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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 pm

Location options:

(1) Klingspor's

(2) Zoom videoconference; use the information below to join.

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Meeting ID: 828 2002 0386

Passcode: 165888

Topic: Intarsia

Speaker: Joe Carr

In October, Joe Carr will present a very large (9' - 3" H X 15'-0" W) intarsia project he is creating for his church. It will be made up of thousands of individual pieces and will cover most of one of the walls in the narthex. He has been working on it for most of this year and it is coming along nicely. He plans to bring a couple of the sub-panels to the meeting. In the program, he will cover what intarsia is, a description of the project, the design concept, the artwork and the fabrication process. Mark your calendars now - you won't want to miss this! A photo of Joe's incredible work is shown on the right.

Many of you will remember Joe, a great designer and craftsman, from the program he presented to us last year on wooden gear clocks.

Host: Bob Gabor

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The September meeting was held at Klingspor's in Cary. Twenty people attended at Klingspor's and seven more on Zoom. New members Barry Hatfield and Karl Fisher attended. Both Barry and Karl became new members at the Klingspor's Open House on Saturday, September 14th. Welcome!

The meeting began with a couple of brief announcements.

Joe Sabo shared that the Klingspor's Toys for Tots workshop will be held on December 7th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The annual Christmas Toys for Tots dinner and hand-over to the Marines will be held on December 10th at the Atria Senior Living Center in Cary, NC (across Regency Parkway from the Koka Booth Amphitheatre). Please register with Joe on-line or at the meeting if you are planning to come to the meeting. Spouses or significant others are welcome. Payments can be made through Venmo, Zelle, or check to Joe Sabo. More details will be coming. November 27th is the deadline for registering for the dinner.

Roy Brookhart announced that In September Ray Essington became a member of the Board. TWA thanks outgoing board member Judy Sanwald for her service.

Judy Sanwald is again requesting donations of children's books for her Toys for Tots bookshelf project. Members can either bring them to Judy or to the next TWA meeting where Bob Andrews will pick them up for Judy.

Joe discussed plans for the December meeting (photo: Roy Brookhart)

Kerry Schoolfield informed the audience of the Bull City Workshop, an organization dedicated to teaching woodworking to children. Bull City Workshop is having an open house on October 5th from 11 am to 3 pm.

The raffle was won again by Joe Sabo, two months in a row!

The next meeting will be on October 15th at Klingspor's at 7:00 pm. The featured speaker will be Joe Carr who will present a very large (9'3" H X 15'-0" W) intarsia project he is creating for his church. It will be made up of thousands of individual pieces and will cover most of one of the walls in the narthex. He has been working on it for most of this year and it is coming along nicely. He plans to bring a couple of the sub-panels to the meeting. In the program, he will cover what intarsia is, a description of the project, the design concept, the artwork and the fabrication process. Many of you will remember Joe, a great designer and craftsman, from the program he presented to us last year on wooden gear clocks.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In September, Jeffrey Greenhut joined TWA.

At the Klingspor's Anniversary event on September 14th, I offered trial memberships that are good through the end of the year, and 14 people signed up: Andrea Bowens, Jeremy Willoughby, David Bruno, Ian Fright II, Doug LeRoy, John Wylie, James Durand, Matt Hundley, Scott Leggat, Barry Hatfield, Leif Lindahl, Karl Fisher, Ivan Zapata, and Jeanette Kennedy.

Please welcome all of the above when you see them at a meeting or on-line.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT (AUGUST)

Beginning Balance:	$15,699.02
Income:	$220.00
Expense:	$483.28
Ending Balance:	$15,435.74

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

JEROME BIAS: HOPE, LOVE, AND FAMILY

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The featured presentation during September's meeting was given by Jerome Bias. As host, Jeff Leimberger introduced Jerome's talk and gave a little background on how he came to know Jerome. Jerome's presentation was divided into two parts: (1) a slide presentation describing his journey in finding hope, love and family through his woodworking and (2) a hands-on demonstration of the transformation process for taking bland looking kiln-dried walnut into a rich looking wood used in one of the furniture projects.

