

# TWA NEWS

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## JANUARY PROGRAM FURNITURE DESIGN

Jim Kirkpatrick will present our January 16 meeting. Jim has a one-man shop in Graham where he makes exquisite one-of-a-kind furniture. He likes to work with his client to design the special piece that will fit the client's taste, personality and surroundings. Jim will bring some of his smaller pieces and discuss his process of design – from concept to finished piece.

Jim is a long-times exhibiting member of the prestigious Carolina Designer Craftsman. His work has been featured in many shows and is found in the finest homes. This will be a program that you do not want to miss!

The meeting starts at 7:30 in the Cary High School cafeteria. Prior to the meeting, at 6:00 pm some of us gather at Ryans at Crossroads Mall on North Walnut Street. We normally meet out front but if you are late, we are in the back towards the right. **All are welcome.** If you need directions to either the high school or the restaurant, please call the editor (Ron Johnson at home 544-2021 or work 854-6210).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16 - Tuesday, 7:30 Monthly meeting at Cary high school. Program – Jim Kirkpatrick.

February 10 - Deadline for Newsletter

February 17 – Saturday Dovetail workshop with Joe Burke. See Newsletter for details

February 20 - Tuesday, 7:30 Cary High School Bryan Behan, of 3m on Shop Safety, dust and noise

February 27 – Board meeting. 7 – 9 pm. Place to be announced.

March 20 - Tuesday, 7:30 Dave Mackie, wood turning techniques and tools

.April 17 – Tuesday, 7:30 Bruce Wrenn, adhesives and clamping.



During the December meeting, Hal Liberty talks about some of the toys that he made at one of the Toys for Tots workshops that he had at his shop this fall.

The Triangle Woodworkers Association is a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to teaching woodworking techniques through seminars, classes, and workshops; promoting woodworking education and community interest in woodworking and in general sharing a love for wood.

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**IMPORTANT** - Check your newsletter label for the expiration date of your membership. If it says EXPIRED 3, this is the last newsletter you will receive. You will receive three newsletters past your expiration date and then no more. If you have a question about your membership please contact Ron Johnson (544-2021).

**NEW MEMBERS** - New members this month include:

Jim Ulrick, Pittsboro

Make sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you see him.

**CLASSIFIEDS** - Classified ads are free to all current members. If you would like something listed, please send a note to the editor.

**For Sale** - Sears 12" Band Saw \$50. Call John Margeson 876-3476

**For Sale** - Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw Model 113 With castors and dust collector attachment. \$220 Charlie Smith 847-9538

**For Sale** - Craftsman 12" bandsaw \$200 Rick Fox 387-3681

**For Sale** - Unfinished maple and mahogany legs. Queen Ann Style. Most are 8 to 10 inches high suitable for a foot stool or coffee table. Original cost \$20 to \$30 will sell for \$5-10 each. Has over a 100. Charlie Smith 362-3892.

## RADIAL ARM SAW SAFETY RECALL

There has been a safety recall on Sears Craftsman Radial Arm Saws, on models starting with 113. This includes 8", 8 1/4", 9", and 10" Models. There is a potential safety hazard for those radial arm saws with guards that do not cover the entire blade. Contact Emerson Tool Co. at 1-800-511-2628 or [www.radialarmsawrecall.com](http://www.radialarmsawrecall.com) to receive a free new blade guard. For those saws that cannot accept the new guard, Emerson will pay \$1000 for the return of the saw carriage. To view the press release, see the US Consumer Product Safety Commission Recalls at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

**BOARD MEETING** - Your TWA Board of Directors met on January 4 at Dave Bubacz's shop to develop plans for the 2001 program year. The Board consists of officers, standing committee chairs and members of special committees. The Board will meet every other month on the fourth Tuesday starting in February. We meet from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at various locations that will be announced. All TWA members are encouraged to offer suggestions and attend Board meetings. It's your Association and we need your input. If you have any questions, call Charlie Main (787-4446)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This spot is for general TWA announcements. In an effort to keep the General Meeting shorter before the guest speaker at our monthly meeting, various short club business "stuff" is placed here. Please read them carefully because they won't be repeated.

