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TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

Location options:

(1) Klingspor's

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

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Meeting ID: 820 9102 8382

Passcode: 737256

Topic: Intro to Woodburning

Presenter: Michelle Parsons

Meeting—Open for all Members

On March 18, during our regular club meeting, we're thrilled to host Michelle Parsons, who will introduce us to the art of wood burning through an engaging demonstration. Michelle is highly esteemed in this field and will share her expertise with us. Michelle is a professional pyrography artist and author of several books about pyrography.

Class—Pre-registration Required

For those interested in a more in-depth experience, Michelle will conduct an all-day "Intro to Burning" class on March 19 from 9:30am—4:30pm. The class fee is $105, and it's designed for students that have never touched a woodburner as well as students that have experience and wish to improve their skills. Basic information about woodburning will be covered. Students will have the opportunity to first practice techniques and then to burn their first pyrography project. If you're interested in signing up, please contact Kerry soon (*KerrySchoolfield@gmail.com*), as space is limited.

Host: Kerry Schoolfield

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—FEBRUARY 18, 2025

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The February meeting was held at Klingspor's in Cary. Twenty-five people attended at Klingspor's and one on Zoom. We were pleased to welcome guests Mike Shenhouse and Gene Gardner. A special thanks to Kerry Schoolfield for bringing the cookies.

Roy Brookhart kicked off the meeting with introductions and announcements. Bob Gabor shared a picture of Joe Carr's intarsia mural, which was built and installed at Holy Infant Church in Durham. Joe was our featured speaker last October and had presented this project just before its completion.

The March meeting will feature Michelle Parsons who will discuss Pyrography art (woodburning). Michelle is widely recognized in this field, and she will also be conducting a pyrography class at Klingspor's on March 19th. TWA members have the first opportunity to attend, with a course fee of $105. There are four openings left; please contact Kerry if you're interested in joining.

Congratulations to Paul Holzworth for winning the February raffle!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring begins in March. This means it's time to stop complaining about how cold it has been and start complaining about how hot it is! We can also take advantage of the weather to give the shop a good spring cleaning after all the saw dust we have been making. How about we clean the shop and set up the new tools and host a good old fashioned in-person shop crawl? I'm getting asked a lot to start the in-person shop crawls again and I like the idea. If you are willing to have some people drop in to see your shop, let me know and we will work to get something scheduled. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks for hosting or visiting. And, it's always fun to get together for some woodworking discussions and a great lunch.

Roy Brookhart

BIRDHOUSE COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Join the JC Raulston Arboretum's annual spring festival, Raulston Blooms!, featuring the 23rd Annual Birdhouse Competition.

- Open to all ages, with four categories: Functional, Flight of Fancy, Creativity for All, and Children (by age group).
- Drop off all entries on Friday, April 25th.
- Entries will be showcased Saturday, April 26th at Raulston Blooms!
- All participants will receive a Raulston Blooms! family ticket.

More details about the individual categories as well as the overall competition can be found here: *https://jcra.ncsu.edu/events/details.php?ID=3765*

All TWA members and friends are encouraged to participate. Should you enter, your birdhouse would also be a great thing to show at one of our meeting show-and-tells.

The JC Raulston Arboretum Event Team can be contacted at: *jcra-events@ncsu.edu*

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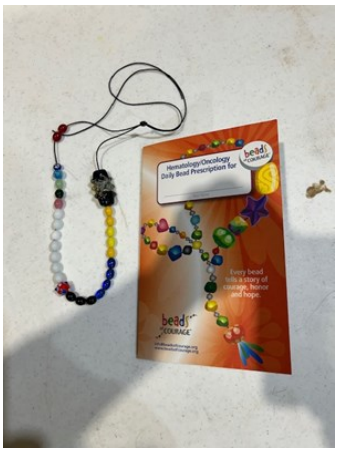
BEADS OF COURAGE PROGRAM

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The topic of the featured presentation during February's meeting was the Beads of Courage Program that was organized by Kerry Schoolfield.

The presentation was captured on video and will be available on the TWA website.

Kerry introduced Nicole Queathem, who described the Beads of Courage program at Duke Children's Hospital. Nicole serves as a Child Life Specialist at Duke Children's Hospital, where she plays an important role in helping children and teens, along with their parents and caregivers, understand and navigate their cancer and hematology treatments. As the administrator of the Beads of Courage program at the Duke Children's Hospital, Nicole provided insight into how children earn beads throughout their treatment journey. These beads represent the various steps they take during treatment, with different colors and shapes indicating specific events and outcomes achieved.



Nicole Queathem discussed the Beads of Courage Program at Duke Hospital (photos: Roy Brookhart)

Photos of the contest winners, the boxes, and all participants (photos: Roy Brookhart)

Approximately 150 patients participate in the program each year. The duration of treatment can vary significantly depending on the type of cancer, sometimes extending to two or more years. Patients can accumulate a significant number of beads, each symbolizing a part of their journey. The specially crafted boxes for the Beads of Courage program offer children and their families a meaningful way to preserve these memories and milestones.

