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Next Meeting:

Toys for Tots Kickoff

Tuesday September 16th, 2008 6:30 PM

Salem Baptist Church
1200 Salem Church Road
Apex, NC

meet in the fellowship hall which is
the rear most building

Registration deadline is September 9th

**Tuesday September 16th
Toys for Tots Kickoff Banquet**

Banquet: Salem Baptist Church, Apex

Topic: Toys for Tots
Show and Tell of club made toys

Speaker: Jeff Mills

Our September program will be the *kick off for our 2008 Toys for Tots campaign*. Our woodworking speaker will be *Jeff Mills*, owner and operator of Mills Custom Sawing, whose business is located in Stoval, NC. Jeff offers a wide variety of native woods, both in the green and kiln dried. He will speak on how he obtains logs, what varieties are desirable, and how he saws them for the best yield and for kiln drying.

Additionally, we will have a show and tell of toys that the club will have made for donation. And of course, the Marines will be there to talk about the Toys for Tots program.

Be sure and bring a toy or gift that you have made or received to show off.

We will meet at 6:30pm at the Salem Baptist Church (fellowship hall which is the rear most building) in Apex. Derick and Eva Williams will be catering our meal. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

The cost is \$12.50 per person. Your checks should be made to:
Triangle Woodworkers, and mailed to:
Bruce Wrenn
12512 Holly Springs - New Hill Rd.
Apex, NC 27539

Payment is due no later than one week prior to dinner (September 9th). Your check will serve as your reservation.

Salem Baptist Church is located at 1200 Salem Church Road. **From Raleigh**, take US 1 south / 64 west to exit 89. Bear off to the right (Asheboro/Pittsboro). Take US 64 west for about three miles. You will go through six traffic lights, including the one at the bottom of the ramp. After the sixth light, bear right on the exit to Downtown Apex. At the bottom of the ramp is Stock Building Supply. Turn right, the church will be the third driveway on the left, including the driveway to Stock. There are some red reflectors on the drive that are in the shape of a cross. The fellowship hall is the rear most building.

From RTP, take Davis Drive to Salem Church Road. Salem Ch. Rd turns left off Davis where it makes a sharp right away from the railroad tracks. Church will be on the right.

You may also take highway 55 east from RTP to highway 64. Turn east on highway 64, and go to next exit. Turn left under bridge, go north on Davis Drive to intersection of Salem Church Road. Bear to the right, and church is on the right.

HOST: Bruce Wrenn

**Saturday October 11th
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

NOTE: The shop crawl replaces the normal Tuesday meeting.
NO Tuesday Meeting In October.

Program – Shop Crawl (visit workshops)

We will visit six workshops in the Cary/Jordan Lake area. At 8:30 we will leave from a car pool parking area. Plan to arrive at 8:15 AM to allow time to divide up into car pools. (the location of the car pool area will be supplied to those that sign up) If you plan to have breakfast or coffee there please arrive before 8:15 AM to get what you want. The first stop in the tour is my house and I will have coffee, pastry, and bagels to get you started.

The group will proceed to visit the workshops of: Fred Ford, Bob Guenther, Al Basham, Terry Tenhouse, Bob Nauman, and Bob Gabor (his newly constructed workshop).

About noon we will stop for lunch at El Dorado Mexican Restaurant - 6442 Tryon Rd. Cary, NC 27518. Dutch treat. There are several other restaurants in the area if you do not care for Mexican.

I am sure everyone will pick many ideas to bring back to their own workshops.

If you have not been at meetings to sign up and wish to do so please call (469-9575) and I will add you to the list. Everyone on the list will get a detailed agenda and directions via email.

Host: Fred Ford

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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Deadline for submitting articles and classified ads for next newsletter is: September 26, 2008

By the Numbers

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bank Balance:	\$3,742.88
Income:	\$3,349.50
Expense:	\$507.99
Ending Bank Balance:	\$6,584.39

Note that these figures, as usual, exclude the \$86 petty cash fund, as well as the other "slush" funds.

Submitted by: *Pete Kasper*

Membership

Total Members:	220
New Members:	

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER and TOYS FOR TOTS REPORT



In the last news letter Fred announced that was his last President's Corner. This took me a little by surprise as outgoing officers retire at the September meeting but Fred insisted his pen had run dry so it falls to me to fill the corner. You will find me elsewhere in this publication as secretary. Our new secretary Bill Anderson adhered to the convention of retiring at the September meeting but as he was giving an excellent demonstration of hand tool sharpening techniques he clearly couldn't take notes. So with two hats on and a new pen here I am.

