

# TWA NEWS

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## JANUARY PROGRAM CARVING

**The Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. . Moved from April Carving Techniques and Tools** Leon Harkins, a TWA member, is a gifted woodworker and carver. Leon teaches woodcarving at the NC State University Craft Center and at various places around the state as well as at home. He has produced many works of art in the practice of his craft.

Leon retired as Professor Emeritus of Forestry from NC State University where he spent his career teaching. His love of carving dates back to when he was twelve. In 2001 Leon completed a commissioned project to carve an authentic sixteen and a half foot Northwestern America totem pole. He will share with us how he was able to make a totem pole that makes you feel as if you are in the Northwest.

Leon will also share with us his knowledge of the tools and techniques of the carving craft. He will cover tools and techniques used in chip carving, relief carving, and carving in the round. You should go away with a good understanding of the tools needed and some brands that you can trust to be good. You will also pick up some techniques, but if you are serious about carving, I suggest you talk to Leon about his classes. I have attended, and they are excellent.

If you need directions to the Woodworking Shop, please call the editor (Ron Johnson at home 544-2021 or work 854-6210).

Saint Claire Williams  
talks about her carving  
during Show and Tell at  
the December meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 15** - Tuesday, 7:30 Carving Techniques and Tools  
Presented by our own Leon Harkins. At the Woodworking Shop

**February 9** – Deadline for Newsletter

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Tuesday. The Surface Decoration of Furniture. Michael Joerling

Saturday, **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** workshop. Veneering Techniques and Tools. Michael Joerling

Tuesday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>** field trip. Visit 3M Research Facility.

Tuesday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Furniture Construction. Ben Hobbs

**April 15** - Tuesday, 7:30 Curved Panel Furniture Construction.  
Presented by our own Bob Gabor.



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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At Large Bob Gabor, Frank Church, Jim Morrison, Leon Harkins, and Pete Hodges

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

Frank Mansfield - Raleigh  
Leon Abbas - Cary  
Michael Peele – Raleigh  
Mark and Terrie Buddenberg – Raleigh  
Don Frankfather - Knightdale

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

**CLASSIFIEDS** - Classified ads are free to all current members. If you would like something listed, please send a note to the editor at [rgj5823@hotmail.com](mailto:rgj5823@hotmail.com)

**UNC FESTIVAL 2002**

Coming up at the end of February and March is UNC FESTIVAL 2002, the annual fundraiser for our local public television station. For a number of years TWA has volunteered to answer phones for this worthwhile event. And we are doing it again. We have signed up for Saturday March 23 from 2:30 to 6:30. This is the time when Roy Underhill will be in the studio promoting his show, The Woodwright Shop, and the Festival. This is always a fun time and you can see his shop/set where the program is filmed. If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile and fun event please give Ron Johnson a call at 544-2021 (home) or 854-6210 (work) to volunteer or for further information.

**Program Committee Reports Changes in 2002 Programs**

Bob Gabor was to present this month's program, however, he will be unable to present this month. Leon Harkins has agreed to swap with Bob and move his program, previously scheduled for April, to this month. You will see a description of Leon's presentation in this Newsletter. We have also set the exact date for the Shop Bot field trip for April 27<sup>th</sup>. You can find details about the tour on the home page or in the November newsletter

**WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Well, after about 5 or 6 years, I think it is time to get a new infusion of enthusiasm into the newsletter and I would like to find someone that will take this over for me. It doesn't need to be a 5-year commitment; a year or two would suffice.

So, the big question – What are the qualifications and how much time does it take? It takes me about 6 hours a month to "Do" the Newsletter. This is divided up between several evenings over a 2 or 3 day period. As far as qualifications, I think most anyone can do this. Most of the material is written for you and you just need to edit, condense and cut and paste. You do have to encourage people sometimes to get the material to you. On the hardware side of it, you will need a halfway decent computer running Windows 95 or greater. You will need email. The rest will be provided. I have been using Microsoft Word to compose the newsletter, but any word

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance	December	1,	2001	\$7,744.92
	Income			\$ 241.24
	Expenses			\$ 212.60
Balance	December	31,	2001	\$7,413.55

Respectfully submitted,  
*Noel Butzke*

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER** – In an attempt to cut down on postage costs, we are offering a \$5 discount on all renewals for those that receive the Newsletter by email. It is a very easy process that will save the TWA a significant amount that can be spent on programs. If you would like to receive your Newsletter this way or have questions on how it works, contact Ron Johnson at [RGJ5823@hotmail.com](mailto:RGJ5823@hotmail.com), or 544-2021.

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processing program will work. The software to convert it to a pdf file will be provided.

