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Next Meeting:

Computer Aided Design (CAD) for Woodworkers

Tuesday

January 20th, 2008

7:00 PM

The Woodworking Shop 3141 Capital Boulevard Raleigh, NC

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

Tuesday January 20th 7:00 PM

Program: Computer Aided Design (CAD) for Woodworkers

Speaker: Doug Adams

While most woodworkers enjoy drawing plans by hand, many have embraced the benefits of designing projects on a computer using CAD software. Traditionally, shop drawings, or measured drawings, are two-dimensional and include two or three views, but often a three-dimensional drawing is desirable.

At the Tuesday night program, Doug Adams will discuss the usability and affordability of both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional CAD software. There will be a review of the requisite knowledge and computer skills as well as basic drafting knowhow. Doug will demonstrate the ease of use of one CAD program by producing a completed drawing from start to finish. Doug will also describe the various software programs available and provide information for downloading or purchasing. Some of the programs are free or inexpensive and include tutorials. It is not difficult to produce desirable results in as little as two hours.

We hope to have a projector and screen for this presentation to make it easier to view than on the TVs.

Host: Mike Reddyhoff

Sunday January 25th WOOD TURNING FOR BEGINNERS

Hands on workshop

This is a follow on of Terry Brown's demo at the October meeting and is intended for turning wannabees - ie. those who intend to acquire a lathe in the near future. Attendance is limited to 10 students and will be extended to include beginning turners to fill the class. The course will be under the tutelage of professor Alan Leland at his Leland Studios and Alan will be working with master turner Terry Brown who has all the answers. We expect that every participant will end the day in possession of a useful item that he/she has made such as a joiner's mallet or tool handle or whatever.

We will start at 9:30 am and continue until about 4:00 pm with breaks for refreshments and lunch. Cost is \$15 per entry and checks should be made to Triangle Woodworkers Assn. and mailed/given to Mike Reddyhoff or any board member.

Your check is your reservation.

Tuesday February 17th

Program: Choosing the Right Finish for Your Project

Speaker: Max Mahanki of Klingspor's

One of Klingspor's long time staff members Max has amassed a wealth of knowledge from his time spent at Klingspor's and from his own extensive work. Offering us the benefit of his years of experience he plans to take us on a apple to zebra wood tour of finishing.

He'll cover the benefits of finishing wood in general and preparing wood with routine sanding. He'll also cover some of the problem areas of sanding with tips and advice on the selection of the right abrasives for our masterpieces.

He will guide us through the identification and selection of suitable finishes from the vast array of those on the shelves and will educate us in deciphering and understanding the package label descriptions and instructions.

He'll go over the "what have you's", and "why for's" of the various types of finishes, their benefits, and using them. And of course, will wind up the presentation with some time to answer your questions, so bring them on the 17th of February for Max's session.

Host: Ed Mastin

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:	\$6,576.50
Income:	\$0.00
Expense:	\$378.32
Ending Bank Balance:	\$6,198.18

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

Submitted by: Hugh Fish

Membership

Total Members: 137

New Members: 0

New numbership numbers were not available this month, updates will be posted in the next newletter.

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

I'm sorry I missed the December meeting – from all accounts it was well attended with plenty of toys on display and a good Show & Tell section. Everything was of a high standard and we can all feel rightly proud of ourselves. Working in teams on these toys brings members together and apart from the



social aspect we all learn something of benefit from each other. Perhaps we should do more collaborative projects and there may be opportunities to pursue this idea in the coming year.

Incidentally, you don't have to wait to be invited to bring something in for Show & Tell – bring anything in any club night and it will certainly be of interest to everyone.

We have a great program planned for 2009 with some excellent workshops and you can read about this elsewhere in the newsletter. At our meeting on January 20 we have our own Doug Adams talking about and demonstrating CAD for woodworkers and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Mike Reddyhoff: President

Minutes from the TWA meeting December 16, 2008

The meeting was called to attention by Terry Tenhouse

Attendance: 48

Visitors: Carl Hopkins, Matthew LNU, Pat Soleta

Announcements:

Fred Ford -- Tom Hurz, a 30 year member of TWA is recovering from surgery and Fred is circulating a get-well card.

Terry Tenhouse -- There is some confusion about the Woodturning for Beginners workshop scheduled for January. Terry will clarify details about scheduling, etc and contact those members who are currently signed up to participate.

Cecil Raynor -- Cecil is proposing to do a workshop on making a cutoff sled for the tablesaw in April. A show of hands for interest was requested and about 6 members expressed interest. Details to follow.

Ed Karolak -- Ed and his wife are volunteers at the Urban Ministries shelter in Durham. They will take some of the TFT toys made by the club, for distribution to children of the resident families.

Show and Tell:

* Mike Payst displayed a traditional jointer plane he had constructed in a workshop given by Edwards Mountain Woodworks.