With the Olympics just over we are still thinking in terms of medals won and the fractional differences between gold and silver. In the fourteen years I have been a member of this club we have had several presidents – all of them champions – but in my opinion Fred has to take gold. This is not to denigrate any of the others who would all receive well deserved silvers but there can be only one gold medal. Under Fred's leadership the club has embarked on a series of improvements to make our presentations and programs more appealing and to capture a wider audience. Toys-for-Tots is a big concern of Fred's and he has established a formal framework to continue and enhance this program. I hope to be able to continue in Fred's footsteps.

Next month's meeting will be the Annual Banquet and Toys-for-Tots kick-off. (See elsewhere for details). This will be a social occasion and a great opportunity to join your fellow members in fun and fellowship. I urge all of you to attend and to bring a toy you have made.

I am taking this opportunity to encourage members, especially new members, to participate in the program workshops that are organized regularly. These are without exception well worth the time and small expense spent. Everyone, whatever their skill level, comes away with something of value, either knowledge, a hand skill or even a tool or jig. This is a great way to meet and get to know your fellow members and you get to have lunch out too.

Our new Program Chairman, Terry Tenhouse, is organizing some new and interesting programs and workshops and I look forward to seeing many of you at these.

Mike Reddyhoff: President

Toys for Tots Program Status Report

The year 2007 was a very good year for the TWA Toys for Tots program. It was the 22nd year that the TWA has supported the Marine Corp. Reserves Toys for Tots program. We have to work hard to do as well for 2008. We now have 23 members signed up to help with workshops. In past years we have had 40 to 60 members signed up to support workshops at this point in the program. We especially need help at Sue/Diane Eckard's workshops Sept. 13th and Sept., 27th, and Bill Anderson's workshops Oct. 18th and Oct. 19th.

The good news is that Mike Reddyhoff has done an excellent job of scheduling 13 workshops and you have supported 9 of these very well. Now we need some more support for the remaining 4. Please surprise me with a call to Mike or me to sign up. If you don't you may get a call!!

Those of you that choose to use your personal workshop for making toys please continue. Some of our best toys have come from your efforts. If you need wheels etc. please contact Scott Miller for parts. Call 233-0204.

Surprise me yet again and call Bruce Wrenn (362-0878) to sign up for our Toys for Tots kickoff and social. We are going to have a great meal and program Sept 16th. We now have 24 expressing interest and we need 60 to make the event a success.

I do not think I am asking you for anything but availing yourself of a good time. My best memories of the club are from the events I have attended and the relationships that I have established by doing so.

Fred Ford
Chairman Toys for Tots Committee

Minutes from the TWA meeting August 19th, 2008

57 members present.

👉 President Fred Ford opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed visitor Jim from Sydney Australia.

👉 Roger Barrow, owner of East Wake Hardwoods – one of our sponsors - told us about the gallery he operates at his business for any woodworker in the state. Some of our members exhibit and sell from there. This has recently been registered as WONC (Woodworkers Of North Carolina). www.thewonc.com Roger is in the early stages of negotiating for the purchase of the former premises of Greenshields Brewery in Market Square downtown Raleigh and has plans to establish WONC there as a non-profit organization. His plans include establishing a perma-

nent sales gallery together with space for woodworking demonstrations by local woodwork clubs and facilities for education and training in woodwork.

👉 Tom Ferone, the new membership committee chairman explained that he was still having a few problems getting up to speed with new membership registration but he would be issuing badges etc. by the next meeting.

👉 Mark Keglars announced that the balance of Art Shiedmeyer's tools – mostly hand and small power tools – would be up for sale at Art's shop Durant Road on Saturday August 30th. Mark is conducting this sale on behalf of Art's widow.

👉 Fred called for the election of new board members Bill Anderson as Secretary; Hugh Fish as Treasurer; and Terry Tenhouse as Vice President and Program Committee Chairman. Each candidate was proposed, seconded and voted in. Mike Reddyhoff relinquished his position as Secretary and moved to President.

A vote of thanks was expressed for retiring board members Fred Ford, Cecil Raynor and Pete Casper.

👉 Brian Wagner introduced Bill Anderson, member and proprietor of Edwards Mountain Woodworks, who presented a program on hand tool sharpening with an emphasis on chisels and plane blades.

Bill first defined a sharp edge as two planes intersecting at an angle such that the line of intersection disappeared, ie it reflected no light and the aim in sharpening was to approach that ideal. The quest for perfection was described as almost Zen like. Bill displayed and explained several different sharpening media together with various proprietary and shop made jigs to aid in sharpening and for turning the burr on a scraper.

It is most important first to flatten and polish the back of a chisel or plane blade and then define the bevel angle on a slow speed grinder. Bevel angles vary depending on the use of the tool. Japanese water stones in grades 800, 4000 and 8000 are very useful for sharpening after the blades are flattened on the back and beveled and they should be regularly flattened using 100/150 grade Si/C waterproof paper on a flat surface such as plate glass or a tool shop granite block.

During the presentation a break was called for refreshments and socializing, cookies courtesy of Sue Ford.