Jerome described his 2-year journey through a series of furniture projects to explore the question of: What does Hope, Love, and Family look like? The process started as a project to restore a home Jerome had purchased in Graham, North Carolina. The house needed a significant amount of work, especially in replacing the worn-out wood floors, moldings and wainscoting paneling. Once completed, the next task was to fill the space by building four pieces of furniture that would speak to the various places in the country where his ancestors were enslaved. The act of bringing the history of his family's enslavement into his home raised a number of questions, such as what will the furniture represent and what did hope, love and family look like to his enslaved ancestors. Through a series of slides, Jerome showed the areas he visited to answer his questions. The four furniture pieces came from examples in Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky and Maryland. These pieces of furniture were built using the tools and techniques that his ancestors may have used.

In finishing one of his furniture pieces, Jerome needed to determine how to finish kiln dried walnut to have a pleasing color. This part of the presentation demonstrated the walnut transformation, showing the step-by-step process on a kiln-dried board using dyes, coatings and fillers he used to bring the walnut "back to life". The steps and methods are outlined below:

1. Hand plane or sand down to 220 grit
2. Apply a water-based orange dye made of 70 drops of dye to 4 oz. of water,
3. Let dry.
4. Knock down the raised grain with a maroon Scotch Brite pad, also burnishing tear-outs and chipping.
5. Seal with two coats of shellac. Jerome used button-lac in his presentation.
6. After drying, rub out with the maroon Scotch Brite pad or 320 grit paper.
7. Reseal with one more coat of shellac.
8. After drying, fill the pores with Pore-a-pac, which is made from 2 oz. of Behlen pore filler, 1 tsp of Ruben burnt umber and 1 tsp of Mars black pigments.
9. Allow the filler to flash off and then rub out using diagonal paths across the grain to avoid pulling the filler out of the pores.
10. Seal with a yellow shellac, such as button-lac.
11. Coat with garnet shellac

Jeff introduced Jerome, who described his journey through a series of woodworking projects (photos: Roy Brookhart)

12. Rub out with a maroon pad.
13. Apply wax. Jerome used a dark tinted Briwax.

Jerome makes his shellac solutions from flaked shellac. He uses 1 pound cuts for his applications.

Jerome's presentation was outstanding and is recommended viewing, or reviewing, on the website.

BEADS OF COURAGE

Don't forget to sign up for the Beats of Courage box-making challenge. The boxes will be donated to Duke Children's Hospital for the kids to store the large quantities of beads they accumulate as they go through various medical treatments. This is a fun project for the club and the boxes will be judged by independent judges at the February 2025 meeting. Cash prizes will be awarded to the box challenge winners in the following categories:

- Best Design and quality: Best use of Innovation in design and function and exemplary quality.
- Most Kid Friendly: Box is beautifully made and most likely to be adored by a child because of a unique design quality.

Make a beautiful box and enter into the contest. It's going to be a lot of fun. If you have questions, contact KerrySchoolfield@gmail .com.

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: November 19, 7 pm

Topic: Sharpening

Presenter: Jim Wallace

Location: Klingspor's

The November meeting will focus on sharpening methods for the hand tools in your shop. The presenter will be Jim Wallace who teaches sharpening at the NC State Craft Center. Come with your questions and look forward to learning about more effective ways to sharpen tools.

Host: Kerry Schoolfield

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

Seats are still available for the December monthly TWA meeting and dinner. It will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at Atria Senior Living Center in Cary (7000 Regency Pkwy, Cary). A dinner will be served and we will have the official hand-off of our toys to the Marines. The cost for the dinner will be $23 per person and the menu for the dinner is shown below. Spouses and guests of TWA members are welcome. Arrival time is 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. Beer ($4) and wine ($6) can be purchased on site.

MENU

- SALAD - Mixed Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots with choice of dressing
- MAIN COURSE - Lasagna Bolognese with Baby Spinach and Garlic Bread or Sauteed Chicken Breast topped with Prosciutto, Roasted Mushrooms, Fontina Cheese and Marsala Sauce
- DESSERT - Flourless Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis

If you are interested, please notify Joe Sabo at sabojc12@gmail.com or via text at 919-625-7680 by 27 November. Payment should be received before November 27th at the following:

- Venmo: Joe-Sabo-25
- Zell: 9196257680

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

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Please send newsletter content for future newsletters to Karin Pihel (karin.pihel@ gmail.com).

Contributions for each newsletter are due by the last day of the previous month.

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