

# WOODWORKERS NEWS



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## January Meeting Sharpening Stones

*Thursday January 9th, 2014, 7:00 pm  
Shaker Heritage Society Meeting House  
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany NY*

*By George Rutledge*

On January 9th we will kick off 2014 by returning to the Shaker Meeting House for our monthly meeting. If you haven't already done so, it will be none too soon to begin sharpening your skills and applying them to projects for Showcase. With that in mind the topic of January's meeting is Sharpening.

Those of you who made the January 2012 meeting will recall an excellent presentation on Coated Abrasives by Doug Jensen, an Application Engineer with the Norton division of Saint-Gobain Abrasives. Through Doug's good offices we have recruited Patricia Dawson (also of Saint-Gobain) to speak to us about sharpening stones. Ms. Dawson is a Product Manager responsible for their Pike Sharpening Stones among other things and has been with Saint-Gobain for about 8 years. She has a degree in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University and an MBA from Babson College.

Patricia plans to cover a brief history of sharpening stones, an overview of the various products available and a comparison of the sharpening properties of each and will bring samples of different types of benchstones: aluminum oxide, silicon carbide, Arkansas and waterstones. We will have some sharpening stations set up and you are invited to bring a chisel, plane iron or small knife along so that some of you as time allows can test out the different stones and get a feel for how they perform.

This will be a very interesting and informative meeting whether you are new to our craft or like me have been "honing" your sharpening skills for going on 40 years. As always we will have announcements, refreshments and a raffle, so bring your ears, your appetite and your wallet which I hope will not be completely empty from the preceding weeks.

Last and far from least, please bring some of your work to share in the Instant Gallery. 🐾



## Doug Stowe's Box Making Class

*(A Student's Perspective)*

*By Barbara Hawn*

To think I almost missed such a wonderful opportunity! Please don't misunderstand; I was thrilled to hear that Doug Stowe was to give this year's Fiske Memorial lecture. I have two of his books and have made a few of the boxes in them. I am a fan. But because I had those books, and because I had taken Charlie Goddard's excellent course on box making, I foolishly thought I might have the subject covered.

Seeing the beautifully crafted boxes that Doug brought to the lecture made it obvious that in the realm of box

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**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO JOIN ONE OR BOTH  
HANDS-ON CLASSES  
AT  
WOODWORKERS SHOWCASE 2014**

**Garrett Hack will teach you  
to make "Elegant Edges"  
Sheila Landry class will teach you  
scroll saw techniques**

**Class dates:** Saturday, March 29 &  
Sunday, March 30

**Class times:** 10:30am to 1:30pm  
or 2:00pm to 5:00pm

**Class cost:** \$65 includes entry to  
Showcase, materials and tools

**To register for a class email  
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# Showcase is Coming!

*By Karen Arkison*

Woodworker's Showcase is just two months away. It is scheduled for Saturday March 29th and Sunday March 30th.

We depend entirely on the NWA membership to volunteer their valuable time and skills to bring an incredible weekend of lectures, demonstrations, vendor exhibits and our own members' work to the public.

Our goal is to educate and inspire the public in the incredible hobby, and for some profession, of the art of woodworking. Whether your interests are in scroll sawing, carving, turning, furniture making or musical instruments we hope that the men, women and children that enter through the doors of the 2014 Showcase will be amazed and inspired at the degree of talent that is present here in Northeastern New York.

Anyone who volunteers for at least one shift during the weekend will get in to the entire show for free. Volunteer sign ups will be at the January meeting as well as the February and March meetings. If you know what you would like to volunteer for and cannot make it to a meeting, send me an email. Showcase is bigger than ever, but it takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen. Feel free to volunteer for as many shifts as you would like. Volunteering with a friend or relative is a fun way to spend time together. When you sign up please include your email address so that we can eliminate the expense of mailing thus keeping our costs down. If you do not have an email address, enter your phone number. I will call to remind you. Here is a brief run down of the positions.

