



TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 pm

Location options:

- (1) Klingspor's
- (2) Zoom videoconference; use the information below to join.

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Meeting ID: 847 3263 1990

Passcode: 647536

Topics: (1) Beads of Courage and (2) Turntables

Bob Vern, with the Chapel Hill Woodturners, will be sharing their Beads of Courage program with us. This is a community support project that involves box making. Cecil Raynor will be our host.

Club member Rod Branken will be sharing the work that he does with high end turntables (record players to some). Rod will share some of his expertise on turntable technology and show how he incorporates various wood types and finishes into his products. Come get inspired to dust off that old turntable and box of records in the attic. Kerry Schoolfield will be our host for this program.

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The September meeting was held at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop in Cary and on Zoom.

Approximately, twenty-six people were present with seven more on Zoom. Bryan Connelly was our featured speaker and guest.

Guests attending were Charley Stickney, Rick Connelly (Bryan's father) and Ann and John Thomas.

Roy asked the audience if they ever use the mentor list shown on the website and in the newsletter. He also asked them if they knew what a mentor was. Almost all had seen the list, but few, if any, had contacted mentors for help. Noting that the mentor list is out of date and needs to be revised or discontinued, input from the audience indicated that we should continue to have a mentor list specifically as an aid in attracting new members to the club. Roy then asked all to review the list and consider becoming a mentor. Those interested in serving as mentors should contact Roy or any other board member.

As September is the start of the new fiscal year for TWA, Roy announced that Kerry Schoolfield has been named as the club vice-president. This role includes chairing of the program committee, a vital function for sustaining and growing the club. Thank you, Kerry for accepting

this key position in the club.

Rockler Woodworking will be opening a new store in the Crossroads shopping area this fall. Roy has visited the store and spoken with Rockler personnel. They are excited to have a connection with TWA. Rockler is currently hiring personnel for their store opening.

Joe Sabo called to our attention that Cary Magazine and Triangle Family Magazine will be featuring articles about TWA and the Toys for Tots program in forthcoming issues slated for November/December of this year. These articles will hopefully bring more community awareness to our club and perhaps aid in attracting new members.

Progress to date in making toys for Toys for Tots has been excellent. Joe foresees toy numbers to be in the same ballpark as last year (near 6000). Toy delivery to the Marines will be different than last year. Joe will be updating workshop leaders with the revised delivery process.

To celebrate a year's worth of hard work, the December TWA meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 December at Atria Senior Living. Cost per person is \$18. To pay for the dinner, a check can be mailed to Joe Sabo at 308 Canon Gate

Dr., Cary, NC 27518 or can be sent via Zell or Venmo. The Zell address is 919-625-7680. The Venmo address is @Joe-Sabo-25. Joe needs to have payments made by the November meeting, which is November 21st.

Also, the Toys for Tots annual Klingspor's workshop is Saturday, 02 December starting at 9:00am. Volunteers are needed, and if you are interested in working in the workshop, please let Joe Sabo know as soon as possible at sabojc12@gmail.com. This year we will be assembling toys until noon. All unfinished assemblies will be performed by employees at NetApp (Chris Gebhardt's company) through their charitable volunteer program. We hope to attract new members through this program, as well as to receive monetary contributions.

Barton Meeks announced that we will be holding the final membership raffle this fall. We will continue to offer one year's free membership dues for members who bring in three new members during the year.

Bob Gabor won the drawing (again!) Thanks for your contributions to TFT.

SEPTEMBER FEATURED PRESENTATION - RIVER TABLES

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

Bob Gabor introduced Bryan Connelly, the featured speaker for the September meeting. Bryan presented his methods for producing live edge river tables. Bryan had been exposed to woodworking early in life by his father who was a carpenter, had a woodworking shop as a hobby and built the family home in Hickory. All family members were enlisted to help. Bryan spent 8 years part-time restoring a sailboat and learned a lot about epoxies, fiberglass, and gel coats.

Bryan had video presentations lined up for the meeting. Interspersed with the videos Brian gave us some key points in working with epoxy and answered many questions raised by the audience. The presentation was video recorded and will be on the TWA website. Bryan's videos are available on YouTube. Search for Brilliant Custom, Inc. on YouTube and go to the Playlist tab to see the videos he used.