**BRING A CHAIR** - The cafeteria chairs at the Cary high school are not always that comfortable. You may want to bring a folding chair or a lawn chair if your back would like a bit of support.

**EMAIL** - We are asking that members who would like to receive their newsletter by email provide their email address to Ron Johnson at [rgj5823@aol.com](mailto:rgj5823@aol.com)

## A TIME TO SHARE

The time at the beginning of all the meetings is open to all members. This is your time to ask questions. If you need help finding supplies or doing a certain technique, there is usually someone in the crowd that can help you out. So don't be afraid to ask. We are a friendly group that likes to give advice.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season. Your Board of Directors has wasted no time in this New Year and have already had our first board meeting.

Please be sure to check your Newsletter closely when you are setting up your calendar for this year and highlight the dates of meetings you do not want to miss. We have some wonderful programs filled with great information scheduled.

I would like to encourage all of you who have e-mail to sign up to receive your newsletter via e-mail. This will not only help our editor but will help reduce some of the cost incurred by the club. Our e-mail system is working well and your e-mail files can easily be saved. I am sure many of you search the house looking for your newsletter to double check dates or times. If you receive it in e-mail you can save it and you can also print extra copies for anyone you know who may be a prospective new member.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this months meeting.

Diane

### **The February Program is a MUST ATTEND**

The February program is going to be about what every woodworker MUST know. We spend a lot of time perfecting our skills to be able to turn out finer and better wood projects. This meeting is about adding years and years of quality life to allow you to use your hard-earned skills.

Protect yourself from damaging airborne particles and be able to hear for a lifetime. Learn that the particles you cannot see are your problem. Find out how to protect yourself, your friends and family. Learn that the noise can do permanent damage, some of which may not be noticed for years.

To teach us this and more, Mr. Brian Behan is travelling from Charlotte to share knowledge gathered over years of experience. Brian comes from the Occupational Health and Environmental Safety Division of 3M. He has over 17 years of professional experience in the industry, 11 of which have concentrated on health and safety in the work environment. Brian has daily contact with the leading furniture manufacturers in North Carolina. He helps to solve very complex problems, many of which relate to airborne pollution and noise.

In the February meeting Brian will focus on protecting your health and safety in the small shop or

garage without a central vacuum system. Those of you with the central vacuum system had better come too because not all dust is collected by even the best central system. He will discuss how the problem is generated and how to protect yourself and your family from the bad effect.

This is a MUST meeting for anyone who plans to cut, sand, or turn on a power tool.

**Fred Ford** ☺

### **Dovetail Seminar – February 17, 2001**

Joe Burke makes high-end furniture and home furnishings in his shop in Durham. His emphasis is on quality joinery and flawless finishing. A former woodworking shop teacher, Joe lives in Durham with his wife, Carol, and their daughter, Molly.

Joe will give a hands-on seminar on hand-cut through and half-blind dovetails. This will be a hands-on session and we will all go home with a sample of our skillful handiwork. He will also demonstrate the Leigh dovetail jig and discuss the pros and cons of jigs vs. hand cut dovetails.

Joe recommends that you bring the following tools:

- 1) Saw, a fine-toothed hack saw. He will show you how to get a chip free kerf. This should be a saw that you will dedicate to dovetail cutting.
- 2) Chisels, 3/8", 1/2", 3/4". Be sure they are sharp!
- 3) Mallet
- 4) Marking gauge
- 5) Marking tool (Exacto, sharp point knife)
- 6) Tri square
- 7) Adjustable square
- 8) Metal rule, 12"
- 9) Coping saw

Joe will supply the wood. We will also need 2 or 3 table model band saws. When you register, let me know if you would be willing to bring a band saw.

The seminar will be Feb. 17, from 9:00 am to approximately 3:00 pm in the Cary High School shop. The fee is \$25.00 and the class is limited to 20 students. Send your registration check, made out to **TWA**

**Send to Ed Karolak**

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**You also may email any questions to me at [EKarolak@aol.com](mailto:EKarolak@aol.com)**

# TOYS FOR TOTS 2000 FINAL REPORT

This is the fifteenth year that TWA has supported the Toys for Tots program. We can look back with pride on the tens of thousands of toys that we have been able to give to Santa to help needy children have a merrier Christmas.