👉 Fred thanked Bill for an interesting and informative presentation and reminded members of Bill's upcoming sharpening workshop. This would be on August 30 at Tom Ferone's shop and the cost is \$35.

👉 Kay Baker showed a chair with a recaned seat and said she would accept recaning orders at \$1 per hole.

The meeting concluded at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mike Reddyhoff - secretary

Hi... my name is Scott Miller (NC Scroller to those on the NCWW web site). I am the committee chairman to supply parts and materials for our 2008 Toys for Tots program. As of July 1st we have on hand roughly:

- ✓ **5,000 1-1/4" wheels with 1/4" holes**
- ✓ **1,000 1-1/2 wheels with 1/4" holes**
- ✓ **200+ 2" wheels with 3/8" holes**
- ✓ **200+ 2- 5/8 wheels with 3/8" holes**
- ✓ **1,000 1/4" by 1-3/8" axles**
- ✓ **Large quantities of 1/4" and 3/8" dowels for making axles**
- ✓ **Plus an assortment of other wheels**

These quantities are in addition to the materials set aside for the Klingspor Toy for Tots workshop later this fall. If you are in need of any of these items or are in need of additional items, please send me an email or call me so arrangements can be made to get them to you. In addition if you have parts or materials you would like to donate please contact me. Email contact is preferred to phone calls if possible.

Contact information:
smiller@aol.com
919-233-0204

Thanks,
Scott



Upcoming Handtool Woodworking Workshops

Edwards Mountain Woodworks

fine handtool woodworking: creating and teaching in wood
<http://www.edwardsmountainwoodworks.com>



Workshops are offered focusing on hand tool woodworking skills and techniques.

Workshops are hands on in all cases and are generally either 1 or 2 days in length and are from 9 am to 5 pm or thereabouts. In some cases, either experience or a previous workshop is required. Lunch is provided. All tools and a comprehensive manual are provided for each workshop. A tool list is available, and students are encouraged to bring their personal tools as well. Some classes have a materials fee as well.

For further information on the workshops, schedule, and tools needed and any other requirements email Bill Anderson at bill@edwardsmountainwoodworks.com or call 919-932-6050, evenings.

Carving Cabriole Legs

Dates: September 13-14

Cost: \$160

We will work on basic pad type foot, ball and claw feet and will also work on decorative carving (shell) on the knee. We will work in poplar to develop our techniques and skills.

Elegant Side Table with Handtools

Dates: September 20-21

Cost: \$160

We will make a Shaker Inspired side table from mahogany with a quilted maple top using tapered legs, mortise and tenon joinery and a molded edge top. All work will be done with handtools only.

Useful Workbench Fixtures and Aids

Dates: October 4-5

Cost: \$160

We will make a number of useful workbench fixtures including bench hooks, several types of shooting boards, a miter hook, birds mouth, plane stops, etc. to improve the utility of your workbench.

Classes are 2 days each and cost \$160, with a \$10 discount for TWA members. There will be a materials fee for each of these workshops. Workshop times are 9 am to 5 pm each day. Lunch is provided. Each class has a comprehensive manual as well. I will provide a complete tool list, however, I supply most of the tools needed for these workshops.

Photo's are from the August 30th Sharpening Workshop

On Saturday, August 30th the club sponsored a Hand Tool Sharpening Workshop which was presented by Bill Anderson from Edwards Mountain Woodworks. Nine club members attended the workshop. During the morning session of the workshop Bill covered power grinding tools and the different types of honing stones and jigs used for sharpening. The pros and cons of these different tools were discussed and their correct use was demonstrated. Each person attending also built a small jig to hold their sharpening stone firmly to the bench during use. During a brief lunch the discussing of the art of sharpening continued while pizza and soft drinks were enjoyed by all. After lunch each person was given the opportunity to practice the skills Bill had presented during the morning session on items they had brought with them. Bill moved around the group providing one on one advice and guidance. At the end of the day everyone left with a better understanding of the sharpening process and a higher level of confidence in their ability to sharpen their own hand tools.



Respectfully submitted by:
Joseph Gorman



Wild Ponies for Tots

This year we will be reliving days of yesteryear! We will be making ponies from broomsticks (or the equivalent) and 1/2" plywood. These will have manes, bridles, and will be painted. My goal is to make 30-50 of these. Please volunteer for one or two days. Bring your shaving horse if possible. I will have everything else. Goodies supplied but feel free to bring some as well.

We are still in dire need of broom sticks or any wooden dowel from an implement, at least 36 inches long and 3/4 inches in diameter minimum.

My workshop on Oct. 18 and 19 is in two parts.

