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TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 pm

Location: SearStone Community for Seniors
17001 SearStone Drive, Cary, NC

Speaker: Roy Underhill

Topic: 33rd Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Collection & Social

For the December General meeting, all TWA toy makers and spouses are welcome. Note: the deadline to sign up was November 30. The Menu is:

- Garden Salad w/Ranch & Italian Dressings
- Chicken Florentine
- Dill Salmon
- Lemon Pepper Asparagus and Jazmine Rice
- Dessert
- Water/sweet tea

Roy Underhill has been host of the PBS Woodwright's Shop since 1979 and a loyal supporter of TWA and especially the TWA Toys for Tots Program.

Roy has a school that teaches the use of hand tools and much more. It is located in Pittsboro for our convenience. If you have not taken advantage of this valuable resource I invite you to consider it. I believe everyone that wants to be a woodworker should take at least one class on the proper use of hand tools. After forty years of woodworking I took one and it has given me a totally new look at the Craft.

The Woodwright's School: http://www.woodwrightschool.com

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DECEMBER MEETING

Agenda:

6:00 PM	Set Up Crew arrives
6:30 PM	Members with toys to display arrive
7:00 PM	Grace by Bill Andrews and Dine
7:30 PM	Open Meeting Announcements and Business Items
7:45 PM	Guest Speaker Roy Underhill
8:00 PM	TOY Show and Tell-Narrated by Fred Ford
9:00 PM	Adjourn and load toys. All hands please help.

Please double down you efforts in the time remaining and lets help as many children in need as we can. Just one added toy will make a difference for a child.

Directions to the SearStone Winston Clubhouse:

Note: If using a car GPS, use 106 Walker Stone Dr. Cary as your destination.

or

Use the URL below to get a Google Map for directions.

http://www.searstone.com/get-directions

or

Find the intersection of High House Rd. and Davis Drive in Cary and proceed South toward Apex on Davis Drive (about 600 feet). Then left at the stop light on to SearStone Drive. 17001 SearStone Dr. is the large building with the porte-cochère on the LEFT. Parking is on your RIGHT.

Host: Fred Ford

TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—NOVEMBER 20, 2018

(meeting minutes: Janet Batker)

Roy Brookhart opened the meeting in his capacity of President. He introduced the show-and-tell portion of our program. Hugh Fish, with a daring change of style, exhibited a live edge bench made of Bradford Pear, which was from a tree that his neighbor had cut down last year. His wife had requested this bench for outdoor seating. It was quite attractive and made using pocket screws. The legs were of oak with a figured stretcher of an unknown wood variety. He used an oil and urethane finish. George Mills spoke of his passion in restoring a 1924 fire truck. He brought in a piece of the wood from the running board, which was of interest because he believes the tree it came from was 4 feet in diameter and must have been 600 years old when it was harvested. We all speculated on the type of wood it was made of. We do know the truck came from around Elmira, New York. Mike Payst brought in a chamfering plane he made of laminated construction. He made the blade from tool steel and tempered it in a toaster oven. It was very simple but elegant. Ray Essington, who moved here from Massachusetts last year, indicated that his previous shop was quite small. Consequently, he spent some time making smaller projects, such as boxes; he brought in some boxes he had made in the past. He took a box-making class with Doug Stowe, an author of several box-making books such as Basic Box Making. Building boxes is a good way to hone your woodworking skills. He also revealed the Stickley method of having quarter sawn oak on all 4 sides of a leg of a table using the lock miter joint that was discussed at the October meeting.

Bob Gabor announced he has a lot of poplar cut offs and small squared up wood pieces free, as a by-product of his T4T projects. Fred Ford invited all members to an open house in December (4 miles east of Fuquay) hosted by Sue Eckard, the hostess of many T4T workshops in Creedmoor. Contact Fred for more details. Fred also passed around a sign up sheet for the December meeting and buffet to be hosted by our friends at SearStone in Cary. The Klingspor's T4T production line is scheduled for the first week in December.

Show-and-tell with Hugh, George and Mike (photos: Mark Firley)

During the break, refreshments were served expertly by Jerry Rhodes. The auction went well, or at least as well as it usually does for the crowd that has it all! There was a lathe tool rest and an attachment for a shop vac to allow its use as a normal canister vacuum. A classic Craftsman drill sold too. Harrell Bunch won the raffle for the $25 gift card to Woodcraft.

Volunteers at work: Ken from the membership committee and Jan, our hard-working Secretary (photos: Mark Firley)

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CREATIVE WOODWORKING — LEON HARKINS

(meeting minutes: Janet Batker)

Terry Tenhouse introduced our speaker and long time TWA member, Leon Harkins, one of the great woodcarvers in our midst. Leon started by defining the three types of carving: relief carving, carving in the round and chip carving. He brought in many fine examples of the three types of carving in his work.

