



TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom videoconference only;
use the information below to join.

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Meeting ID: 829 6424 3425

Passcode: 390187

Topics: Building a Canal Boat

Speaker: John Montague

The Buffalo Maritime Center is in the midst of a challenging project constructing a carefully researched and designed replica of Governor DeWitt Clinton’s canal boat Seneca Chief. It was this 73’ vessel which officially opened the Erie Canal in 1825 travelling from Buffalo to New York City and back in what was at the time celebrated as the “Wedding of the Waters.”

The boat will be completed this coming September (2023) by our volunteer building crews of over a hundred men and women all trained by the Center’s two master boatbuilders. The boat will be launched for ‘sea trials’ in the spring of 2024 and, for the Canal’s Bicentennial Year of 2025, she will reenact the 1,025 mile round trip journey from Buffalo to NYC and back. After 2025, the Seneca Chief will have its permanent home at Buffalo’s Erie Canal terminus but regularly travel the New York State canal system as a travelling “living history site.”

In my presentation I will briefly outline the Buffalo Maritime Center’s vision for the project as a multi-dimensional educational civic outreach program to help reconnect the City of Buffalo and the State to their historic waterways. But more specifically, I will discuss and illustrate some of the major challenges in designing and constructing a historically accurate vessel of this scale and complexity. I will share some of the foreseen and unforeseen issues we encountered like the desperate search for high quality white oak, especially in the quantities required. Also, how we found ourselves having to improvise: forge some of our own hardware, devise special clamps, jigs, steam boxes and improvise special tools as we went along.

At the Center, we have built hundreds of boats over the years but this is the largest project we’ve undertaken so far. We’ve learned, and are learning, a lot in the process and we are anxious to share.

Host: Roy Brookhart

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—FEBRUARY 21, 2023

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

Roy Brookhart opened the regular monthly meeting at Woodcraft in Raleigh. There were 25 attendees. There was no Zoom connection provided for this meeting. New members attending were Curtis Mears and Paul Meehan.

Kerry Schoolfield, as host, introduced Marshall Fletcher, owner of the Raleigh Woodcraft store and Herb Shelly, store manager. Marshall Fletcher conducted a slide presentation about Woodcraft, including its history, size of operation and products offered. The store offered all who attended the opportunity to take 15% off purchases on store merchandise, excluding power tools. Woodcraft conducted a raffle for a no. 3 Woodriver plane to attendees. Mark Asman took home the prize.

As pointed out by Marshall Fletcher, Woodcraft has been in business for 95 years, starting in Boston. In 1994, the headquarters

was moved to Parkersburg, WV where it remains today. There are 74 Woodcraft stores in the United States. Most stores are independently owned and operated. Woodcraft owns 12 stores. Woodcraft offers most major brand power tools. They are a major retailer of Festool equipment. Woodcraft offers their Woodriver brand of hand tools, hardware and woodworking jigs and fixtures. For the remainder of the evening Marshall and Herb showed a few of the new products that they have recently been offering in the store.

Since the Raleigh store is independently owned, they prefer customers to make their purchases through the local store. For major machinery, purchasing at the store can reduce shipping costs. Marshall and Herb wanted to make sure that TWA members knew they will obtain a 10% discount on in-store purchases



(excluding major tool brands such as Festool, SawStop, etc.) as long as they inform store personnel of their membership.

The folks at Woodcraft were very hospitable throughout the evening. They also provided refreshments and soft drinks.



TREASURER'S REPORT (JANUARY)

Beginning Balance:	\$11,298.92
Income:	\$755.00
Expense:	\$522.71
Ending Balance:	\$11,531.21
Does not include Petty Cash of \$86.00	

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

TOYS FOR TOTS WORKSHOPS

A quick update on the workshops for this year. 13 workshops have committed to making toys this year. If anyone is interested in hosting a workshop, or just interested in joining an existing workshop, please contact Joe Sabo (sabojc12@gmail.com). Two previous workshops (Mark Firley and Bill Burton/Hugh Donohue) have members looking for a home. If interested, please advise Joe. Some of the workshops are already organized and getting a head start on the year. As has been stated already, the Marines love the work that we do and the toys we make and have asked for more because the need is so great in the communities that they serve. Any questions/concerns regarding Toys for Tots, please contact Joe.

Thanks,

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairperson

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

TWA would like to thank members who provide donations to the club or the Toys for Tots fund. The following members have made generous donations to the club or the Toys for Tots fund within the club in the last month.

- Joe Sabo
- Rod Branken
- Chris Gebhardt
- Bill Watkins
- Curtis Mears

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In February, TWA welcomed Paul Meehan to our club. He joined in-person at our meeting at Woodcraft. Be sure to welcome Paul when you see him online or in person.

Our recruitment drive will continue: if you recruit a new member to TWA in the 1st quarter (January-March), you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card to a woodworking store. One entry for every new member you bring in. Also, if you recruit three new members to TWA in calendar 2023, your next year's membership in TWA will be free!

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 18

Topic: Jigs, Fixtures and Shop Tips

Location: Klingspor and Zoom

Join the group at Klingspor's, or on Zoom, for our meeting at 7 PM on April, 18th. Bob Gabor will be our host for a program focused on jigs, fixtures, and shop tips. It's always great to see the creativity used to overcome obstacles or to just make woodworking easier and more accurate. More details will be included in the April newsletter.

Host: Bob Gabor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We broke from the norm for our February meeting and met at Woodcraft in Raleigh. Marshall Fletcher and his team hosted a wonderful evening where we learned more about the origin and the organization of the Woodcraft brand, we reviewed new products, we shopped for those discounted gadgets that we all need, we enjoyed some great snacks, and we visited with lots of members of our group. Please remember to thank the people at Woodcraft for the great evening and for all the support they provide as one of the key sponsors of our club.

Regards,

Roy Brookhart

MENTORS

Mentor	Service/Skill Offered	Phone Number	Email Address
Hugh Fish	Chairs, Joinery, Machinery & Power Tools, Mantles, Routers, Tables and TV Cabinets, Turning	(919) 467-5696	hughpatfish@yahoo.com
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\$25 gift certificate at each TWA meeting for the raffle

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