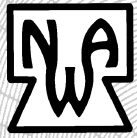


WOODWORKERS NEWS



Northeastern
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Association

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Family Night 2006

Thursday, December 7th, 7 to 9 pm
Shenendehowa Senior Citizens Center
6 Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, NY

The holiday season is here once again and it is time for NWA families and friends to get together. As in the past, we have several activities to make the evening enjoyable. We will have an **Instant Gallery** of member's work. Also, we are asking NWA family members to bring samples of their handiwork to show what they've done while the woodworkers are busy in their shops. Whether it is craft, needlework, art, whatever...bring it in for display in the **Family Gallery**.

There will be woodworking demonstrations, door prizes, etc. and a **Show and Tell** area to "show off" projects just completed or in progress. In the "**Café Area**", you can enjoy a cup of coffee or soda along with some delicious homemade treats brought in by the "pastry chef" in your family (don't forget to remind him/her to start looking up their favorite recipe).

Musical interludes will be played throughout the evening. Please join us for a relaxing evening of socializing, friendly conversation, interesting exhibits, and lots of delicious goodies.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the room beginning at 6:00pm. If you can help, please call or email Wayne Distin at (518)674-4171 or wpswan@capital.net.

Directions

From the Northway I-87, Exit 9, West on Route 146, left onto Vischer Ferry Road, left into Clifton Common (Town Hall Plaza). It's the red brick building on the right with the big red 6 on it.

From Schenectady: Route 146, cross the Rexford Bridge. At the 2nd traffic light, follow Route 146 East, right onto Vischer Ferry Road, left into Clifton Common (Town Hall Plaza). It's the red brick building on the right with the big red 6 on it. 🐾

Family Night Auction - Help Wanted!

- *Herm Finkbeiner*

This year there will be a new feature to Family Night (Dec. 7, 7:00 pm at the Clifton Park Senior Center). We are asking members to donate items for an auction, anything wood or wood-working related. Something you have made, picked up at a garage sale, haven't used for years, whatever.

The auction will provide some fun, especially with Bart Chabot as auctioneer. Bart's irreverence will surely provoke some equally irreverent responses from the bidders. The auction will also be a chance to show off your woodworking interests and learn more about your fellow members. Any funds raised will be used to help support the NWA Learning Center at Stillwater where our woodworking classes are held.

So bring lots of stuff and especially your wallet. When you arrive, give Bart stories about your friends for him to use in providing background information on the items and the donors. The bidders need to be able to respond appropriately when an item is offered for sale.

Remember that this is Family Night, so bring your family and friends (they do not need to be NWA members) for a fun and interesting night.



Fiske Fund News

- *Joe Kennedy*

The Fiske Fund made five awards in the fourth quarter of this year **Wally Carpenter** attended a 10 day class on Design and Craftmanship at the Center for Furniture Craftmanship in Rockport, Maine. **Carl Rubino** attended a 10 day class on Curved Furniture at the same school. **Leigh Nowicki** took a one week class on Cabinets and Built-Ins at the Yestermorrow Design/Build School. **Joe Gleeson** did a five day class on Hand Hewn Bowls and Spoons at the Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. **Chuck Garafolo** attended a 10 day class on Screech Owl carving with Floyd Sholz at the Bennington Center for the Arts in Bennington, Vermont.

If you are interested in taking a class and applying for a grant, you can obtain the application form on the NWA web site. Applications received before year end will be processed in early January. 🐾

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From the President

- Ken Evans

Stillwater Workshop Offers Turning

As everyone now knows, NWA has a fully functional workshop at the Stillwater Community Center in Stillwater, NT 12170. This shop is the site of many NWA classes (all of which can be seen on the NWA BLOG SITE accessible by way of the NWA website www.woodworker.org.)

Besides structured classes on all manner of woodworking topics, there are informal gatherings of folks with a common interest. For instance, on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 pm turners gather at the shop to turn, discuss turning, help beginners, introduce non turners to woodturning, or just to chat with other woodworkers. Everyone is welcome!

At present the plan is to have these gatherings on every Wednesday except the second Wednesday of January and July and the first Wednesday of every other month.

Come visit us and bring your turning questions or turning projects, or just your coffee. See you in Stillwater. 🐾

Quail Hollow Events

The next two Woodstock-New Paltz Art and Craft Fairs will be held on Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend 2007 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. These are juried events. All art and craft media are eligible and all work must be original in both design and construction. All work displayed must be for sale.

For more information call (845) 679-8087 or (845) 246-3414. Applications may be found at www.quailhollow.com. 🐾

Wood Identification Workshop

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst will hold a wood identification workshop presented by Bruce Hoadley on January 9 - 12, 2007. The cost is \$495 for applications received by December 15.