Relief carving is created when the wood from around the final figure is removed; the carving is seen only from the face surface. This provides an opportunity to use lots of tools (mallets, gouges and skews). Mahogany is a very nice wood to work with, and Leon showed an intricate carving of a fisherman and boy that he had made (top, right photo).

When a piece can be viewed from every angle, it is called in-the-round carving. Leon likes to work with wood with character. For this type of work, he uses a portable shaft carving tool called a Foredom. He suggested a book by Christopher White called Parables: Wood Sculptures. Leon does not do any chiseling on pieces that are twisted, such as when carving Juniper wood and roots, which curve, twist, and have a remarkable varying light and dark striped surface. He finishes these with Watco and Tru-Oil gunstock finish. He cuts out the basic shape of his pieces with a bandsaw and then use an angle grinder before embarking on the more detailed finishing. For in-the-round carving, Leon uses modeling clay to perfect his design.

Leon showing a piece that combined relief carving and chip carving (photo: Mark Firley)

Leon showing a relief carving of a fisherman (top) and a vase that incorporated his chip carving (bottom) (photos: Mark Firley)

In chip carving, the wood surface is flat and the design is created by removal of wood below the surface using a knife; generally the wood is cut out at a 65-degree angle. Chip carving can be easily added to other woodworking projects. Leon suggests using basswood or butternut for this type of carving. Use of a stain that will darken in the crevices will allow the carving to show up better. Very few tools are needed, which makes this a great hobby.

Leon talked about the some of the tools that he uses. John Dunkle in Ohio makes a nice chip-carving knife. Use of layout triangles, straight edges and a circle cutter, along with a T square, are useful for laying out a project; sometimes a divider and compass can also be helpful. Leon uses a Norton sharpening stone with Norton 1000 and 8000 grit and then a strop with a honing compound to sharpen his hand-held tools. The demonstration of chip carving was expert. Chip carving should be done on the lap, but be careful not to slip!

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

This is the last status report before we present our toys to the Marines on December 11th at our annual dinner and show tell.

In the 16 workshops that we had making toys we had 87 positions filled by members and volunteers. There were some duplications. I estimate there were 45 TWA members supporting the program this year.

Most if not all of the toys are boxed and ready to be given to the Marine Corps. I had an opportunity to visit some of the workshops in the month of November and below you will see some of the pictures that I took or some that were sent to me by the host.

Submitted by Fred Ford
Chairman TWA TfT Program

Cecil Raynor hosts the fire truck team of Bernie Bogdon, George Mills, Mike Payst, Cecil Raynor, Molly Taylor and Patty Raynor.

Pictured to the left, Bob Gabor hosts a workshop to build tote boxes and cradles. The pictures show Bob and Ray Essington at work

TREASURER'S REPORT (OCTOBER)

Beginning Balance:	$10,612.17
Income:	$338.00
Expense:	$354.58
Ending Balance:	$10,595.59

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

UPCOMING MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Guest Speaker: Lyle Wheeler

Topic: Hand-tool Woodworking

January's speaker will be Lyle Wheeler, a chairmaker, blacksmith and all-around good ol' boy from Millers Creek, Wilkes County, NC. He has been creating utilitarian objects of art and desire since before he can remember. Working in the period of the late 1800s, his furniture is handcrafted, and bench made from native Appalachian hardwoods while his ironwork is forged from mild steel.

Mr. Wheeler is a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and specializes in the tools, technique, and style of the period between 1860-1890. He uses all hand tools, and he can demonstrate how to make a chair out of a log by hand. Although he worked for years as an engineer in industrial microwave technology, he has made his full-time living as a chair maker since 1989.

Host: Mark Firley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It doesn't happen often but when it does, it is a major undertaking. I'm talking about cleaning my shop. To make more room for my car, I started moving most of my larger tools. Before I knew what hit me, I was moving everything and even going through drawers, boxes, and bins and looking in the back of shelves. I did quite a bit of cleaning and I was very surprised by the pile of things to be thrown out.

I had my share of junk but I also uncovered a pad sander that I hadn't used in years, an electric drill that I thought I had thrown out, an extra air compressor, boxes and boxes of screws and fasteners, safety glasses, ear protection, clamps, and lots of hand tools.

A few local thrift stores and Habitat for Humanity now have some nice items just in time for Christmas. And, a few family friends that are getting started in woodworking now have some good starter tools too. I'm going to make it a point to "clean" that shop more often now. How many "treasures" are in your shop?

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roy Brookhart

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