



# TWA Newsletter

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

Location options:

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

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Meeting ID: 859 1733 0211

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Topic: Building a Spice Box

Speaker: Jim Creasman

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.

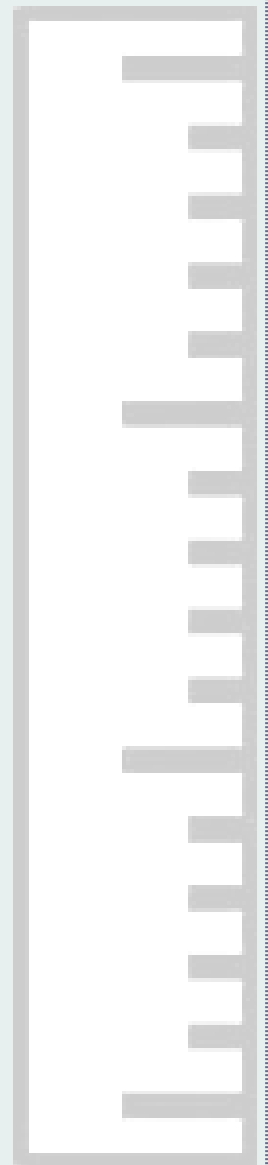


Jim's presentation will be about a recent woodworking journey, building a William & Mary Spice Box. Spice boxes offer a wealth of challenging exercises to the woodworker, equal in complexity to any full-size cabinetry one might build. While the subject of the presentation is the spice box, he will spend 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.

Host: Bob Gabor

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# TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—OCTOBER 17, 2023

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The October meeting was held at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop in Cary and on Zoom. Approximately, 22 people were present with seven more on Zoom. Bob Verne, one of our featured speakers, was a guest. Other guests attending were Jim Coger, Wayne Brazil and Omar Jaramilla.

The Rockler Woodworking store in Cary at the Crossroads shopping area has now opened, but it is not fully staffed and fitted out. They will have a formal opening in January, 2024. Rockler will likely offer a discount to TWA members when they figure out how much and the process for verification. Stay tuned for more information. Rockler is enthusiastic about having an association with TWA. They will likely be hosting our January meeting at their store.

Joe Sabo shared that the Marine Corps has revised the Toys for Tots toy delivery deadline to November 27th. The procedure to deliver toys to the Marines has changed and has been communicated to workshop leaders. Workshops are in the process of completing their toys and some have already delivered toys.

As communicated at last month's meeting and in the newsletter, 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 is \$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. If you haven't already, please let Joe know if you are coming and whether you will be bringing your significant other. Send your payment by November 21st. To pay for the dinner, mail a check to Joe Sabo at 308 Canon Gate Dr., Cary, NC 27518 or alternatively send payment by Zell or Venmo. The Zell address is 919-625-7680. The Venmo address is @Joe-Sabo-25. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. You may also give Joe a check at the November 21st TWA meeting.

Barton Meeks held the final membership raffle this fall for members who brought in new members to the club. Joe Sabo won the raffle. The club will continue to offer one year's free membership dues for members who bring in three new members during the year.

Information about a couple of items that are available to members was shared. Bob Andrews has a Dust Right dust collector for sale for \$400. Also, for free, a 5/8" thick, 60" diameter glass top is available. The top has an ogee edge.

Kerry Schoolfield described a couple of upcoming club events. First, the January meeting will likely be held at the new Rockler store in the Crossroads Mall in Cary. And second, on the weekend of March 30, renowned

woodworker Tom McLaughlin will be having an all-day class on chair making at a triangle location to be determined. Details are being worked out.

Kerry informed everyone of an open-house event held at Wild Edge Woodcraft on November 4th from 10AM to 2PM. They were planning to demonstrate the bandsaw mill and other facilities. They are located at 1715 Berea Rd, Rougemont, NC. Their website is: [www.wildedgewoodcraft.com](http://www.wildedgewoodcraft.com).

Roy Brookhart won the drawing for the Woodcraft gift card. Thanks to all who purchased tickets for their contributions to TFT.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The presentation topic will be: Building a Spice Box, presented by Jim Creasman. 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. .

