

TWA News

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Next Meeting:

January 16, 2007

The Woodworking Shop
3141 Capital Boulevard
Raleigh, NC

Several members meet 6:00 pm, at Buffalo Brothers
Pizza & Wings for dinner prior to the meeting.

January 16th Meeting

The program on Tuesday will be an overview of the process for making a hand plane. While the emphasis will be on Krenov-style hand planes, tools and methods for making traditional molding planes will also be discussed and demonstrated.

The workshop on Saturday and Sunday is titled Making a Krenov-Style Hand plane. In this 2 day workshop we will make a smoothing plane. This style of plane is based on that made popular by James Krenov of the School of the Redwoods in Mendocino, CA.

This style of construction lends itself to adaptation to meet many needs of the hand tool woodworker. The plane will be made of maple with an exotic hardwood sole. The blade will be a Hock blade with cap iron. There will be instruction on smoothing plane technique.

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE IS A \$50 GIFT CARD!!!

Krenov Smoothing Plane Workshop

Participants in this weekend workshop, we will make a smoothing plane in the style popularized by James Krenov of the School of the Redwoods. The plane will be made of hard maple with rosewood sole. It will have a Hock blade and capiron, and a shaped crosspin of rosewood as well.

Participants make a plane blade adjusting hammer with a cherry handle and a brass head. There will be time to practice honing your plane blade and on developing a handplane technique. There will be hardwoods to practice planning on.

All participants will leave the class with a completed plane but which will need final shaping to their hand and a finish.

February Meeting – Special Time

Note the February meeting will be held on a special date, Friday February 24th at 7:30. Paul Gianino will speak about furniture restoration.

Paul is a second-generation woodworker with a successful furniture restoration business in Greenville, N.C. Paul both builds high-end antique reproductions and restores antiques. For the Friday night program Paul will discuss the various techniques he uses to restore damaged antiques including determining the correct process and finish to use.

For the Saturday workshop Paul will demonstrate these techniques on an actual piece of furniture. Paul is expecting lots of questions both in the evening program and the workshop. So, if you have inherited that prize piece from Aunt Sally and have been afraid to do the needed repairs, now is the time to get some expert advice.

The host for the meeting is Cecil Raynor.

March Madness!

Maybe not the type of March Madness you come to expect, but now is a good time to start preparing for our March meeting. Why you ask?

The program will be our chance to show our work and share methods and techniques with fellow members. Bring any item you have made, it need not be new, it need not be complete. Jigs have been some of the more interesting entries.

Members with items to enter are asked to come at 7:00 PM to give us some time to organize the flow of the presentations.

This is an excellent opportunity to pass along good ideas. Take a moment and think of what YOU can bring. Remember what you take for granted, may be just the thing for someone else just getting started in woodworking, or looking for the answer to a question they had to help them with a project they have in mind.

Start planning NOW to bring something to share.

About the Triangle Woodworkers Association

The Triangle Woodworkers Association (TWA) is a nonprofit educational corporation. The TWA is dedicated to teaching woodworking techniques through seminars, classes, and workshops; participants are required to sign waivers absolving liability for TWA or its designated representatives. The TWA promotes woodworking education and community interest in woodworking and in general sharing a love for wood.

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By the Numbers

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bank Balance	\$2,867.05
Income	\$367.81
Expense	<u>\$376.31</u>
Ending Bank Balance	\$2,858.55

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Kasper
Treasurer

Membership

Total Members:	176
New Members:	2
Dropped:	0
Renewals:	0

The Presidents Corner

By Fred Ford

This month I am reporting on the final results of our last six months of effort devoted to the Toys for Tots program. This year we made about 1200 toys with the help of 61 TWA members. We also had some non-members participating.

The effort per toy ranged from 30 minutes per car at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop to four hours per stool at Mike Reddyhoff's and Dave Mackey's workshops. I do not have the statistics, but I am sure some of the individual efforts exceeded the four hours per toy.

Bill Anderson captured some of the details about the toys that were brought to the December 12 meeting. I would like to add some insight that was not covered at the meeting.

Sue and Diane Eckard hosted three TWA-staffed workshops, but they also spent many weekends and evenings working with family and friends. In all they produced about 700 toys.

This year marked the ninth year that Sue and Diane have hosted Toys for Tots workshops. The Creedmore workshop was built by the late Bill Eckard, Sue's husband, Diane's father and a former TWA member. Bill was very active in the Toys for Tots program and asked his family to use his workshop to continue his contribution. Since the workshops started over 9000 toys have been produced there. We all expect this year will mark the 10,000th toy.