* Hugh Fish displayed a Chippendale style corner chair he had made from sapele wood.

* Rick Cornell displayed piggybanks constructed from antique PO Box hard-

* Bruce

ware.

Wren showed a dust collection device that is used on conjunction with a garbage can to collect dust in the workshop. Bruce also displayed one of many high

chairs he has made.

* Guy Albert displayed a pepper-

mill laminated from four woods (oak, walnut, dogwood and cherry) and turned on the lathe. He also described his construction method.



During the Show and Tell, the club has a special visitor—SANTA CLAUS! Santa entertained the membership

very finely played jazz trumpet interpretations of popular Christmas songs.



Toys for Tots Program:

Terry introduced Fred Ford, who has hosted the TFT program for many vears. Fred introduced the two representatives of the US Marine Corps, Lance Corporals Oliver and Burwell, who were on hand to accept the toys from this years program.

✓ Bill Anderson - painted stick ponies. Jim Kroeger, Amy Dowden, Mike Payst and Elia Bizzarri helped to cut out and

paint the ponies.

√ Wayne Baldwin - Puzzle blocks.



Scott Miller - Scroll sawn mice on wheels, made from oak and from pine.

√ Graham Brown - Biplanes made from walnut.

√ Jim Rhodes - wooden cranes made from maple and a dark wood of unknown origins.



√ John Gribble - Racecars. √ Terry Tenhouse - stepstools for children. Jim Kroeger, Jim MacNeil, Mike Payst and Joe Gorman participated.

- $\ensuremath{\checkmark}$ *RJ Felts* Logging trucks and farm tractors. Made from church pew samples.
- ✓ Cecil Raynor wagons with handles. Mike Reddyhoff, Mike Payst and George Mills participated.
- √ Jim MacNeil race cars. Wayne Baldwin and Pete Hodges participated.
- ✓ Alex Knittel Locomotives
- ✓ Diane and Sue Eckard The "Girls Workshop" made painted VW race cars this year, as well as painted snails on wheels, and painted Pinocchios. A host of TWA members participated in 2 workshops held by the ladies. Family finished the toys in time for delivery.

Respectfully submitted for Bill Anderson - secretary



Toys for Tots 2008 Final Report

The year 2008 was a very good year for the TWA Toys for Tots program. It was the 23nd year that the TWA has supported the Marine Corp Reserves Toys for Tots program.

We had an expanded Toys for Tots Committee this year. Mike Reddyhoff coordinated all of the TWA workshops, of which there were at least 14. Scott Miller handled all the club purchased materials for Workshops and individuals needs.

Diane and Sue Eckard, Mark Keglers, Cecil Raynor, Terry Tenhouse, Bill Anderson, Dave Mackie, and the Klingspor Store all open their shops to the club to have very productive workshops.

There were more than forty members that produced 2,096 toys for the children in need. Many of the members attended multiple workshops as well as made toys in their own shops.

Many of the workshop host and individual toy makers presented their work at our September social. The social was entertained by Jeff Mills owner and operator of Mills Custom Sawing. Jeff sheared his knowledge of the sawing business. Adding more interest were members presenting their recent projects.

We concluded our year at the December meeting during which the Marine Corp accepted our contribution of 2,096 toys. The meeting was also a social which included many spouses and a significant show and tell items presented by various members. We even had a visit from a musical Santa Clause playing Jimmy Burns' trumpet.

I can not begin to cover all the efforts put forth in this short report. Please let these examples give testimony to a very successful effort. The real reward and recognition came Christmas morning when children, across the area, were made a little happier because of our efforts.

Submitted by Fred Ford



Below you will find a list of the many workshop efforts and the # of toys contributed. Please note the number, although easy to track, does not tell the whole story. Those of us that attended the December meeting can attest that this year's toys were a

WORKSHOPS	DESCRIPTION	# OF TOYS		
Bill Anderson	Hobby Horses	60		
Klingspor: Fred Ford Host	Cars	598		
Diane & Sue Eckard	Cars, Snails, and Pinoc- chio 100% painted or finished	902		
Numerous TWA workshops coordinated by Mike Reddyhoff presented by:				
Cecil Raynor	Wagons	50		
Joe Gorman	Large Pickup Trucks	200		
Terry Tenhouse	Step Stools	24		

cut above the average. Most of the toys this year were finished in striking color or wood finish. Many of the toys were in the exceptional category.

Thanks members you done good!

Individual workshops				
John Gribble	California Car	23		
Jin Rhodes	Crane "class A"	14		
RJ Felts	Logging Trucks	10		
	Farm Tractors	10		
	Carts	10		
Scott Miller	Mice	49		
Bruce Wrenn	VW's	107		
Gram Brown	Air Planes	19		
Alex Knittel	Train	20		
	TOTAL	2,096		

Item of Interest

Post Office Box Bank Information

I had several folks express interest in doing something like this, and asked several questions. Here are the responses to the most common:

Where did you get the doors?