The person that started this program is our late friend Dan Cameron. He introduced many of us to the program, giving us an opportunity to feel a sense of giving during the Christmas season. For this we owe Dan our lasting gratitude. Therefore, I think it appropriate that we dedicate the year 2000 program to Dan.

The year 2000 was marked by the production of extremely high quality toys. Those of you who made the December TWA meeting can certainly attest to this.

We had eight club-organized workshops, during which you collectively filled one hundred fourteen slots. Two workshops were sponsored by Bob Gabor. That team turned out hobby-horses which required forty separate operations to complete. These are truly spectacular toys. Dave Mackie, hosting the second workshop, chose to make an eighteen-wheeler type truck that will be a delight for all recipients.

Hal Liberty, hosting two workshops, organized his group to make some lifelike bi-winged airplanes. Hal also brought in about fifteen volunteers from Cisco to help fill his huge workshop.

Diane Caudill, hosting two workshops, chose to make a number of items including a bear and small rocking horses which will bring delight to the gentler sex.

Our Home Depot workshop was also very successful. We produced seven hundred eleven toys to delight many. We engaged fifty TWA members in production, and about forty helpers from the general public pitched in to help with the final assembly. It turned out to be a fun day.

Home Depot's store manager, Ned Nice, also deserves special mention. He managed the needed support for the Home Depot day and also had his company donate all the material we could use for our eight workshops.

I would like give special thanks to Pete Hodges, Dave Mackie, and Fred Haskin for all their behind-the-scenes work getting ready for all the workshops that made the program a complete success. Their help was instrumental in having productive and fun workshops.

The club workshops were fundamental to our success, but the cream on top was the hundreds of toys that came in from individual efforts. Numerous members brought in special toys. These special toys really "make" the December meeting. We never know how many toys we will have until December because of the individual contributions. These surprise contributions add a sense of Christmas to the meeting in that we come in to see what Santa has brought to surprise us.

Dick Hall led again in individual contributions with 500 toys. Sixty of the 500 were spectacular individually boxed stuffed bears with their own bed,

mattress and blanket. Dick was quick to say he did get a lot of help from friends and family. Thanks, Dick!

Dick Courtney brought in a raft of pickups, racers and cars. Charles Davis brought in trucks and cars cut from solid cedar. The cedar comes from his family farm, where he harvests forty-foot cedar trees. We have to wonder if the mothers of the children getting these special cedar trucks require that they be parked in with the wool clothing after play.

Charlie Main brought spinning tops that are fun for all ages and teach the theory of centrifugal energy to some. Ron Johnson sent in rocking horses. They were finished well adding a spot of interest. With all the time Ron spends in support of the club with the newsletter and associated items it is hard to see where he found the time!

Charlie Smith had large puppets made from extra material from his son's log cabin home. George Schichtel had push toys. A real treat for the two year olds.

Alan Leland had bird puppets that I had to keep my eyes on to be sure Irene Joiner did not abscond with one. She was really enjoying playing with them

It was a Merry Christmas with over 2000, 2001 to be exact, toys under the trees. I am sure each of you who participated had an extra warm feeling on Christmas morning knowing that thousands of children over the state were a little happier because of our efforts.

Submitted by Fred Ford ☺

## TWA Programs for 2001

**February 20**--Bryan Behan, of 3M--Shop Safety, dust and noise

**March 20**--- Dave Mackie, wood turning techniques and tools.

**April 17**--- Bruce Wrenn, adhesives (glue) and how to use clamps

**May-meeting and workshop**--- Lon Schleining Anaheim,CA--curved staircases-- workshop routers and table saws. The exact date is still to be set.

**June** --- Annual Dinner Meeting and Show and Tell.

**July** ---17-meeting and workshop--Dave Bubacz--finishing

**August 21**--- Chris Larson--paints and finishes

**September 18-meeting and tour**--- Tom Culbreth--furniture industry--tour woodworking research laboratory at State Sept 22

**October -meeting and workshop**--- joinery, tools and techniques

**November 20**---Auction or Flea Market

**December**--- Toys for Tots and Show and Tell

Submitted by **Fred Ford**, Chairman of the Program Committee

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