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This was the first year to have the Toys for Tots public workshop at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop. It turned out a very productive and fun day. Paul Rolf, the store manager, has invited us back next year. I would like to thank all of the staff from Klingspor for their help during our workshop.

Bill Anderson has indicated he will be writing an article giving some detail on how he produced the very bright and colorful puzzles. Those of us who saw them know there was considerable effort involved. Luckily, Bill was able to recruit a lot of help outside TWA in his effort

All the numbers are interesting and demonstrate much work by many people, but what keeps most of us doing this year after year is the pleasure we get on Christmas morning thinking about some happy children. Although these appear as just material things, I believe that there is something more than just material in hand-made toys.

They also come with love.

Toys For Tots Workshop A Success

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of the participants in the recent Toys for Tots Jigsaw Puzzle Workshop. This year we made 85 puzzles suitable for distribution, an increase of about 20 over last year. As usual, the level of creativity was astounding and all of the puzzles were unique and beautiful. Every year people who have not done "finger-painting" since kindergarten insist to me that they can not paint at all, that they will just watch the others, but I invariably see that some of the best puzzles from these people. Congratulations to all!

Wurth Hardwood Group (Formerly Raleigh Hardwoods) at 4213 Poole Road, phone 231-6620, graciously donated several sheets of 3/8" Baltic birch. This supplier is one of our club sponsors, and was highlighted in the TWA newsletter recently.



Fred Ford and Hal Brown applied paint and varnish finishes to the ply and dimensioned the boards to jigsaw puzzle size.

The Framer's Corner (108 West Main, Carrboro, phone 929-3166) has continued their generous support as in previous years, supplying 100 cut to specifications matboard backings for all of our puzzle boards.

Margret Mueller, a renowned local watercolorist and who also works at Framer's Corner, generously donated her time to provide artistic inspiration to all of the workshop participants and to mix colors.

Over forty people participated throughout the day at the workshop, including many TWA members.

Dee Dee Laurilliard kept us well provisioned with wonderful and carefully prepared food and beverage throughout the day.

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Mike Moorlach of Mike's Workshop, Inc. (<http://www.Mikesworkshop.com> , phone 605-582-6732) sent us 5 dozen scrollsaw blades. Mike is a very interesting person with a fascinating life story. He sells scrollsaws and supplies at his website. Mike insisted on giving us the blades free of charge as soon as he heard of our project. The blades are the Flying Dutchman type, made in Germany and are of the very highest quality. If you are a scrollsawer, please check out his website.

Special thanks go to the merry band of scrollsawyers (Don Frankfather, Mike Payst, John Wichern, Ed Mastin, and Max Hayes) who cut the puzzles and who provided many good suggestions for cutting puzzles for next year.

Bill Anderson, Workshop Leader.

Triangle Woodworkers Association Minutes

Triangle Woodworkers Association Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Attendance: 38

Guests:
Ron Rogers

New Business:

1. **Bill Anderson** announced that this meeting is the deadline for signing up for the "Making a Krenov-Style Smoothing Plane" to be held workshop in January in conjunction with that month's program. The workshop will be 1 day, and will cost \$100. *(continued on next page)*

2. The majority of that workshop cost is for materials and supplies for each plane. This deadline is necessary so that materials can be ordered prior to the workshop.
3. **Paul of Klingspor's** announced that the store will have a display case up front for interested woodworkers to display their best work in. Items can be for sale or display. No commission on sales. See Paul at the store for details.
4. **Max Hayes** indicated that the raffle will resume in January.

Fred Ford introduced the program, which consisted of a short presentation by each Toys for Tots workshop leader about their toy project. The program ended with a short show-and-tell session.

1. **Bill Anderson** explained about the jigsaw puzzle making workshop and introduced the participants. 85 puzzles were made, suitable for very young children.
2. **John Gribble** showed off about 32 reversible stool/child's chair combination. Very clever and useful design. John also made a number of what he calls "California Cars"
3. **Bob Gabor** made about 10 doll cradles, in his usual finely crafted manner. Fred indicated that these are about the only toys the club makes that are specifically for young girls.
4. **Diane and Sue Eckerd** were not able to attend, but Fred Ford explained their series of workshops which generated over 700 cars and tiger toys. The Eckers, and their whole family, work throughout the year on these projects. Many TWA members participated as well.
5. **Graham Brown** showed off about 10 airplanes he made based on a design by Hal Liberty. These used some of the mahogany lumber donated to the club last year.
6. **Bruce Wrenn** was not able to attend, but Fred Ford described some toy cars he sent in.
7. **Fred Ford** who had hosted the Klingspor workshop described how 400 cars resulted from the effort.
8. **Kay Baker** made a series of toy cars in her workshop.
9. **Jim Rhodes** showed off several toy construction grades made from wood.

