



# TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 5:45 pm

Location: Atria Senior Living  
10810 Sandy Oak Lane  
Raleigh 27614

Note: there is no Zoom option for this meeting

Topic: Annual Toys for Tots Dinner

To celebrate a year's worth of hard work, the December TWA meeting will be at Atria Senior Living. 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 start arriving at 5:45. The bar will be open at that time and dinner will be served around 6:15. We will be downstairs in their dining room and you will need to check in to get your two drinks tickets and name tag.

*Host: Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman*

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# TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—NOVEMBER 21, 2023

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

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

Approximately 18 people were present with 7 more on Zoom. Jim Creasman, our featured speaker was a guest. Deneen Hitchcock attended as a guest.

Kerry Schoolfield served as the meeting emcee. Kerry previewed upcoming meetings early next year with the first being held at Rockler's new store in Cary in January. Kerry expects the Rockler meeting to be similar to the one we had recently at Woodcraft. For the February meeting at Klingspor's, Wild Edge Woodcraft will discuss milling,

drying and wood storage. They will also discuss live edge river tables.

George Mills agreed to be the resource to store the three benchtop drill presses that are used at the Klingspor's toy build held every December. Mike Payst is currently doing this and is in need of reducing his shop content.

Joe Sabo shared that many toys have already been delivered to the Marine Corps for Toys for Tots. Joe expects the final count of toys to exceed 6000 again.

Joe reminded the audience of the December 12th Toys for Tots

celebration and dinner meeting at the Atria Senior Living from 5:45-8:00pm in Raleigh. If you haven't already, please let know Joe if you are coming and send your payment by the end of November to Joe Sabo at 308 Canon Gate Dr., Cary, NC 27518 or alternatively send payment by Zelle or Venmo. The Zelle address is 919-625-7680. The Venmo address is @Joe-Sabo-2.

Kerry Schoolfield won the raffle this month. Thanks to all who purchased tickets for their contributions to Toys for Tots.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

At the November meeting at Klingspor's, TWA welcomed Jim Koger (not to be confused with member Jim Kroeger!) to our club. Jim lives in Cary and is interested in modern and other furniture. We also welcome Charlie Stickney back to TWA; you can find Charlie's presentation to the club in 2017 on Segmented Turning in the Member's Only/Meeting Videos section of our website.

What are your ideas for increasing our membership, or getting word out about the club? Please let Barton Meeks know, or tell any member of the TWA board.

Email [Barton.Meeks@pobox.com](mailto:Barton.Meeks@pobox.com)

*Barton Meeks, Membership Committee*

## 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.

- Pete Mulligan
- Jim Koger
- Curtis Mears

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

# NOVEMBER FEATURED PRESENTATION - BUILDING A SPICE BOX

*(meeting minutes: James Sapp)*

Kerry Schoolfield introduced the speaker for the November meeting, Jim Creasman. The presentation was video recorded and is available for viewing on the TWA website.

Jim's presentation centered around building a William and Mary era spice box. While Jim's spice box was made in the style of the William and Mary period, others have made versions in period styles such as Chippendale, Duncan Phyfe and others. The popularity of spice boxes waned after about 50 years except in the area in and around Philadelphia. Hence, today the spice boxes are called Pennsylvania spice boxes. Jim's work on the spice box was featured in the Society of American Period Furniture Maker's (SAPFM) annual publication in 2022.

Jim followed the philosophy that form follows process, as he set about to make his spice box using the methods and tools of the time. This approach offered a significant challenge to his woodworking skills plus in many circumstances required him to duplicate the tools used back when the spice boxes were made.



