

# TWA NEWS

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## APRIL PROGRAM BRUCE WRENN ON ADHESIVES

Bruce Wrenn, a fellow member who most of you know, will be sharing with us some of his knowledge of adhesives (glue), proper stock preparation, and some unique alternative clamping methods.

Bruce was a shop teacher for many years and now makes his living using the skills he taught. He is not only a very informed presenter but also a very interesting one. If I ever have a difficult problem he is the first person I go to and so far he has been the last.

If you can make the meeting I can guarantee you will learn something new, no matter what your skill level.

The meeting starts at 7:30 at 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

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

May 5 – Deadline for Newsletter

May 18 – Friday evening 7:30 Lon Schleining, Long Beach, CA. Cary high School

May 18 (Tentative) and 19 Workshop on routers

May 20 Workshop on tablesaws, Dave Bubacz workshop

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

July 17, Tuesday, 7:30 Monthly meeting, Cary High School. Finishing



Dave Mackie demonstrates bowl turning techniques at the March meeting.

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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#### NEW MEMBERS

New members this month include:  
Jim Baker, Apex  
Randy Stainback, Graham

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

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance	March	1,	2001	\$7,432.21
Income				\$904.62
Expenses				\$(440.07)
Balance	March	31,	2001	\$7,896.76

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** - Shaper/Router: 7/8 hp benchtop Craftsman shaper/router. \$75 Jim Wheeler, Home - 557-3189 or [mtnman1@mindspring.com](mailto:mtnman1@mindspring.com)

**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

**TWA HISTORY** - Tom Hurysz, TWA Historian, is writing the history of our Association from its beginning to the present time. If members have any documents, news articles or special memories of events please contact Tom at 489-1606 or [hurysz@mindspring.com](mailto:hurysz@mindspring.com). He would appreciate any contributions you may have. In addition to the document being used for the permanent TWA file, we are thinking of focusing on this subject at the June banquet. Come on, you old timers, dig into your files and come up with something.

*Charlie Main*

#### 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)*

#### 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

**TWA BOARD MEETING** - The next TWA Board meeting is scheduled for April 24. Call Charlie Main for details.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Lately, I have had the remodeling bug. It may have been brought about by the new year, or spring coming or just the need for change, but like all good woodworkers I dove in with both feet. My first piece of advice if you are going to remodel -- MOVE OUT -- what a mess I have. Since we had the same bug about two years ago and have never finished the job, I decided I would start with the opposite end of the house, the kids' rooms! Ah, this was a brilliant move on my part. It was bad enough when we did the master bedroom and I slept in the den for a month. Try just once in your lives having 2 children out of their rooms for a few weeks. On second thought take my word for it your gray hairs will come soon enough. I thought that I had gathered way too much junk in 11 years of marriage. Wrong. Empty a child's room, in my case we emptied two into the den. Did you know that your kids have junk you threw away twice??? And they have junk you have never laid eyes on before? What a learning experience. It has been six weeks of spare time remodeling hell, and aside from the fact that I have heard every excuse known to man as to why I can not get help sanding dry wall and that my kids certainly have very different taste in paint, colors and textures, things are looking up. I am nearly finished with 2 kids' rooms and the kids' bath, and I have to tell you, a little golden oak molding hides a lot of mistakes :o)!

Oh, as for my very part time helpers, I got even. I bought a roto tiller and they are currently in the process of tilling up 1/2 acre and experiencing the joy of rock removal!!!!

Next month.... landscaping and the last child's room and den remodel. I'll keep you informed.

Till the meeting..... Diane

## MINUTES FOR THE TWA MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2001

Diane opened the meeting at 7:30 pm at The Woodworking Shop on Capital Blvd. in Raleigh. Bob Gabor announced three upcoming demonstrations and workshops in May with speaker and craftsman Lon Schlenig (See announcements elsewhere in Newsletter):

Dave Mackey was our speaker for the evening. Dave's specialty is bowl turning on the lathe. Working from a rough blank of spalted Sycamore wood, we were guided through the essentials of roughing out a bowl. Early on, Dave mounted the bowl blank between centers for convenience and safety reasons. He then used a drill bit to gauge the depth of the finished bowl. He then began

the hollowing out process. The bowl was reversed in the lathe to shape the sides and bottom. While he turned, Dave gave lots of tips and wisdom from his experience. The product was an attractive bowl in less than an hour.

Respectfully submitted, **Dave Bubacz**, Secretary

## 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))

I came to woodworking 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 a 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 book 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, 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. 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. 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

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.

### Important Router Workshop Notice

At the March meeting enough people (20) signed up for the Saturday, May 19 workshop to fill it up before the clipboard reached the back of the room. In order to provide a learning opportunity for more people, I have made tentative arrangements with Lon to conduct an additional workshop on Friday, May 18.

Here are the action items that need your attention. If you have not signed up, call or email me right away and indicate which day you prefer. If you have already signed up for Saturday and can make it on Friday instead, let me know right away also. This will help balance out the size of the classes.

If we end up with 15-20 for each day, we'll have two sessions. If not, we'll go back to the original 20 people that signed up at the March meeting.

In any event, payment is required no later than our April 17th meeting. Location will be either at Cary High School or at my shop near Pittsboro.

#### **Bob Gabor**

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mailing address: 29 Crosswinds Estates Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312

### 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.

## NEW COURSE OFFERING AT CCCC

Central Carolina Community College has partnered up with Michael Joerling, a professional furniture maker whose studio is in Chapel Hill, to offer courses in fine woodworking. The latest to be offered is entitled Woodworking Basics in Veneering, Laminate Bending and Oil Finishes. Here is a brief description: Whether an experienced woodworker interested in adding new techniques or a curious novice, this course will lay the foundation for you to explore the craft of veneering, bending and finishing with oils. The class is scheduled to begin on May 9 (possibly not until May 16) and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm – 9 pm and on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Total class time will be 90 - 99 hours. The location is Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City. There is a possibility that it may be moved to Northwood High School in Pittsboro. The first half of the class will be on laminate bending; the second half will cover veneering and oil finishes. The cost is only \$60. Even if you can only attend a portion of the classes, it is a great buy!

Dave Mackie, Jeff Leimberger and I are in the process of completing the Furniture Design and Build class and I think that we have all gotten a lot out of it. For more information, feel free to contact me, Bob Gabor. 919-542-5951; email rjgwood@mindspring.com. I can email the complete course description and a bio on Michael.

P.S. There is yet another entitled "Furniture or Sculpture?" which began on April 10. This is basically a design class dealing with "non-traditional" pieces. It's not too late to join in on this one even though it has already started.

## TWA Programs for 2001

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

**May 18 --- Friday evening meeting---** Lon Schleining Anaheim, CA -- curved staircases

**May 19 and 20** Saturday and Sunday -- workshop routers and table saws.

**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

**December 11 ---** Toys for Tots and Show and Tell

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

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