If any one would like to find out a bit more about how I do it and what is involved, please give me a call (544-2021 – evenings)

*Ron Johnson, Editor*

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Greetings everyone

I wish you all a Happy New Year. Since becoming President, the club officers and I have been reviewing The TWA Constitution and Bylaws. Noel Butzke and I then met with an attorney to see if we still comply with the NC State requirements for the administration of a non-profit corporation. As a result of this review, we will have to make some changes. These changes will primarily effect how we elect and name board members and officers and the level of record keeping that we do. It will not effect our club activities or programs. Since current board member's terms expire at each election, I have asked Charlie Main, Ed KarolaK and Ron Johnson to be board members. They have accepted. These members along with the four current officers will form the TWA board of seven people for the remainder of this term.

This board, with help from other members, will revise our bylaws for presentation to the members and then all members will be asked to vote for these changes.

I plan to give an update on this activity at the February meeting, have the revisions presented to the membership in the March meeting with a final vote on the adoption of the new bylaws in April. In the meantime, comments and questions can be directed to any of the board members or officers.

I'm looking forward to an interesting year with many good programs and, hopefully, an expansion of the Mentor Program.

*Dave Mackie*

## **TOYS FOR TOTS 2001 FINAL REPORT (YEAR 16)**

There were sixty-seven active TWA members participating in this year's Toys for Tots program, making 1,753 toys. I hope all of you took a moment on Christmas morning to think of all the children that will be receiving the fruits of our labor. I always do and it is a major part of what keeps me motivated. The other thing that keeps me going is the opportunity to make saw dust with some good friends of whom I grow fonder each year.

I would like to encourage the members who could not participate this year to make a serious effort to participate next year. Even if you only make one toy, you will know

you have helped one child in need to have a better Christmas.

The workshop participants have really honed their skills. Each year we have seen improvements in process and products. Many of the toys this year were awesome. We had seven club-sponsored workshops. Bob Gabor sponsored two and made doll cradles. Diane Caudill and Sue Eckard sponsored two and made bears, Pinocchios, and rocking horses. Hal Liberty sponsored two workshops and made airplanes. Hal said he keeps improving his process and design. I will say that this year's were excellent, and the addition of an American flag on each was moving. Our seventh workshop was our annual Cary Home Depot workshop. This was our seventh year of having a workshop at the Cary Home Depot.

I would like to thank Pete Hodges for working all day with me, getting toys ready for the workshop. As usual, we made toys partially finished for every workstation, allowing a full start at 9:00 AM. At the end of the day, thirty TWA members and some assisting assemblers from the public, mostly children, had made five hundred twenty- five Volkswagens. Dave Mackie, along with Jane Main and Charlie Main, took the partially completed toys and finished the job at Dave's workshop. Taylor Hattori, Dave Hattori's daughter, asked to help and completed and assembled an additional forty at home.

We also collected many more toys at our annual meeting. Dick Hall brought in a whopping three hundred sixty cars! GO Dick! Charles Davis delivered his, now famous, cedar trucks and cars. Dick Courtney came in with a box full of pick up trucks. Walt Novinger and Rufus Cotton also made individual contributions that will make any child happy.

The annual meeting was a huge success. We had time for socializing, a guest speaker, and a lot of show and tell. There were one hundred one people in attendance, a record as far as I know. Thank you for all your help. I look forward to actively participating next year under the leadership of Rob Zaccardi, the year 2002 chairman of the TWA Toys for Tots Committee.

*Fred Ford, Chair, TWA Toys for Tots Committee*

## **MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY TWA MEETING December 11, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Mackie at 7:30 at the Woodworking Shop on Capital Blvd. New members and guests were introduced and were asked to come to the front at the end of the meeting for just a few minutes of fellowship so others could get to know them.

Bob Gabor brought the books by Lon Schleining that had been ordered for various members. He announced that the Acuset brad nailer made by Senco has been

discontinued and there is a special price available at CoastalTool.COM.

Fred Ford announced that after tonight's meeting the new Toys for Tots Chairman will be Bob Zacardi.

Ed Karolak introduced Sam Stroud, his seeing eye dog, Rover, and Sam's wife, Karen. After losing his sight Sam still pursued woodworking and helped develop "touchable art" for the Duke Eye Center. A special piece that he brought to share was his rocking motorcycle (like a child's rocking horse).

The members who held Toys for Tots workshops shared information about each of the projects. Bob Gabor's group made doll cradles, complete with bedding, Hal Liberty's group made biplanes, the Home Depot group made 525 Volkswagons plus Dick Hall made 360 cars to contribute. Diane Caudill's group made Pinocchio ring tosses and teddy bears with movable arms and legs wearing a little vest. Walt Novinger made an intricately designed alligator. The Marines came to pick up the toys for distribution and Channel 5 News was there with their cameras.