In the second part of the meeting, TWA members presented their boxes to the group. Nine TWA members participated in the box-making challenge, showcasing their woodworking skills. Here's a summary of the entries presented:

- Kerry Schoolfield : Mahogany and stained maple box with Spanish cedar internals.
- Karin Pihel : Walnut and maple box.
- Jack Kite : Walnut and quarter-sawn white oak box.
- Cecil Raynor : Walnut box featuring a handle with walnut shell incorporation.
- Joe Sabo : West African albizia and maple box with heart inlay.
- Alex Harp : Canary wood box with a shellac finish.
- Ray Essington : Octagonal box made of cherry, maple, and poplar.
- Rod Branken : Box crafted from walnut, ebony, and quilted maple.
- Bill Watkins : Bandsawn and carved panda box made of butternut.

The judging panel included Nicole Queathem, Tony Spallone (Cary store manager), Bob Gabor, and Jim Sapp. Many participants created multiple boxes for the event. The contest winners were:

Best Design Category:

First Place : Rod Branken

Second Place : Ray Essington

Most Kid-Friendly Category:

First Place : Bill Watkins

Second Place : Kerry Schoolfield

Thank you to all the talented participants for their excellent work!

UPCOMING MEETING

Date and Time: April 15, 7:00pm

Topic: Hill Country Woodworks

Speaker: Mark Todd

Location: Klingspor's

For our April meeting, we are pleased to welcome Mark Todd, co-owner of Hill Country Woodworks, a furniture producer based in Chapel Hill, NC. His company specializes in designing and building furniture using time-tested construction techniques and beautiful hardwoods. Mark is returning to TWA to share insights on how he incorporates bent laminations to add elegant curves to his designs.

To explore more of his work, visit *Hill Country Woodworks*.

We look forward to an inspiring presentation!

Host: Jeff Leimberger

ASHCROFT SAWS AND TOOLS—CELEBRATION

One of our sponsors, Ashcroft Saws and Tools, is hosting a grand opening celebration at their new location at 12225 Capital Blvd, Wake Forest, on March 21-22, 2025. Known for their excellent sharpening services for saws, drill bits, and router bits, Ashcroft will be offering the following during the celebration:

Friday : Enjoy power tool demonstrations by Milwaukee.

Saturday : Join grilling events with Green Egg and Weber, including food samples.

Participate in raffles for a chance to win fabulous prizes, including grills. Make the most of this event by bringing your blades, drill bits, and router bits for sharpening.

Don't miss out on the festivities!

TREASURER'S REPORT (JANUARY)

Beginning Balance:	$17,697.21
Income:	$1,126.25
Expense:	$313.84
Ending Balance:	$18,509.62

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

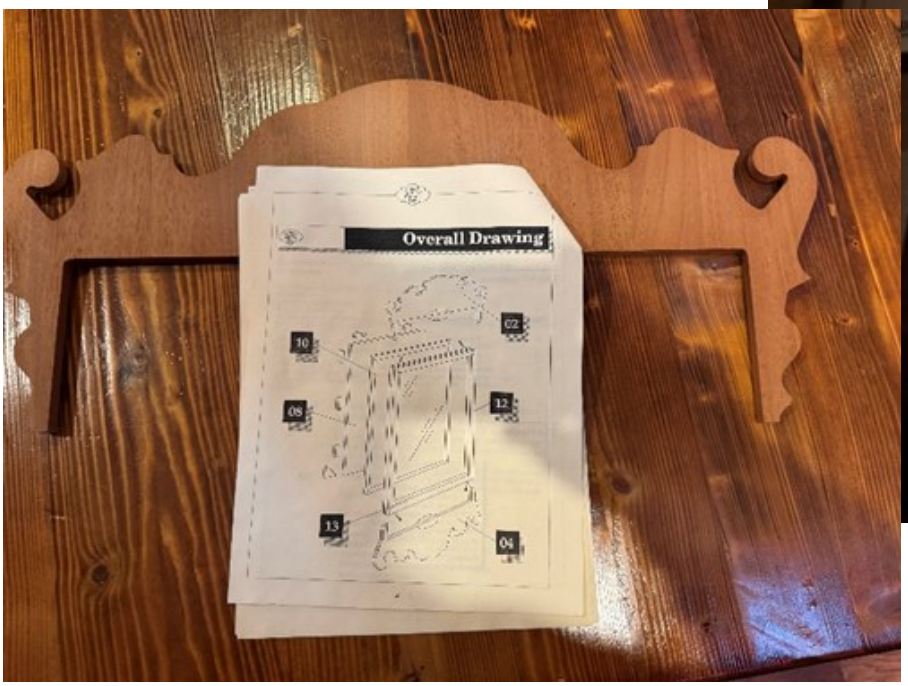
In February, Michael Stenhouse joined TWA. Please welcome him when you see him in person or on-line.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

UPCOMING AUCTION ITEM

Judy Sanwald has a project kit that she wishes someone to have that would appreciate it. The kit will be auctioned at a future meeting. The proceeds will be placed in the Toys for Tots bucket.

George Mills shared a few pictures of it. The kit creates a mirror frame, mirror included, made of cherry. Judy has had this kit since 1991 and it's still in its original two boxes.



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