For more information call (413) 545-2484 or email academicprograms@continued.umass.edu. Information about the course content may be obtained by calling Bruce Hoadley at (413) 545-1834. 🐾

Volunteer to make Items to Raffle at Showcase 2007

- John Coleman

Each year at *Showcase* a raffle is conducted for the general public to raise funds for our educational activities. This year we are lucky to have the canoe constructed by NWA members. In past years we raffled woodworking tools such as a lathe and a floor model band saw. This year we are looking at a table top sander/shaper or similar tool.

Also last year we had several great items made by members of NWA. The Sacandaga Chapter donated a Maple and Ash Woodworkers Bench and Adirondack Glider.

Many NWA members are fortunate enough to receive support for training from the Fiske Fund. One such member, John Hodgson constructed a cherry side table and donated it to the raffle. All of the proceeds from ticket sales for John's table were placed back in the Fiske Fund. Also, the table was donated that was the end product of the Showcase special display "Log to Table".

If any member is interested in donating similar items please let me know at (518) 587-9258 or jcoleman@dasny.org.

Also, any member interested in working a two hour shift as a volunteer at the raffle booth please contact me and I will forward your name to the Chairman of the Volunteer Committee. 🐾

Kaatskill Woodturners – Thermoing Around

- *Wally Cook*

Wikipedia: *therming* – “Mounting a carrier between centers, and then mounting the small work piece(s) to the carrier, so that the axis of the headstock/tail-stock does not pass through any of the work pieces and each work piece gets cut only on one face. As noted in Woodturning Methods by Mike Darlow, the etymology of the term “therming” comes via a corruption of the name of the Greek god Hermes, who was often represented as a statue set atop a plinth with a construction characteristic of theroed work.”

Wow! Let’s make this easier:

“Picture a large drum mounted between the centers of a lathe. All around the outside of that drum are your blanks, as may as you can fit. To avoid blowing out the corner one might insert scraps between the blanks, but it’s not really necessary. One face of all blanks is turned in one step then all the blanks are rotated (in this case 90 deg.) and the next face is turned.

Thermoing can be done with any number of sides but the more sides there are, the closer you get to round.” –J.P. Rap (from Canadian Woodworking Forum)

Thanks, J.P.! Also thanks to **Paul Petrie**, who braved the rain to demonstrate a method of thermoing at the November KWA meeting. Paul’s demo approach included the assembly of four squared blanks of equal dimensions. The blanks – or work pieces – are bolted or screwed together at each end. The bundle is then spun on the lathe, cutting lightly. When one face of each blank is cut, the bundle is disassembled and the pieces can be rotated and re-cut as a bundle.

Paul showed that both the positive and negative spaces can be used for design points. The completely turned positive profile of each blank in a four piece bundle is characteristically a convex, elliptical shape. The negative profile can be used to form a hole in the center of a partially turned bundle, leaving many possibilities for “cut-out” designs.

Upcoming Programs: The KWA has a number of visiting turners planned for the next few months, as well as Learn ‘n Turn sessions for entry level and intermediate woodturners.

Beth Ireland will be presenting the Turned, Band Sawn Box at a workshop on January 27, 2007. She will also host a full day hands-on class on January 28. Cost for the workshop is \$35; the full day class is \$60. Seats are filling fast, so contact Matt Clarke to make reservations: telephone (845) 454-9387 or email mclarke@hvc.rr.com.



Dap Cole at a recent Learn’n Turn



Paul Petrie’s thermoed turnings

Reminder

- *Larry Zinn, Chair*

SHOWCASE 2007 is approaching rapidly. Please submit your present project(s) for the show. The form will be in the January Newsletter, plus we will be starting to sign up volunteers at the January NWA meeting.

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NWA maintains two websites, the first noted here operates continuously. We also offer selected links to other sites of interest to our membership.
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The second site operates from January 1 to May 30 and carries specific information about SHOWCASE.



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CHAPTER NEWS

NWA Mid Hudson

- Wally Cook

Circus, Circus: The Mid-Hudson Woodworkers participated in several local fairs including the Sheep and Wool Festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds and the Garlic Festival in Saugerties (yes, even garlic is cause for a festival).

The Sheep and Wool fest combines fiber and gems...the gem show has been added to the event this year. For the third season, the woodworkers have prepared kits to build with children at the festival.



Fred DuBois and Pete Chast scroll Halloween figures at the Sheep and Wool Festival

This time, the race car theme from the Toy Factory was used. Once again, it proved so popular that all the kits were used by the end of the first day! The second day participants were treated to scrolled names and Halloween figures. It was a busy venue, but loads of fun.