Dave Mackie gave a report on the mentor program. His survey included 40 people. Through this year various instructional classes had been given covering shop safety, radial arm saw tune up, sharpening chisels, small jigs, tuning a band saw and European cabinets. There was also a 2 day router and table saw class. Dave's weekly mentor group has completed three projects. The first was a jewelry box that took 30 hours, the second was a child's chair (30 hrs.) and the third was another jewelry box (60 hrs.) Irene Joyner, Jim Morrison and Jimmy Burns were in those classes and expressed their appreciation to Dave for his excellent instruction.

Many members shared items they had made through the year describing how they made the project and any jigs used.

Fred Ford announced a hands-on veneering class to be instructed by Michael Joerling Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The door prizes were a special gift basket put together by Irene Joyner, a Ryobi router including the table, and two specially made heavy-duty clamps donated by Hal Liberty. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted by *Kay Baker*

## **MICHAEL JOERLING COMING IN FEBRUARY**

Michael Joerling is a professional furniture maker from Chapel Hill. He has operated his own studio near his home since 1984. He creates both commissioned and gallery pieces that are sold and exhibited across the nation. Besides creating beautiful objects in wood, Michael has taught woodworking classes over the last several years and is currently laying plans to teach out of his studio.

Early in Michael's career, he drew inspiration from historical furniture styles and architecture. In more recent times, the influence and inspiration for his work has come more often

from nature. This has led to much of his work having a sculptural quality, perhaps to the point that function has receded to yield a piece of sculpture.

Throughout his career, Michael has chosen to work with materials or techniques that aesthetically add to the piece, whether in the choice of woods, veneers, paints, or surface decoration. His presentation at the Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on the surface decoration of furniture. He will talk about and demonstrate how one can use paints, carving, distressing of wood, or a combination of these and more to achieve surface appearances that are unique and expressive of the form they adorn. I guarantee that you will take home ideas that you will be tempted to try.

On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Michael will host a workshop at his studio on veneering. He will demonstrate and guide members through a veneer project using techniques that can be used in most home shops. This is a hands-on workshop; everyone will take home a panel that they have veneered during the day. He will also demonstrate how you can use a vacuum press to achieve results that would be difficult to accomplish with other techniques. In addition, Michael will demonstrate the preparation and use of scrapers. If you haven't tried to use this tool, or your trials have left you frustrated, Michael will teach you how to use this incredibly simple and useful tool.



Above: Hugh Fish shows off a chair during the December meeting.



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## TWA Programs for 2002

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Surface Decoration of Furniture.** Michael Joerling Hosted by Jeff Leimberger. 489-5195  
**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> workshop. Veneering Techniques and Tools.** Michael Joerling Hosted by Jeff Leimberger. 489-5195  
Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> field trip. Visit 3M research Facility. Hosted by Irene Joiner , 833-8113, and Leon Harkins 362-1406  
Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Furniture Construction. Ben Hobbs Hosted by Rob Zacardi. (910) 590-2340  
**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carving Techniques and Tools.** Leon Harkins, Hosted by Fred Ford. 469-9575  
**Saturday April or May tour Shop Bot field trip Durham** Donna K. Bell Hosted by Fred Ford. 469-9575  
**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Green Wood Chair Construction** Lyle Wheeler Hosted by Bob Gabor. 542-5951  
**Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Boat Building.** Paul Fontanoy Hosted by Ed Karolak. 383-4233  
**Friday, July 19th. Avoiding Mistakes in the Workshop.** Lon Schleining Hosted by Bob Gabor. 542-5951  
**Saturday, July 20th workshop. Gluing and Clamping Strategies:** Lon Schleining Hosted by Bob Gabor. 542-5951  
Email [rjgwood@mindspring.com](mailto:rjgwood@mindspring.com)  
**Sunday, July 21st workshop. Steam Bending and Bent Laminations.** Lon Schleining Hosted by Bob Gabor 542-5951  
**Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. More Bang for the Buck.** Bruce Wrenn, Hosted by Fred Ford. 469-9575  
**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Turning Christmas Ornaments.** Allan Leland Hosted by Fred Ford. 469-9575  
**Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Finishing Techniques.** Jeff Jewitt Hosted by Rob Zacardi. (910) 590-2340  
**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2002.workshop. Finishing** Jeff Jewitt Hosted by Rob Zacardi. (910) 590-2340  
**Sunday, October 20th 2002 workshop. Spray Finishing.** Jeff Jewitt Hosted by Rob Zacardi. (910) 590-2340  
**Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Annual Auction.** Phil Bright, and Dick Snow Hosted by Ed Karolak. 383-4233  
**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Toys for Tots Show and Tell and Social.** Hosted by chairperson of the Toys for Tots committee.

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