

# TWA NEWS

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## MARCH PROGRAM AT THE WOODWORKING SHOP 3141 Capital Blvd.

### BRING A CHAIR

Dave Mackie is going to share with us some of what he has learned about wood turning, lathes, and lathe tools.

Dave will be turning a bowl demonstrating the proper techniques used in producing excellent results. He will show different tools and a way to sharpen them. If you are a total beginner or a seasoned turner I am sure you will learn something from Dave. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WOODWORKING SHOP ON CAPITAL BLVD.** If you need directions to The Woodworking Shop, please call the editor (Ron Johnson at home 544-2021 or work 854-6210).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 20 - Tuesday, 7:30 Dave Mackie, wood turning techniques and tools. **This meeting will be held at The Woodworking Shop on Capital Blvd.**

April 7 - Deadline for Newsletter

April 17 - Tuesday, 7:30 Bruce Wrenn, adhesives and clamping. Cary High School

May 18 - Friday evening 7:30 Lon Schleining, Anaheim, CA.

May 19 and 20 Workshop on routers and tablesaws

June --- Annual Dinner Meeting and Show and Tell. Stay tuned for details as to date and location.



(Above) Brian Behan of the 3M Company talks about safety and Frank Church (on the right) holds a winning ticket.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance	February	1,	2001	\$7,580.75
Income				\$450.00
Expenses				\$(598.54)
Balance	February	28,	2001	\$7,432.21

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rick Fox*

**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 inch Band Saw. \$50.00 Call John Margeson at 876-3476

**For Sale** – Charlie Smith (362-3892) has a variety of unfinished maple and mahogany Queen Ann style corner legs. Most are 8 to 10 in high and make nice footstools, coffee tables, etc. He has about 100 that he is selling for \$5 to \$10 each. Give him a call if interested

## MENTOR PROGRAM

I will be coordinating the mentor program that was started last year. Diane provided a list of people (4) who are willing to be mentors and a list of people (12) who have particular skills they would like to develop. At our February meeting, I will update this list. I would also like to hear your ideas on how mentoring would best meet your needs. Is it one-on-one help with particular projects/problems or perhaps a series of workshops taking a small project through from start to finish. I will make my shop available to anyone who would be willing to teach a particular skill or lead a workshop for a small project. Please come prepared to share your ideas on how best to improve our skills.

*Dave Mackie (859-2600)*

## DOVETAIL SEMINAR IS A SUCCESS

Eighteen members spent an enjoyable and profitable day February 17 in the dovetail seminar lead by Joe Burke. Using props and drawings, Joe explained the fine points of making hand cut dovetails. The major part of the day was spent actually laying out and cutting. We all went home with a sample of our new found skill. Most of us agreed that a lot more practice is needed!

The wood for this class was donated by our good friends at The Hardwood Store in Gibsonville. We thank them for this generous gift. I have visited and made a purchase a number of times at their store. I find them to be very helpful, honest, and with a good variety of wood nicely displayed, identified, and priced. The next time you need one piece of wood or a truckload, I urge you to pay them a visit. Call 1-888-445-7335 or visit at [www.hardwoodstore.com](http://www.hardwoodstore.com).

*Ed Karolak*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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).

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Recently the U.S. Postal Service has increased the postal rates and will do so again. It is now the goal of TWA to utilize the Internet and to send the Newsletter by e-mail to all who have access. This will help keep the cost down and the savings can be used for other TWA activities. All members are requested to contact Ron Johnson at [RGJ5823@aol.com](mailto:RGJ5823@aol.com), so we can get your e-mail address

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

Wayne Malone, Hillsborough  
Clark Thomas, Durham  
Ken Godsey, Cary

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

## MINUTES FOR THE TWA MEETING OF FEB. 20, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Diane Caudill at 7:30 PM. New members and visitors were introduced. Technical information was exchanged between the members. Members were asked to introduce themselves to anyone around them that they had not met and to renew old acquaintances (a monthly tradition). Dave Mackie introduced the Mentor program and passed a sign up sheet for members to state their interest. Dave asked that all members to feel free to call him at home if they have any questions.(859-2600). Ron Johnson passed out new and renewed membership badges. Ron always brings these to the meeting. Members are encouraged to pick up their new badges at the meeting to save postage. Ed Karolak reported on the successful dove tail workshop with Joe Burke. He also thanked Hardwood Store at Gibsonville for contributing all the wood needed for the workshop. Fred Ford introduced Brian Behan of the 3M Company to give the main address Brian was able in a very entertaining way to remind us of the hazards we face in our workshops. He then proceeded to give some excellent ways to protect yourself from dust and noise. Brian also brought a 3M full face respirator (retail about \$100) and five 3M earmuffs (NRR rated 20+ dB) for door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