Using a slide presentation plus the actual spice box, Jim started with describing how he made the case and its internal compartments and boxes. The case was made of walnut with quarter sawn sycamore side panels. The case sides, tops and bottoms were joined by dovetails. Layout was performed with a panel gauge. Dadoes cut into the cases were hand cut using a kerf saw, chisels and a router plane. The back panel is removable and indeed provides access to one of the three hidden drawers in the case. Jim used various moulding planes to form the edges of the drawer dividers and mouldings. Many of the moulding planes that Jim used were either refurbished or had to be made from scratch to obtain the shapes he was seeking. Jim referred to Bill Anderson's video on refurbishing hand planes and cited Larry Williams' reference on making hand planes. He also recommended Matt Bickford's work on moulding planes.

After discussing the case construction, Jim focused on the process of building the drawer boxes. These were made from a secondary hardwood with the face veneered with quarter-sawn sycamore. Joinery was through-dovetails on the back corners and half-blinds on the front. The bottom was a thin piece of cedar. The drawers slide on the bottoms. Knobs for the drawers were turned from walnut.



*Jim presented his process for building a spice box (photos: Kerry Schoolfield)*

Discussion turned to making of the door. The frame for the door panel was made with wedged through-tenons. The walnut door panel was constructed to fit into the frame and then was inlaid with quarter-sawn sycamore, cheery and holly. A line and berry pattern was used in the inlay process. Jim made some of the inlay tools and supplemented them with those he obtained from Lie-Nielsen to complete this work. The hinge and locking mechanism were purchased from Horton Brasses. Jim made the escutcheon piece for the keyhole out of brass.

Jim finished the piece with 15 coats of shellac, applying three coats at a time between sanding. All of the glue up was done with hide glue, both hot and liquid Old Brown glue. Jim purchased his shellac through shellacfinishes.com.

Overall, Jim's presentation was awe-inspiring and a real testimony to Jim's woodworking skills and inventiveness. Viewing the video is highly recommended if you were unable to attend the meeting or want to go back and review it.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It wouldn't be December without some sort of recap of the year...so here goes.

We weathered the COVID storm and are back on our feet with in-person meetings again. We had quite a range of interesting speakers and topics and I hope we can get our in-person meeting attendance levels higher. I have confidence that Kerry Schoolfield and the program committee will help with that because they already have some great programs in the works for 2024.

Many of us participated in the Toys for Tots program and we will be doing our part to make Christmas a bit better for many needy children in the Triangle area. Thanks to everyone involved in this part of our Triangle Woodworkers Association legacy.

We lost a few dear friends in 2023 but we gained many more new club members. Let's make sure we welcome them to the group and let's keep searching for new members to help us spread our woodworking message.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays, be safe in the shop, and get ready for a great 2024.

Regards,  
*Roy Brookhart*

## TREASURER'S REPORT (OCTOBER)

Beginning Balance:       \$13,225.70  
Income:                    \$157.00  
Expense:                   \$336.03  
Ending Balance:       \$13,046.67  
Does not include Petty Cash of \$86.00.

*Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer*

## UPCOMING MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 7pm

**Topic:** Rockler's New Store in Cary

**Location:** Rockler  
314 Crossroads Blvd  
Cary, NC 27518

For our January meeting we will be the guests of Rockler at their new store in Cary. More details will be available in the January newsletter but be prepared for some fun, some product demos, and some special club discounts.

*Host: 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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Allen Campbell	Simple inlay, Staining/dyeing, Pen turning, Cabriole legs	(919) 772-4551	aacjr@nc.rr.com
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# BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## POSITION

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At-Large Board Member

## BOARD MEMBER

Roy Brookhart  
Kerry Schoolfield  
James Sapp  
Jack Kite  
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Joe Sabo  
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## COMMITTEE

Program Committee  
  
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Internet  
Mentor Committee  
Membership Committee  
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TWA Duties and Responsibilities Editor

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**Kerry Schoolfield** / Jeff Leimberger, Cecil Raynor, Bob Gabor, Mike Payst, Cathy Harms, Roy Brookhart  
  
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**Chris Gebhardt**  
  
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## TWA SPONSORS

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919-876-3223

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Raleigh, NC 27615

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

*25% off list on blades and 10% off on sharpening*

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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

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Raleigh, NC 27610