# OCTOBER FEATURED PRESENTATIONS - (1) BEADS OF COURAGE AND (2) TURNTABLES

*(meeting minutes: James Sapp)*

There were two presentations during the October meeting. Both presentations were video recorded and are available for viewing on the TWA website.

For the first presentation, host Cecil Raynor introduced Bob Verne of the Chapel Hill Woodturners. Bob shared how their organization supports the Beads of Courage program through turning of lidded boxes for beads awarded to the children. Bob provided a summary of the Beads of Courage program, which is committed to strengthening the resilience and well-being of children coping with serious illness. As the children undergo treatments and procedures, they are awarded beads of courage to mark milestones in the recovery process. Bob provided a handout at the meeting that described the Beads of Courage program and how the children are awarded their beads.

Bob Verne encouraged members of the audience to consider helping the program by making boxes for the program. Bob showed several lidded, turned boxes that have been made and are in the process of being delivered. Boxes for the beads can be turned or rectangular. Since there can be many beads awarded to each child, there are some construction considerations recommended by the Beads of Courage organization. These include interior size dimensions, base and opening features, design consideration and finishing requirements. Bob stressed that it was important that the boxes be identified by incorporating the official Beads of Courage logo. All of these guidelines as well as the

source of the Beads of Courage logo were provided in a handout provided by Bob. For those TWA members who wish to support the program through the Beads of Courage boxes, Cecil Raynor can provide further contact information. If you wish to contact Bob Verne, his email address is: [rverne44@gmail.com](mailto:rverne44@gmail.com).

For the second presentation of the evening, Kerry Schoolfield introduced club member Rod Branken, who gave a very interesting talk about what he does in building high end turntables (record players to some). The woodworking part of turntables is building the plinth (or base) of the turntable. Rod has spent much time dedicated at design and building plinths that enhance the turntable's ability to accurately reproduce music. The plinth is built as a rectangle with inner supports. Rod has spent considerable effort developing methods and equipment settings to assure that the beveled corners meet exactly at 90° and remain that way through the life of the turntable. Rod uses exotic woods in a number of the plinths. Others he makes from dense hardwoods that sometimes are given interesting coloration from dyes and inks. He is currently building an ebony plinth for a customer.

Rod buys his turntables off the used market. Due to the increasing popularity of vinyl records, used turntables are getting harder to obtain at reasonable prices. Many of the turntables he buys are models that were considered high end brands back in the 60's and 70's. Rod highlighted three



*Bob Verne and Rod Branken spoke at the October meeting (photos: Roy Brookhart)*

turntable brands he rebuilds most often. These include models from Linn (made in Scotland), Thorens (made in Switzerland) and Garrard (made in England).

Finishing decisions for the plinths depend on the look he and the customer want. Sometimes he will use dyes to enhance the grain while others will show the wood in its natural state. Rod uses a lacquer made by Mohawk for musical instruments such as guitars, violins, etc. He sprays the lacquer using HVLP and then sands and buffs them out to the final finish level.

Be sure to view the videos of these presentations available on the TWA website.

## BEADS OF HOPE

Further information about Beads of Hope is provided below.

Beads of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to strengthening resilience and promoting the well-being of children coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them. Since the organization started in 2003, it has established programs at more than 240 hospitals in eight countries.

Through the program children tell their story of their journey using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that they receive to honor and acknowledge each step of their treatment. At the beginning of treatment, children are given a string of beads that spells their name. With each treatment or procedure, beads are given according to a program specific program bead guide.

When strung together, the beads form a visual roadmap of the child's journey, which can range from months to years. Children look forward to receiving their next bead. Not only is the Beads of Courage program meaningful for children, it's also therapeutic.

### GUIDELINES FOR BOXES

Beads of Courage members may receive thousands of beads. It is desirable for your boxes to hold them all. As a result, turned or rectangular lidded boxes need to be large. Larger is better!

#### *Dimensions:*

- Interior for turned boxes: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.)
- Interior for flatwork boxes: 4" x 6" x 4"

#### *Base and lids:*

- Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily.
- Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Remember that hospital rooms have limited storage space.

#### *Design Considerations*

- Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break.
- Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged.
- Finishes
- Box surfaces must be securely sealed. Please take the time to ensure you are using a safe

finishing process that does not contain toxic materials.