### MAY PROGRAM PREVIEW

Lon Schleining, A woodworker from Long Beach, Ca., will present the May program on **Friday**, May 18 (Note this change from the usual Tuesday schedule). He is going to talk about Thomas Jefferson's Writing Desk (Fine Woodworking #144), it's history and the design and construction of the replica. He will be bringing slides, sample pieces to demonstrate the joinery and the actual replica that he built for the article. More on this next month.

Lon Schleining - A Woodworker's Story  
(As told by Lon on his web site [www.woodbender.com](http://www.woodbender.com))

After a stint in the Air Force and acquiring a degree in Government, thanks to the GI Bill, I came to woodworking albeit fairly late in life as a carpenter. One day a cabinet maker friend called to see if I'd like to build a staircase. I, of course, said sure and launched my woodworking career as a stair builder. I began building staircases in Southern California in 1978. I've built several hundred projects so far, including my share of one of kind custom designs.

Starting in 1995, I began to write for Fine Woodworking and Fine Homebuilding Magazines. I didn't realize how much I love writing. Thanks to Mavis Beacon, I can even type! I have some 30 or so articles in print now, including a replica of Thomas Jefferson's writing desk for Fine Woodworking. My first book from Linden Publishing called *Curved Woodworking* is due out winter of 2001. It covers steam bending, bent lamination and curved milling encompassing much of what I've learned the hard way about working with curves for almost 30 years. I'm

nearly finished with my second for Taunton Press titled *Treasured Chests; The Legacy of Extraordinary Boxes* due in bookstores fall 2001. I've been traveling the country studying chests and cases of all kinds for going on three years now, from the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. to an Indian reservation near the western Canadian border where they build traditional bent wood boxes. Just this past summer, I've begun taping videos, the first on steam bending and the second on building a wooden briefcase. For four years I taught woodworking classes at Cerritos College. It was great fun. I miss it a lot. Starting in 1998, I began to travel with the Woodworking Shows teaching seminars. I hadn't realized how much I love to travel. I just never had the time or the money. Look for me in a city near you this winter. If that weren't enough, I maintain my own woodworking shop in Long Beach, CA specializing in staircases, furniture, boats and assorted gizmos.

### LON SCHLEINING WORKSHOPS

#### Router Workshop, Saturday, May 19, 8:30 - 4

In this workshop you will learn how to use a router to safely cut straight lines, free form curves, circles, dados, mortise and tenon joints, drill holes for cabinet making and much more. Also covered will be router tune-up, different types of routers and router bits, equipment including the latest in dust collection, accessories like power feeders and jigs you can build or buy as well as how to easily turn a work bench into a router table. Location to be announced; Fee is \$30 for TWA members, \$45 for non-members.

#### Table Saw Workshop, Sun, May 20, 8:30 - 4

Learn to use a table saw to safely rip, crosscut, run dados and rabbets. Although it is primarily a saw designed for ripping, you will learn that with the right set up, (not the miter gauge) it will very accurately crosscut as well. Also covered will be surveying the machine to see it's tuned properly, the importance of guards and out feed tables and how to avoid kickbacks. In the hands-on portion, continuous rip cuts, proper hand position and how and when to use a push stick will be covered. Location to be announced; Fee is \$30 for TWA members, \$45 for non-members.

Attend these workshops to advance your skill levels and increase your confidence. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting. For more information or to sign up now, call Bob Gabor @ 919-542-5951 or email [rjgwood@mindspring.com](mailto:rjgwood@mindspring.com).

**RECOMMENDED** – Bruce Wrenn has recommended Suffolk Machinery ([www.suffolkmachinery.com](http://www.suffolkmachinery.com)) who manufactures a very special series of LOW TENSION, HIGH DUCTILE, SILICON STEEL BAND SAW BLADES for wood cutters and sawyers. At the present time blade widths run from 1/16" thru 1 1/4". Their blades run purposely with 35% to 50% less tension than the competitors carbon blades. Being very stable at low tension, over 70% of the rotation fatigue effect is eliminated, increasing band body life dramatically, and 20% LESS HORSEPOWER IS REQUIRED.

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