The toys were presented to **Lance Corporal Trey Martin**, a representative of the US Marine Corp. Trey has been in the USMC for 3 ½ years and served in several locations in Iraq, including Fallujah. Trey is from Princeton in Johnston County, NC. He will be retiring shortly from the USMC due to injuries and will go on to attend college. Trey made a very heartfelt speech of thanks and appreciation.

Show and Tell

1. **John Wichern** showed off several intricate scrollsaw designs he did for his grandchildren,

one with a very fine African design overlaid on a black velvet background.

2. **Don Frankfather** also displayed some very fine scrollsaw projects. In addition he showed off some 3-dimensional scrollsaw projects which were stunning. With any luck, TWA will be able to recruit Don to do a workshop on this technique.
3. **Fred Ford** showed off the first of a set of 6 Windsor chairs he intends to build. Fred attended Drew Langsner's Country Workshops in Marion, North Carolina. The chair took about 60 hours of effort, and was done largely with handtools.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Anderson, Secretary.

Sponsor Highlight

This month we are pleased to highlight our major sponsor, without whom our club activities would be very difficult if not sharply curtailed – Klingspor's Woodworking Shop in Raleigh. There can be no underestimating the benefits that come to TWA from its association with Klingspor. Klingspor, and in particular the manager Paul Rolfe, has been very generous in offering TWA a meeting place for many years. Each month they graciously clear out their showroom and provide a large meeting area with folding chairs, workbenches and tools for demonstrations. In addition, they provide us a large storage area for our audio-visual equipment, for our library and other club materials. The store offers a 10% discount to TWA members for all purchases (excluding lumber and power tools). Lastly, Klingspor donates items or gift certificates to our monthly raffle which enables the club to generate another source of revenue to enhance our ability to provide good programs to the membership.

Besides providing an excellent venue for TWA, Klingspor also offers a wide range of workshops and classes to the general public on various aspects of woodworking, featuring local craftsmen and artists (Frank Penta and Bill Wallace, for example). These workshops include wood turning and carving. Classes are hands-on. Go to the Klingspor website (see below) and click on "Kalendar" or call them. Currently scheduled classes include carving woodspirits, wood turning, using a dovetail jig, tuning a handplane and fundamentals of sharpening.

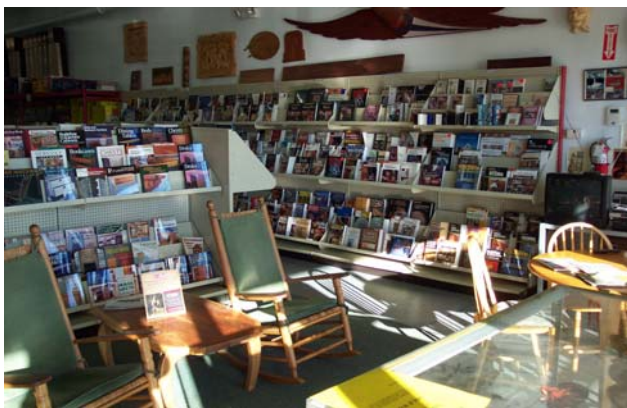
Klingspor's (<http://www.woodworkingshop.com>, phone 919-876-0707) is located at 3141 Capital Blvd, just 0.9 miles from the I-440 Beltline going north. The store is on the left side of the boulevard in the Food Lion Shopping Center which also includes a Buffalo Brothers restaurant right on the road itself. *(continued next page)*

Store hours are Monday through Friday 9 am - 6 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm.



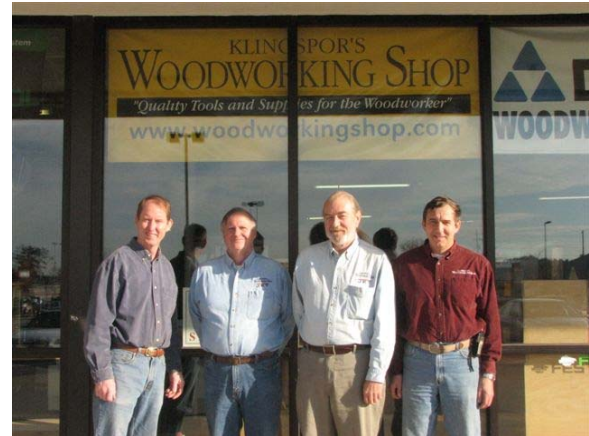
Klingspor offers one of the widest selections of domestic and exotic hardwoods available in the Triangle area (note that East Wake Hardwoods in Zebulon and the Hardwood Store in Gibsonville are sponsors as well and each offer a great lumber selection). The store also gets local sawn hardwoods. Hardwood prices are very competitive, on a par with The Hardwood Store and Steve Wall Lumber. Some of the exotics that they offer include ebony, bloodwood, zebrawood, pau amarillo, cocobolo, figured maple, padauk, mahogany and purple heart, not to mention walnut, ash, maple, cherry, hickory, poplar and oak. They also offer a wide variety of unusual turning stock. They often get large lots of a particular hardwood which they offer at very reasonable prices.

