to under 100, we cannot afford even that level of expense. Dick Raup has agreed to form a committee to increase our donations. He will be contacting some of you to be a member. Please give this some thought. You could even volunteer. His telephone number is (847) 736-4599

Thank you all for your support. I hope you took a moment on Christmas to think of all the children we helped have a Merry Christmas.

*Submitted by Fred Ford
Chairman of the TWA Toys for Tots Program*

TOYS FOR TOTS—FINAL 2020 REPORT—CONTINUED



Toys for Tots show-and-tell (photos: Mark Firley)

HOST	TOY	TARGET #
Bob Gabor	Doll Beds	100
	Volkswagens	449
	Cars	22
	Tote Boxes	17
	Rocking Chairs/Bears	6
Cecil Raynor	Heavy Duty Trucks	109
Terry Tenhouse and Roy Brookhart	3D Tic Tac Toe	90
	Jenga Game	8
	Knick Knack Boxes	172
Jim Rhodes	Tractors	144
	Delivery Trucks	72
Joe Sabo (Klingspor)	Volkswagens	1069
Pete Hodges	Cars	170
Mark Firley	miscellaneous	275
Judy Sanwald and Hugh Fish	Fish crayon holders	45
	Blocks	40
	Puzzles	34
Bob Guenther	Helicopters	9
Les Hall	Pull Dogs	50
Bill Burton	Airplanes	210
Bob Andrews	Batmobiles	20
	Maxwell Cars	3
	Duck Pull Toys	50
	Trucks	35
Joe Sabo	Tanks	79
	Large Cars	76
	Ring Toss	12
	Knick Knack Boxes	53
	Trucks	455
	Animals	51
	Volkswagens	240
	Poppers	101
Alex Knittel	Dogs	20
	Small Cars	15
	Race Cars	50
	Volkswagens	50
Tom Hegele	Tractors	178
Total		4579

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back and Happy New Year. It's the beginning of a new year and we are off and running again.

Mark Firley is busy lining up some great speakers. And, as long as the Wi-Fi keeps working, we will continue to conduct our monthly virtual meetings via Zoom.

The Toys for Tots kickoff isn't until mid-year but some workshops are already busy creating toys.

It looks to me like 2021 is going to be another good year for our club.

Roy Brookhart

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send newsletter content for future newsletters to Fred Ford (fredford22@gmail.com) or Karin Pihel (karin.pihel@gmail.com).

Contributions for each newsletter are due by the last day of the previous month.

UPCOMING MEETING

Meeting Topic: Flag Boxes and Urns

Speaker: Hugh Donohue

Date: Tuesday, February 16

TWA member Hugh Donohue will discuss his experience making flag boxes and urns.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

TWA is happy to welcome the following new member:

- Chris Gebhardt

Ken Serdar, Membership Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT (NOVEMBER)

Beginning Balance: \$8,870.37

Income: \$355.00

Expense: \$443.42

Ending Balance: \$8,781.95

Does not include Petty Cash of \$86.00

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

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