I had two sources - eBay and a lady in Greenville, SC. The most dependable of these is the woman in SC, as you can pretty much order as many or few as you wish. Her name is Jane Ingram, and her contact information is:

E-mail: janeingram@bellsouth.net Phone: 864-233-9931

WebSite:http://hardwickprint.home.mindspring.com/brochurepix1.pdf - this is the site for ordering HER banks. However, it does display some of the doors she has on hand and has contact information on it. It is best to email her so she can tell you what she has in stock. Seems like doors run \$8-\$10 plus shipping. They are uncleaned. Which leads me to the next question.

How do you clean them?

Thanks to Jane's sharing of her approach, I used the same. It is to mix a solution of 50% Pepsi/Coke and 50% Amonia. Remove the glass window, and soak the entire door assembly for about 10-15 minutes. Scrub with a soft brass bristled brush. (I found some at Harbor Freight for about \$2.) Repeat as necessary. Most of these will have baked on enamel paint. I ended up leaving it on my doors after spending hours trying to get it off. Rinse the doors in water and let dry. Squirt a little light weight oil in the combination mechanism to make it operate smoothly. WD-40 works well. I used some

of my Boshield and imagine some sewing machine oil would work well, too. After everything dries, spray the door with clear enamel to help prevent future corrosion.

Where do you get the number decals?

I opted to try and get some of the original style post office decals. Again, you can look for them on eBay, or in my case, I again ordered them from Jane. If you did not care about that particular style, I am sure local craft stores such as AC Moore and Michaels would have them.

Where do you get the brass slots?

Same story - eBay or Jane. However, I was told of another gentleman, Oscar Hubbert, who provides them as well. His website is: http://www.postoffice-lockbox-fronts.com/SLOTS.htm I opted for the plain style, however, there are fancier ones. Oscar lives in Fletcher, NC.

Where did you get the plan?

The particular plan I got may be found on the web at: http://pages.suddenlink.net/boccie/Mail_Banks.jpg If you want a little more of a challenge, you can get Rockler's free mail truck plan here:

http://www.rockler.com/logon/downloadableplans/mail-truck-bank-plan.pdf

Submitted by: Rick Cornell



The New Handtool Woodworking Workshop Schedule For 2009 Is Being Developed!

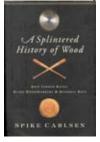
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fine handtool woodworking: creating and teaching in wood

Check out the website for the latest additions: http://www.edwardsmountainwoodworks.com

Please note: Members of TWA, WGNC, MWTCA and EAIA are eligible for a discount on workshop fees.

A Splintered History of Wood



Before Christmas, I was given the opportunity to review a book of short articles about wood and woodworking. Being a reader and a woodworker, I accepted the offer. After all with teaser information about using 50,000 year old wood, belt sander racing, blind woodworkers, chain saw carvers, and the Spruce Goose I didn't see how I could resist!

Admittedly, I was more interested in the "novelty" types of stories, and found those most enjoyable. For example, did you know there is no single pattern for the famous line of Stradivarius violins? How about the "open class" of belt sander racing where essentially any type of drive (belt, blade or wheel) is allowable? Can you just imagine watching a chainsaw, reconfigured for racing, go flying down a track? Ever seen a wood kite? Did you know the Spruce Goose, really wasn't? (Over 95% was made of another wood!).

The chapter titles provide a nice overview of what the book covers: Extraordinary Woods; The Wacky World of Woodworkers; The Tools That Work the Wood; Wood in the World of Music; Wood in the World of Sports; Wood as Shelter; Wood in Day-to-Day Life;

Wood, Weapons and War; Wood by Land, Air, and Sea and Wood in Unusual Uses and Peculiar Places.

As woodworkers, our libraries seem to collect a lot of "how to" and reference books. This is a nice, enjoyable read and with multiple articles within each chapter, it is a nice one to sit down and read over a lunch break or with just a few minutes to spare. The author, Spike Carlsen, is a woodworker and carpenter, having been in the world of wood for more than 30 years. You may recognize his name as the former executive editor of Family Handyman, and from articles he has written for Old House Journal, Fine Homebuilding and Workbench.

If you fooled Santa this year into believing you were good and got a little extra cash or gift card, you could spend it in worse ways than this book. An enjoyable read available for about \$25, though I am sure some careful online shopping might find you a better price.

Submitted by: Rick Cornell

Sneak Peek

Meeting Presentations

March 2009 -- Skills Demo

April or May 2009 -- Roy Underhill -- Welcome programintroduction to local woodworkers

April or May 2009 -- Cecil Raynor -- Adjustable cross cut sled - Features and construction

June or July -- Paul Rolfe -Decorative furniture carving
June or July -- Intarsia (Marquetry)

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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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Attention Members

Regular club meetings begin at 7 PM!



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