Klingspor is a German sandpaper manufacturer and they operate just four stores in the US, all in NC (historically to be near Hickory for the furniture industry). The business serves both the commercial trades as well as hobbyists and is in a very stable business niche. Klingspor Woodworking store offers an amazing selection of sanding media for hand sanding, belt sanders of all sizes and drum sanders. The store also has a wide selection of router bits and sawblades by Freud and a large display showroom of all types of stationary power tools by many of the major manufacturers, plus accessories to complement these tools.



Lastly, the store has a very extensive selection of woodworking magazines, books and tapes and DVDs, along with a small but comfortable sitting area in which to read and review the books or to preview video tapes prior to purchase.

Personnel at Klingspor:



Paul Rolfe (left in photo) has been manager at Klingspor since Tom Ferone moved over to Woodcraft in about 2001. Previously, Paul ran a custom commercial and architectural carving company, Rolfe's Woodcarving, and still does this in his free time (check out his website at <http://www.rolfewoodcarving.com>). Paul organizes an annual NC Woodcarving Festival (to be held this year on March 17) which is a woodcarver's competition and exhibition, drawing participants from all over the state. *(continued on next page)*

Max Mahanke (second from right) has been working at Klingspor for 6 years, previously in the computer industry. He had traditional industrial shop training in high school. His interests are in furniture and small pieces and he states that he likes the design aspect of this work most. He doesn't follow any particular style of design but when pressed states that his influences are Art Nouveaux and Mission. He teaches a class on rubbing out lacquer finished on February 11.

Mike Lanier (second from left) has also been in the store 6 years. His background is in teaching shop in the school system and as a commercial cabinet maker. Mike teaches many of the joinery and furniture making classes.

Robert Zaccardi (right in photo) has been working at Klingspor for 4 years. Previous to that he spent 20 years in the US Army Special Forces serving in Central America and South East Asia and retired as a Colonel. Robert's primary woodworking interests are in 18th century furniture, and he is also interested in handtools and planes. Robert teaches at Klingspor and will be doing a workshop on handplane tune-up on February 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Anderson, Sponsors Committee

Club Candids

Photos by Rick Cornell

Special word of thanks to those helping out at workshops. Pictured below are some of the participants helping assemble child seats, toy cars and jig saw puzzles. There were many, many more toys and just about as many club members helping make them this year. Good job directing this effort, Fred!



Though none of these guys could use the chair, they did fine work!



Even Paul (far left) took time off to help with the toy cars!



Jig saw puzzle workshop host, Jim (3rd from left) beaming like a new Dad



Our own little toy making elves!

CALLING ALL DECEMBER PHOTOGRAPHERS! A number of you took pictures at the December meeting. Would you please send some to TriangleWoodworkers@Yahoo.com? The ones I took were lost when the backup software I was using wiped out hard drive. That was NOT a typo! I was using a popular backup software and it encountered a problem. Rather than just stopping, it WIPED MY HARDDRIVE CLEAN! So instead of a nice collection of photos from December, I have just these few. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

TWA Sponsors

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For Sale: 14" Variable speed Delta lathe 40" cast iron bed on steel stand. Will deliver within 40 miles of Sanford. mwaynehayes@msn.com \$ 500.00.

For Sale: Panel Saw, older model works great. FOB Sanford (Need trailer to haul) \$ 400.00. Max Hayes 919-774-9526, mwaynehayes@msn.com

For Sale: 1" thick 13" diameter hardwood shop stool seats. \$ 3.00 each or 4 each for \$10.00. Can be used for kerosine lamp holders, picture frames, cutting board, wood wheels. ??? mwaynehayes@msn.com

Interested in antique/traditional woodworking tools? To find out about Mid-West Tool Collectors Association, contact Ed Hobbs at 828-2754 or hobbsed@portbridge.com (99/99)

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out right. Come to
the January Meeting!***

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