**Door Host** - Take tickets from paid guests, direct to ticket booths for those who have not paid, hand out programs. (9:45-12:00 12:00-2:30 2:30-5:00)

**Floor Host** - Walk main exhibit hall or feature exhibit hall, answer questions for guests, make sure they don't touch or eat or drink. (9:45-12:00, 12:00-2:30, 2:30-5:00)

**Raffle Tickets** - Sell raffle tickets for raffle items. (9:45-12:00, 12:00-2:30, 2:30-5:00)

**Ticket Sales** - Sell tickets to guests. (9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30, 1:30-3:30, 3:30-5:00)

**Membership Table** - Provide NWA membership information & applications to visitors. Answer questions and accept applications. (9:45-12:00, 12:00-2:30, 2:30-5:00)

**Lecture Videographer** - Helping lecturer with setup and aids. Point video camera on lecturer so it shows on TV screen (experience not needed). (10:30-12:00, 12:00-2:00 2:00-3:30, 3:30-5:00)

**Class Assistant** - Assist students and guest instructor during the assigned class. (10:15-1:30, 1:45-5:00)

**Setup & Staging** - (Friday 9am to 5pm) This shift is all day.

**Take Down** - (Sunday 5pm until done)

**Truck Assistants** - Moving equipment & materials into trucks from Mustang, out of trucks at Civic Center & back again (Thursday 3:00-8:00, Friday 8:00am-done, Sunday 5:00pm-9:00 and/or Monday 8:00am-10:00am)

When emailing me, please include what position you would like to work, the Day and the shift. Mail to:nydivergirl@earthlink.net

I will send everyone who submits an email address a confirmation email as well as a reminder the week before Showcase. I will be available during the social break if anyone has questions. See you at the meeting.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## For Sale

**POWERMATIC 100 (12 inch) PLANER** – new motor; paid \$1450; used 5 times; asking \$950. Rich Naple 802-282-5800; richnaple@nycap.rr.com

# NWA SHOWCASE & TOTALLY TURNING 2014 EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

Saratoga Springs City Center & The Saratoga Hilton

Saturday and Sunday, March 29 & March 30, 2014, 10 AM – 5 PM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Professional\*: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Professionals: You are a professional if half or more of your livelihood is derived from woodworking. You may submit an entry in any category except Novice and Youth .

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

***NOTE:** Display labels are made in advance using the information provided. The labels will be waiting at the Showcase Office when you bring your entry on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Labels for Judged Exhibit items must be picked up by 6:45. PLEASE only pick up labels for showpieces that you have with you, this helps the Judges.*

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM AND SEND IT TO: NORTHEASTERN WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 246, Rexford, NY 12148

or complete online: [www.nwawoodworkersshow.org](http://www.nwawoodworkersshow.org)

**Please Print.**

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014**

Any entry received after that date will not be entered for judging, but for display only.

JUDGED (only 1 per category)	NON-JUDGED DISPLAY ONLY	PREVIOUS WINNER	CATEGORY	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	LIST OF WOODS	FINISH USED

## ENTRY CATEGORIES

<p><b>ADIRONDACK</b> - Furniture and Accessories</p> <p><b>FURNITURE 1</b> - Tables, Beds</p> <p><b>FURNITURE 2</b> - Cases, Cabinets, Desks</p> <p><b>FURNITURE 3</b> - Chairs</p> <p><b>MINIATURES &amp; MODELS</b></p> <p><b>ACCESSORIES</b> - Clocks, Boxes, Desktop Pieces, Picture Frames</p> <p><b>TOYS AND PLAY THINGS</b></p> <p><b>BOATS</b></p> <p><b>SHOP EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p><b>NOVICE FLAT BOARDER</b> - age 17 &amp; up, new to wood working in the last 12 mo.</p> <p><b>YOUTH</b> - age 16 and under</p>	<p><b>TURNING 1</b> - Segmented</p> <p><b>TURNING 2</b> - Bowls, Platters, Plates,</p> <p><b>TURNING 3</b> - Vessels</p> <p><b>TURNING 4</b> - Pens</p> <p><b>TURNING 5</b> - Spindles &amp; Ornaments</p> <p><b>NOVICE TURNER</b> - age 17 and up, new to turning in the last 12 mo.</p> <p><b>WOODEN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 1</b> - String</p> <p><b>WOODEN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 2</b> - Non-String</p> <p><b>JEWELRY</b></p> <p><b>ALTERNATE MATERIALS</b> - Non-Wood, using wood-working tools</p>	<p><b>CARVING 1</b> - Chip</p> <p><b>CARVING 2</b> - Relief</p> <p><b>CARVING 3</b> - CNC &amp; Laser</p> <p><b>CARVING 4</b> - 3D in the round</p> <p><b>CARVING 5</b> - Bird and Fish</p> <p><b>NOVICE CARVING</b> - age 17 and up, new to carving in the last 12 mo.</p> <p><b>INTARSIA</b></p> <p><b>MARQUETRY</b></p> <p><b>SCROLL SAWING</b></p> <p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> - any piece not fitting into above categories</p>
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**NO NWA MEMBERS CHALLENGE FOR 2014. COMING BACK FOR 2015!**

### ENTRY RULES

Any woodworker may exhibit his/her work. You do not need to be a NWA member. There is no entry fee.