- Boxes that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold which is dangerous to patients with compromised immune systems.
- Do not use finishes like linseed oil that take a long time to outgas.
- All kinds of wood are beautiful! Please refrain from painting Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.

### BEADS OF COURAGE LOGO

Please include a Beads of Courage Logo Bead on your box! This bead can be attached anywhere within or outside the box. Designed specifically for your donation, each logo bead comes with a Woodworker Artist card that includes your personal signature. While these beads are not mandatory, they connect your art with the Beads of Courage mission and the patients love to know who made their beautiful gift!

You can order these beads at the Beads of Courage website: <https://store.beadsofcourage.org/beads-of-courage-logo-beads-for-woodturners.aspx>

## CARY MAGAZINE ARTICLE FEATURING TWA

The current Cary Magazine has a feature that is focused on the TWA and Toys for Tots. Many thanks to Joe Sabo for leading the efforts to get this great publicity.

<https://www.carymagazine.com/features/santas-workshop/>

## LOSS OF TWA MEMBER

TWA member Terry Tenhouse's daughter shared that Terry passed away on Sunday, November 12. Terry was a long-time club member who hosted a Toys for Tots workshop for many years.

Our condolences go out to Terry's family.

## UPCOMING MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 5:45-8:00pm

**Topic:** Annual Toys for Tots Dinner

**Location:** Atria Senior Living

The progress of making toys has been sensational and toys are currently being delivered to the Marines. To celebrate a year's worth of hard work, the December TWA meeting will be at Atria Senior Living. We will again have dinner and the price per person is \$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 calendar. 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. Sign-up for the yearly event ends 30 November.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

*Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee  
Chairman*

## TREASURER'S REPORT (SEPTEMBER)

Beginning Balance: \$12,629.71

Income: \$620.00

Expense: \$24.01

Ending Balance: \$13,225.70

Does not include Petty Cash of \$86.00.

*Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just a reminder that everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the club's quarterly board meeting. You will have the opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes and to be involved with the decision making process that impacts us all. The board meets on the second Tuesday in the months of March, June, September, and December. The December, 2023 meeting has been cancelled since that date has been selected for the annual Toys for Tots toy handover celebration. Please add 12 March, 11 June, 10 September, and 10 December 2024 to your calendar and we'll see you at the meeting.

I hope you enjoy the fall colors and the smell of freshly cut wood.

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
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) 815-9155	cecil_raynor@yahoo.com
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# BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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Roy Brookhart  
Kerry Schoolfield  
James Sapp  
Jack Kite  
Chris Gebhardt  
Joe Sabo  
Judy Sanwald

## COMMITTEE

Program Committee  
  
Toys-for-Tots Committee  
  
Newsletter Publications Committee  
Library Committee  
Publicity Committee  
Sponsor Committee  
Internet  
Mentor Committee  
Membership Committee  
Audio/Visual Committee  
Photographer  
Social Media  
Raffle Committee  
TWA Duties and Responsibilities Editor

## CHAIRPERSON / MEMBERS

**Kerry Schoolfield** / Jeff Leimberger, Cecil Raynor, Bob Gabor, Mike Payst, Cathy Harms, Roy Brookhart  
  
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**Karin Pihel** / Fred Ford  
  
**Jerry Rhoades**  
  
**Roy Brookhart**  
  
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**Paul Holzworth**  
  
**Allen Campbell**  
  
**Barton Meeks** / Judy Sanwald, Paul Holzworth, Sue Bunch  
  
**Chris Gebhardt**  
  
**Roy Brookhart**  
  
**Chris Gebhardt**  
  
**Mike Payst**  
  
**Fred Ford**

## 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*

### **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*

### **Keglers Woodworks LLC**

919-608-7220

330 Dupont Circle

Raleigh NC 27603

[mkeglers@earthlink.net](mailto:mkeglers@earthlink.net)

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

919-876-0707

MacGregor Village Shopping Center

107 Edinburgh S Dr. Suite 151, Cary NC

(Exit 98B off of US 1)

[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com)

*10% discount excluding lumber and power tools*

### **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*

*10% discount*

### **Wurth Wood Group**

919-231-6620

4213 Poole Rd. (Exit 15 off I-440)

Raleigh, NC 27610