Oct. 18 (Sat): bandsaw horse heads, drill for reins, drawknife out stick bodies, cut slots in sticks to attach heads, glue and assemble horses

Oct. 19 (Sun): paint horse heads, tack on manes, glue on eyes, tie on reins

Bill Anderson

Email: willardanderson@bellsouth.net

Find us on the internet: www.ibiblio.org/twa

Scrollsaw SIG

Several of you expressed interest in getting together informally, sharing information, tips and our interest in scroll sawing. I have not forgotten about it, and wanted to give an update. Due to some personal issues that arose during the last couple of months, I have not been able to make the time to get this started. Summer vacation plans will not make it any easier. That being said, this will be postponed until the fall. Watch the newsletter around the September time frame for more information!

Submitted by: **Rick Cornell**

Item of Interest

A Guide to Honing and Sharpening

if you missed Bill Andersons wonderful presentation last month, you may be interested in this web site.

Introduction and enticement to take a look:

One of the most important skills a woodworker can acquire is the ability to sharpen tools easily and well. Working with hand tools can be a frustrating experience unless you have sharp tools. The goal of this lesson is, with a minimum of equipment, is for you to be able to produce razor sharp cutting edges on any tool blade consistently.

to see more: <http://www.antiquetools.com/sharp/index.html>

TWA Sponsors

<p>Ashcroft Saws and Tools 876-3223 3216-G Wellington Ct, Raleigh, NC 25% off list on blades and 10% off on sharpening</p>	<p>Wurth Wood Group 231-6620 4213 Poole Rd, exit 15 off 440 Raleigh, NC (10% discount all non-sale items) http://wurthwoodgroup.com</p>
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<p>Guy C. Lee Building Materials 362-1444 900 N. Salem St., Apex, NC</p>	<p>Tarheel Wood Treating Co. 467-9176 Highway 54, Morrisville, NC ▶ Contractors prices on all wood products ▶ Show TWA card before order is written</p>
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Classified Ads

Classified ads are free to all current members. Ads will run for two issues. If you would like something listed, please send a note to the editor at: TriangleWoodworkers@gmail.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)



The Late Bill Eckard at a Show TWA participated in. I am not sure of the year.

For the past 10 years now I have hosted approximately 25 Toys for Tots workshops. Originally I started hosting these workshops to fulfill a promise to my father, the late Bill Eckard and long time TWA member and friend to many. One of his last requests was that I hold a Toys for Tots workshop in his shop which his illness prevented him from being able to truly enjoy. I believe that my father would have beamed with great joy and pride last December when my Mother and I were honored by the club for producing the 10,000th toy from our shop for this program. Numerous club members, church and youth groups, boy and girl scouts, and school related organizations over the years have had a hand in the creation of those 10,000 toys. Their time and effort has been appreciated by so many less fortunate people. We participate in this program to aid where aid is needed but we gain so much more from

it. Long lasting friendships begin to form between club members, folks get a chance to see others shops and try out machines they may not otherwise have the opportunity to try. The fellowship that we as club members share can be as fulfilling as imagining the face of a young boy or girl on Christmas morning who is able to receive a little something in his/her stocking. I remember several years ago a club member ran into a child playing on the sidewalk with a toy and the club member asked him where he got the toy from. The boy beamed and said Santa Claus had brought it to him. The club member reported this encounter at the next club meeting because the toy the young boy was playing with was very recognizable to him as one of the toys produced in his shop. We may not always see the fruits of our labor but what we do certainly makes a difference.

If you have not signed up for a workshop yet, please consider donating a Saturday of your time. Even if you can only make a half day that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mike Reddyhoff, Fred Ford or any board member to add your name to the list willing to help a child see brighter days and put a smile on the face of people who are struggling in the thing called life.

Thanks so much
Diane Eckard

my workshops are September 13th and 27th. I have room for a few more willing to help out. I also have assembly and painting if you do not want to cut or sand. **No experience needed.**



2007 Toys for Tots Boy scout assembly at Sue/Diane's shop, with Marine Sgt. Buchanan present.

Membership Application / Renewal Form
Complete and mail to:

Triangle Woodworkers Association
P.O. Box 4206
Cary, North Carolina 27519-4206

Notice

We encourage all who wish to continue their membership to send your dues if you have not done so to the membership chairman. We have placed notices and spoken about the dues coming due for the past few months. At this time we have no choice but to assume that non payment of dues means that you no longer wish to be a member and therefore this could be your last newsletter.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Spouse's name, if joining (fee is \$1.00): _____

Skill level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced Professional

New member- email newsletter \$35.00 New Member – hard copy newsletter \$40.00

Check # _____ Cash Amount _____ (Do not send cash through mail!)

Privacy Opt-Outs: Please Do **NOT** Publish My Phone Number Email Address on Membership lists. (Note: This means your phone and email information will be used only for club correspondence by club officers and committee chairman)

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Attention All Members

Regular club meetings
begin at 7 PM!

Check the newsletter for the
**September and October
Schedule**

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