Entry forms must be received by March 24, 2014 to be eligible for competition. Late entries will be entered for display only.

All Showcase exhibit items must be brought to the City Center between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Friday March 28, 2014.

Exhibits are not to be removed from the floor before 5 pm Sunday.

You may exhibit any number of pieces in more than one category, but only one piece per category for judging.

Award winning pieces from a previous Showcase event are not eligible for competition, but may be entered for display and will be acknowledged as previous winners.

There must be at least three entrants in a category for an entry to be judged.

The exhibit hall is not a commercial area. Price tags or literature other than small business cards are not allowed and will be removed and disposed of.

The decisions of the judges are final. At the discretion of the judges, some awards may not be given.

***Judges have the right to re-categorize entries.***

★ To encourage more entries & pre-registration, NWA Showcase is having a raffle. Each pre-registered piece, judged or non-judged, brought to the Exhibit Hall earns you a raffle ticket. You can choose which items you would like to win. Prizes total over \$500. Each person will only be allowed to win one prize. This will be determined by the order drawn. Check out the NWA newsletter for more information!

### AWARDS

**BEST IN SHOW:** One from any entry

**PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE:** One each category except for Novice and Youth categories

**FIRST PLACE:** One each category

**SECOND PLACE:** One each category

**THIRD PLACE:** One each category

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

**RICHARD PAGANO MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TURNING**

**CARVERS SIG BEST IN SHOW:** one from any carving entry

**BEST NEW CARVER:** one

### QUESTIONS?

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# CHAPTER NEWS

## *Sacandaga Chapter*

*By Gary Spencer*

The December meeting for the Sacandaga Chapter featured Jim Schreiner a master craftsman of Adirondack style furniture. His presentation began on a request by our late NWA leader Herm Finkbeiner back to develop a a frame by frame sequence of creating an Adirondack Birch Bark picture frame or mirror suitable for presentation at the NWA Showcase. The presentation was dynamic, interesting and beautifully done by Jim. The Chapter is considering the construction of a rustic piece of furniture to be made for the raffle at this year's Showcase. Many thanks to Jim for a great presentation.

Our January 8th meeting will continue on with Jim Schreiner once again in the spotlight in demonstrating the process of sharpening woodworking tools including knives, chisels and plane blades. This topic is of value to all who work with wood, especially when presented by a master woodworker. This should be a fine program.

We will have show and tell and 50/50 as usual, so let's have a good turnout for a very interesting topic.

Our regular monthly Chapter meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 P.M. Our next regular meeting will be January 8th, 2014. We will meet at our shop at 55 2nd Avenue, Mayfield, NY.

Come visit.

Directions or Information contact:

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## **Doug Stowe's Box Making Class**

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making I had only scratched the surface. When it was announced that there was still room in the workshop, I knew I was going.

I am so glad I did. The workshop was terrific! Doug started with a discussion of the principles of design and the tools we have to implement them. I was pleased to add to the very little I know about this subject. I was particularly taken with his suggestion to try to include an element of surprise in a design and I could see on the boxes that he brought for our inspection that he had done so on several of them.

The rest of the workshop was spent with Doug demonstrating how to build a mitered box, including building the sleds and jigs that go along with such an endeavor. I noticed that he had made some improvements in some of the jigs that he shows how to make in the two books of his I own. We learned about the ratio of plus or minus two, the use of spacer blocks, and using a story stick for the hinges. And when I thought my brain couldn't absorb much more, Doug filled the last part of the workshop demonstrating how to build a sliding router jig for making box joints.

Great as the woodworking part of the workshop was, Doug also shared with us his philosophy of how to deal with the frustration of being a "real person" who will inevitably make mistakes in woodworking. He said that instead of being angry with yourself, forgive yourself, and that sometimes mistakes could be a creative design opportunity. He quoted a psychologist who had written, "My purpose is peace, my function is to forgive." I was so impressed with the thought that I wrote it down in my notes.