If you haven't heard of the Garlic Festival, then you haven't seen the NYS Thruway stalled with traffic at the Saugerties exit. The Catskill Mountain Woodcarvers historically host a booth at the event, displaying their wares and demonstrating the techniques of their craft to the followers of the garlic.

Flying with the Eagles: George Norton and the Wednesday Group linked up with Boy Scout Paul Esposito on his eagle scout project. Paul's ambition is to place mileage markers the length of the Ontario and Western

rail trail. The converted rail bed is now a biking and pedestrian thoroughfare stretching from Kingston to Ellenville in New York State.

Historically, this route brought coal from Carbondale, PA to the Hudson River for transshipping. George worked with Paul to create an O&W router template that was used to inscribe the mile markers.

Woodsmithery: Ron Wolfeld would like to test the waters for a Shopsmith interest group. If you own a Shopsmith and would like to trade ideas and tips, contact Ron at (845) 679-0827 or email at prwolf@verizon.net.



Catskill Mountain Wood Carvers SIG at the Garlic Fest



Rail bed mile markers

Sacandaga Chapter News

- Gary Spencer

The Sacandaga Chapter last met on Nov. 8th when our featured speaker was NWA member Gary Spencer. His presentation titled "Clamporama" was a session devoted to examining the huge variety of clamps and clamping techniques in woodworking. There was something new and old for all with lots of good discussion.

Our next meeting on December 13th will feature Gary Ratajczak of Broadalbin NY. His topic will be "Pocket Joinery Part II" with emphasis on 45 degree joints.

The club has endorsed having members construct some items again for *Showcase 07*. Six members have volunteered their shops in carrying out the construction of these pieces.

The club has also decided to have a one day workshop for kids in collaboration with the Mayfield Schools and Community Library. This will be a hands-on program where chapter members will interact with kids in the construction of projects that each child chooses. Should be fun!

The Sacandaga Chapter meetings are open to all, and light refreshments are served.

Remember we have door prizes at every meeting but you do have to be present to win!

Our regular monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 P.M. at Mayfield High School woodshop. Come on out!

Tool Toter's Needed!

It's never too early to prepare for *Showcase*. The Toy Factory this year will feature tool totes that will be assembled with the children on the "Toy Factory Assembly Line". A total of 400 kits must be prepared prior to *Showcase* and your help is needed!

If you can cut some blanks, please contact Bill Reynolds at (845) 331-0394 or wareyno@earthlink.net.

TOY FACTORY TOOL TOTE

1. Two ends 5 1/2" wide x 6" high
2. Two sides 3" wide x 12" long
3. One bottom 4 3/4" wide x 12" long
4. One handle 1" wide x 12" long

The two ends, two sides, and the handle are cut from 3/4" pine. The bottom is cut from 1/4" masonite or plywood.

Ends: the ends get a 45 degree cut on the top per the template. The top is rounded with a 1/2" round over bit.

Sides: the top edges of the sides are also rounded with the 1/2" round over bit and get a 1/4" dado 3/8" deep -- 1/2" from the edge of the bottom: this is to receive the masonite bottom.

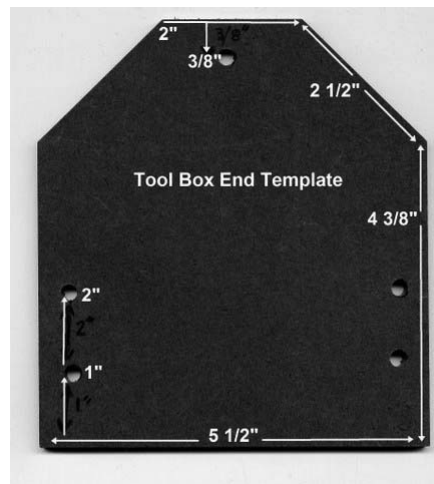
Note: holes are not drilled in the sides at this time. The 7/32" holes you drilled in the end pieces will be our guide to drill the holes in the sides when the tote is placed in the jig for assembly on the Toy Factory Line.

Handle: the 1" handle is also rounded over on all four sides but only up to about 1" on each end.

All parts are sanded with 80 grit paper.



Tool Tote will be featured in Toy Factory



Template for End pieces

NWA Woodworking Classes at the Stillwater Shop

Build a Dovetailed Box

Tom Osborne
Saturday Jan 6, 13 & 20, 2007
9 AM to 12 Noon
Cost: \$50 plus materials

Power Tool Fundamentals: The Band Saw

Allen Craft
Monday Jan. 8
1 PM to 4 PM
Cost \$20

The Turned Box

Ken Evans
Tuesday Jan. 9
9 AM to 2 PM
Cost \$20 plus materials

Sharpening Tools in Your Shop

Ken Miller
Monday Jan. 15, 2007
9 AM to 5 PM
Cost: \$35

Power Tool Fundamentals:

The Plunge Router
Dave Mobley
Tuesday Jan. 16, 23 & 30, 2007
6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Cost :\$50 plus materials

Power Tool Fundamentals:

The Jointer
Allen Craft
2 sessions are available
Monday Mar 5, 2007 6 PM to 9 PM
or
Tuesday Mar 6, 2007 1PM to 4 PM

C L A S S I F I E D S

For Sale

Craftsman Professional Air Compressor, 2 stage, 25 gallon, 120 volt, 175 psi, vertical, oil free, quiet, and portable. 2 years old. \$325.
Mike Kratky, (518) 863-2821

Grizzly 6" heavy duty jointer, model G1182. Bought new, used only a few times, includes Shop Fox mobile base. \$275.
John Michne, (518) 371-6690.

Shopsmith 510, upgraded to 520. Loads of extras, including band saw, belt sander, pro fence, speed reducer, biscuit jointer, extra saw blades and bands, sharpening guide, circle cutter and more. \$2000 o/b/o. George Covell (518) 854-3128.

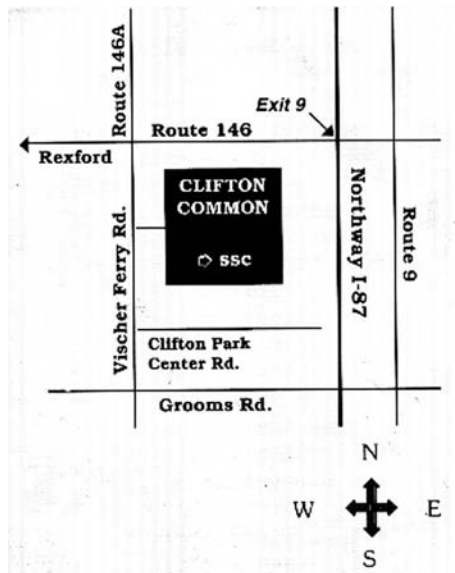
Many tools large and small including band saw, radial arm saw, midi lathe, contractor's table saw, framing and finish nailers.
Contact Ty at (518) 373-2787 for a list of items and prices.

16" Grizzly Drum Sander model G1079, \$650. Woody Johnson, woody12@yahoo.com.





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GENERAL MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL EVENTS

NWA PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2006-2007

December 7, 2006
Family Night

January 11, 2007
Furniture repair
Charlie Goddard

February 8, 2007
Windsor Chairs
Tom Wetzel

March 8, 2007
Youth Gallery

March 24-25, 2007
Showcase

April 12, 2007
Making Stools
Tom Osborne

May 10, 2007
Jigs and Fixtures
Pete Howe

For meeting cancellation
information,
call Ken Evans 753-7759
or Charlie Goddard 370-0388

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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Adirondack Woodturners Association - The AWA is active throughout the year. Meetings are every first Wednesday of the month (except in January and July when it is the second Wednesday), and are held at the Curtis Lumber conference room on Route 67, Ballston Spa. Beginners' sessions begin at 6 pm; the main program at 6:30 pm. Saturday "Learn and Turn" sessions are also scheduled. www.adirondackwoodturners.org
Contact Ken Evans, 753-7759 or Kevans1@nycap.rr.com

Carver's Guild - meets every Friday at the Clifton Park Senior Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Sessions are intended for every NWA member who is interested in carving, from beginners to those wanting to learn a new technique. No reservations are necessary, just show up! Contact Bill McCormack, 233-7260.

Scroller's Guild - Meets the third Wednesday of each month at Sears, Colonie Center. Beginners' session starts at 5:30 followed by a general meeting at 6:15. Contact Tom O'Donnell (518) 581-1167 or todonne3@nycap.rr.com.

Kaatskill Woodturners - Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Opdahl property in Hurley. Contact George Norton, (845) 331-1705.

Jim's "Hole in the Woods Gang"

Meets every Saturday, from 9:00 am until noon at Jim Kennedy's shop at 86 Guideboard Rd., in Halfmoon. (just 1 mile east of the Halfmoon Diner on Rt. 9). Our general purpose is public service work for various charitable organizations, including the Double H Hole in the Woods camp for children. We strive to foster a learning environment for our members through the projects we work on and the informal training/learning sessions given by and for our members. Sharing fellowship and relating experiences are a major part of our sessions, as we do accomplish many tasks during our times together as well. Contact Dick Flanders, (518) 393-5215 (rflander@nycap.rr.com) or Darrell Welch, (518) 477-8431 (ydwelch@taconic.net) for more information.

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NWA Sacandaga - The chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Mayfield High School in the woodworking shop. Park by the section of the building that protrudes further into the parking lot and enter the nearest of the (5) doors. Contact Gary Spencer, 863-6433.