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Next Meeting: Tuesday, Novebmer 19, 7:00 pm

Location options:

(1) Klingspor's

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

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Meeting ID: 863 8899 9205

Passcode: 598187

Topic: Sharpening

Speaker: Jim Wallace

Jim Wallace has been a professional woodturner and woodworker for more than 50 years. After graduating from the University of South Carolina with a degree in French Literature, he studied woodturning with Rude Osolnik, Dale Nish and Peter Child. Since 1981, he has taught woodturning at Alamance Community College, and has taught woodturning classes and sharpening workshops at the NCSU Craft Center. His work has been included in American Craft Magazine, and in exhibitions at the NC Museum of Art, NC Museum of History and at the Cary Arts Center. He built a timber frame house and wood studio in Wake Forest, where he continues to live and work.

During the November meeting, Jim will discuss sharpening methods for the hand tools in your shop. Come with your questions and look forward to learning about more effective ways to sharpen tools.

Host: Kerry Schoolfield

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—OCTOBER 15, 2024

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The October meeting was held at Klingspor's in Cary. Seventeen people attended at Klingspor's and one more on Zoom. Guests attending were Joe and Sheila Peschtes, who attended with Bob Gabor. Mark Harp also attended as a guest.

The meeting began with a couple of brief announcements.

The Klingspor's Toys for Tots workshop will be held on December 7 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. Please register with Joe Sabo on-line or at the meeting if you are planning to come to the dinner. Spouses or significant others are welcome. Payments can be made through Venmo, Zelle, or check to Joe Sabo. November 27th is the deadline for registering for the meeting.

Roy Brookhart reminded everyone who is interested in the Beads of Courage program and the box building challenge to consult the latest newsletter for details.

As a result of the Klingspor's Cary anniversary celebration in September, 14 prospective new members signed up for TWA. The club offered free membership for the rest of 2024 to those who signed up. Hopefully, this will bear fruit with permanent paying members.

The raffle was won by Bob Gabor.

The November meeting will be at Klingspor's on November 19th at 7:00 PM. The featured speaker will be Jim Wallace who will be discussing sharpening for hand tools.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to declare the next month or two as 'Thank You' months. We have lots of club members that are volunteering their time, money, and expertise for the good of us all. We have some wonderful sponsors that offer us discounts on many of our purchases and provide us with places to hold our monthly meetings. The next time you participate in a monthly meeting, read the newsletter, visit the Facebook page, access our website, buy a new tool or some supplies, or learn a new technique or skill, please remember to say 'thanks'.

Thank you all. I can't think of a better group to spend a Tuesday evening with.

Roy Brookhart

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT (SEPTEMBER)

Beginning Balance:	$15,435.74
Income:	$546.25
Expense:	$456.48
Ending Balance:	$15,525.51

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

TWA would like to thank members who provide donations to the club or the Toys for Tots fund. The following members made a generous donation to the club or the Toys for Tots fund within the club in the last month.

- Roy Brookhart
- Jim Sapp
- Paul Holzworth
- Karin Pihel
- Judy Sanwald
- Bob Andrews

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INTARSIA PRESENTATION

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The featured presentation during October's meeting was given by Joe Carr. As host, Bob Gabor introduced Joe, who resides in the Triangle and previously made a TWA presentation of wood geared clocks. Joe is an active member of the NCWoodworkers.net organization.

Joe's presentation was centered around a very large (9'3" H X 15'-0" W) intarsia project he is creating for his church. The intarsia will be placed on a wall in the narthex portion of Holy Infant Catholic Church in Durham. The project will capture the overall theme of the parish, which is to live Jesus. The parish has 71 different ministries. The intarsia project will feature seven of these ministries. It will include images of the church building, the Durham skyline, pathways, sky and clouds and land features around the church. When finished, the intarsia will be made up of over 3000 individual pieces, comprising 28 different wood species.

Joe began working on the project in 2023 and has been working steadily towards its completion. While his parish has been long established, the church building is only about 3 years old. The narthex of the church is the entrance to the worship area of the church. Looking at the nearly blank space in the narthex, Joe and his wife had been thinking of what would make the space come to life and be inviting. Joe and his wife came up with the idea of a woodworking-based mural that would capture the mission and life of their parish. Although he had no prior experience with intarsia, Joe decided to build an intarsia mural. Intarsia is a form of art that uses pieces of wood shaped to portray the mural or picture. Intarsia differs from marquetry because the wood pieces are thicker than veneer (as used in marquetry) and can be shaped by carving, routing, and sanding. When finished the mural or picture has a sculpted or three-dimensional surface. Joe got his inspiration and knowledge primarily from reading publications by Judy Gale Roberts, a leader in American intarsia.

To make this vision come to reality, Joe needed to convince the parish council of the project prior to proceeding. Joe has quite an artistic eye and through a series of art sketches, he was able to share his vision with the parish council and receive agreement to proceed. This process involved many discussions with parish groups, including input on the final design. Joe is donating all of his time and energy while the parish is picking up the cost of the wood for the project. Joe shared with us many pictures of the intarsia project as it is being constructed. He also brought in several subpanels he has made that will be a part of the final mural. The project involves over 3000 pieces, including some that are very tiny. Most of the pieces have to be handled 20 times to make, sculpt and fit them into the mural. The project is so large that Joe had to build supporting structures to hold the intarsia pieces as they were assembled. Joe selected wood species that would covey the proper sense of the figures in the mural, such as the eyes, hair, facial features, animals, landscaping and other elements of the picture.

The project is heading into the home stretch of completion. Joe expects the mural to be finished by December 1st. Then he is planning for two weeks to move the project from his house and to install it on the wall of the narthex. Joe has lined up help with the installation as the panels will be extremely heavy and will need to be solidly attached to the wall. Trim molding will be needed in the final installation. Joe has 4700 hours into the project, so far. Joe's work is truly awe inspiring. If you didn't have a chance to attend the meeting please give yourself a treat by watching the video on the web site.

Joe presenting his large intarsia project (photos: Roy Brookhart)

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE AND UPCOMING MEETING

Date and Time: December 10, arrival time is 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00.

Topic: Toys for Tots Dinner and Meeting

Location: Atria Senior Living Center in Cary (7000 Regency Pkwy, Cary).

Seats are still available for the December monthly TWA meeting and dinner but the cut-off date is 27 November. A dinner will be served and we will have the official hand-off of our toys to the Marines. Beer and wine are available for purchase on site and the cost is $23/person. The menu for the dinner is shown below. Spouses and guests of TWA members are welcome.

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

December Workshop

Thanks to all who have volunteered for the annual Toys for Tots Klingspor's Workshop. We still need one more person to help with the machining. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 07 December starting at 9:00. An email with details has been sent to the participants.

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

BEADS OF COURAGE

Don't forget to sign up for the Beads 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.

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