Spending two days observing the wisdom Doug has acquired working with his hands was a great opportunity, I'm glad I didn't miss. It is always a pleasure to come back to my own workshop and apply what I have learned.

Thank you Doug Stowe and thank you NWA. 🐿

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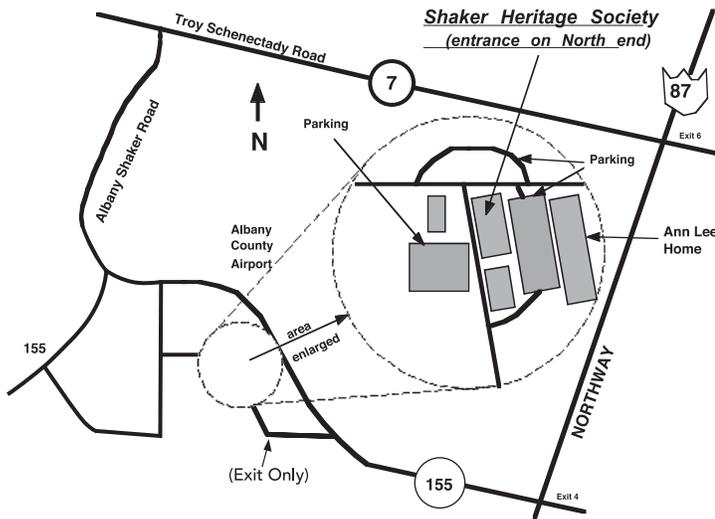
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## January Meeting

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**GENERAL MEETINGS  
AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

**January 9, 2014**

Norton Industries "Stone Sharpening"

**February 13, 2014**

"Men with Musical Instruments who know how to make them"

**March 13, 2014**

Ben Barrett "Berkshire Veneer"

**April 10, 2014**

Garrett Hack "TBA"

**May 8, 2014**

Mid Hudson "TBA"  
Election of Officers

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

**Adirondack Woodturners Association (AWA)** - The AWA is active throughout the year. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month (except in January and July when it is the second Wednesday), and are held at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY from 6:30 PM to 9:00PM.

Wednesday "Learn and Turn" sessions occur on all other Wednesdays at the NWA Learning Center. These sessions run 6pm-9pm. [www.adirondackwoodturners.com](http://www.adirondackwoodturners.com) **Contact:** Ken Evans, 518-753-7759 or [kevans1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kevans1@nycap.rr.com)

**Scroller's Guild** - Meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY. A beginner's session starts at 6:30 PM followed by a general meeting at 7:00 PM. **Contact:** Jeanne Aldous at [AMJAMt2@aol.com](mailto:AMJAMt2@aol.com) or Barbara Nottke at [scroller87@aol.com](mailto:scroller87@aol.com) or 869-6268.

**Kaatskill Woodturners** - Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Opdahl property in Hurley, NY. **Contact:** Matt Clark, (845) 454-9387.

**NWA Crafters** - Meets every Saturday and Tuesday, from 9:00 am until noon at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY. The Crafters provide public service woodworking for various charitable organizations, including the Double H Hole in the Woods camp for children and the GE Elfuns toy modifications group, and the Make A Wish Foundation. Sharing information, fellowship, and relating experiences are a major part of these sessions. **Contact:** Dave Axton (518) 237-6942, [daxton@nycap.rr.com](mailto:daxton@nycap.rr.com), Wayne Distin (518) 674-4171, [wdistin@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wdistin@nycap.rr.com) Steve Schoenberg (518-371-1260), [sschoen1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sschoen1@nycap.rr.com) for more information.

**The NWA Wood Carvers SIG** - Meet each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. all year except the 2nd Thursday of each month at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY. Programs are determined at the previous weekly sessions. Discussions start at 7PM. The goal is to promote the art of Wood Carving. Individual private sessions are available Wednesday evenings by appointment. Wood, tools, and patterns are available. **Contact:** Ray Gannon. [LoRayG@Gmail.com](mailto:LoRayG@Gmail.com)

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**NWA Sacandaga** - The chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the Second Wednesday of each month at 55 Second Avenue, Mayfield, NY. **Contact:** Gary Spencer, 518-863-6433.