Bryan started the presentation by discussing his building techniques for the molds that will hold the

wood and epoxy slabs. Using MDF or Melamine base and wood sides, he showed us how he builds the molds with particular emphasis on how he seals the mold with tape, caulk and molding clays. He stressed that epoxy will find its way to leak out of the mold or into parts of the table where epoxy is not desired unless very careful attention is paid to sealing the mold. The brand of sealing and release tape he uses is described in the first video, Building the Mold. Next up was pouring the epoxy starting with a base coat about 1/8" to 1/4" thick followed by a deep pour to final thickness. The starting pour is a thick epoxy like those that would be used in coating surfaces. This pour further helps seal the mold and where the wood contacts the mold. The deep pour is a thin epoxy formulated for this application. Dyes and dispersions such as mica are added to the epoxy before pouring. He reviewed how he removes bubbles from the epoxy by using a MAPP gas torch. He discussed adding fillers such as mica and showed how to mix them



Bryan Connelly spoke at the September meeting (photo: Roy Brookhart)

during the epoxy pours. Bryan has found that keeping his room at 70°F or lower greatly helps control the epoxy temperature. Bryan showed a video of flattening the slab using a router sled moving down the length of the slab. The final stage is finishing where Bryan progresses up through finer and finer sandpaper grits and then to polishing compounds and buffing. Be sure to watch the TWA presentation to catch all of the tips and questions that were addressed at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In September, TWA didn't have any new members join, but we did have at least three guests in person at our meeting at Klingspor's.

We will have one more raffle for a \$50 woodworking store gift card at the October meeting. Bring in a new member by that meeting to get your name in the pot.

What are your ideas for getting new members into TWA? Let Barton know, or talk to any board member. Email

Barton.Meeks@pobox.com.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Board met in September and welcomed Kerry Schoolfield as our Vice President and Program Committee Chairman. We also spent quite some time discussing the new fiscal year's budget. We have funds allocated for Toys for Tots and for some great monthly programs. Our plan is to get some of the nationally recognized woodworkers back to the Raleigh area for programs and workshops so watch for more news on these special events.

We will continue with Zoom access for meetings but we hope that we can improve on the attendance at Klingspor's. October's program looks like it will be great so let's get a full house at Klingspor's. I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Roy Brookhart

LOCAL PUBLICATIONS FEATURING TWA

Starting on 01 November, TWA will be featured in two local publications. These free magazines are Triangle Family and Cary Magazine and they are available on newsstands in local stores.

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 a generous donation to the club or the Toys for Tots fund within the club in the last month.

- Bob Andrews
- Jim Sapp

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

The progress of making toys has been sensational. To celebrate a year's worth of hard work, the December TWA meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 December at Atria Senior Living from 5:45-8:00pm. We will again have dinner and the price per person will be \$18 (like last year). Dinner will consist of an appetizer, chicken or beef (vegetarian option available) main dish with veggies, salad, dessert, water and iced tea and beer and wine will be included. Please mark your calendars. To pay for the dinner, a check can be mailed to Joe Sabo at 308 Canon Gate Dr, Cary, NC 27518 or can be sent via Zell or Venmo. The Zell address is 919-625-7680. The Venmo address is @Joe-Sabo-25.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Also, the T4T annual Klingspor's workshop will be on Saturday, 02 December starting at 9:00a. If you are interested in working in the workshop, please let Joe Sabo know as soon as possible at sabojc12@gmail.com.

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 21

Topic: Building a Spice Box

Speaker: Jim Creasman

Location: Klingspor's and Zoom

Jim's day job as a software architect pays the bills. However, as the son of a carpenter, he's always been involved with woodworking in some form or fashion. That is really where his heart is. Several years ago, he became more interested in acquiring, understanding, and using traditional tools and techniques, especially as these relate to making period furniture. Each new project became a journey of discovery with lots of paths to explore, frequently leading to improved skills and new tools.

Jim's presentation will be about a recent woodworking journey, building a William & Mary Spice Box. Spice boxes offer a wealth of challenging exercises to the woodworker, equal in complexity to any full-size cabinetry one might build. While the subject of the presentation is the spice box, he will spend most of the time discussing the hand tools and techniques used. Many of the tools are ones he's made and range from the arcane to commonplace.



TREASURER'S REPORT (AUGUST)

Beginning Balance: \$12,904.22
 Income: \$482.00
 Expense: \$756.51
 Ending Balance: \$12,629.71
 Does not include Petty Cash of \$86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

MENTORS

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