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November Meeting

Thursday November 12, 2015

7:00pm - Clifton Park

Senior Citizen Center

Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park, NY

2015 Fiske Lecturer

Guest Lecturer: Thomas Lie-Nielsen

By Wally Carpenter

We are privileged to have Thomas Lie-Nielsen as our guest lecturer for the 2015 Fiske Lecture.

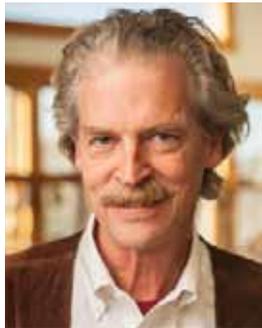
Toolmaker Thomas Lie-Nielsen is the founder and owner of Lie-Nielsen Toolworks in Warren, Maine. Thomas started making his own hand tools on his kitchen table in 1981. Since then, Lie-Nielsen Toolworks has grown to become the premier hand tool makers in the world, with a full lineup of hand planes, saws, chisels, and even workbenches.

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Tom will speak to us on this history and where he sees the woodworking world headed into the next generation of woodworkers.

He will also be providing 2 - 1.5hr sessions on sharpening techniques from chisels to hand saws Friday, November 13. There is a \$15 fee for this opportunity and there will be a sign up through our Education Group. Watch for the email blast from nwa-education@gmail.com to ensure your seat on Friday!

We look forward to seeing you at both of these entertaining and educational events.



Thomas Lie-Nielsen

Holiday Spirit

By Barbara Notke

The holidays were certainly present at the NWA monthly meeting on October 8. There were many ideas for ornaments shown. As a scroller, I present many of our groups beautiful workmanship. There was examples of intricate fret work ornaments, layered ornaments, and intarsia ornaments.

Anthony Solosky, from the carvers, gave instructions on how to make molds and pour his Santa carving for multiples. George Rutledge had his carved Santas on display along with a Santa "devil" from the German culture.

John Heimke represented the turners with his trees and snowman ornament. He explained how the tree was a great project for novice turners.

I hope everyone that attended is inspired to work some holiday magic!

Fourth Annual Recognition Banquet

By Ken Evans

This year's honoree at the Fourth Annual NWA Recognition Banquet, recently held at the Italian American Club, in Albany, NY was Wayne Distin.

Wayne's extraordinary list of voluntary contributions to NWA over the years was presented to the group by Ken Evans in an article titled, "THE LAST MAN OUT--- Wayne Distin".

Dinner was again outstanding. Entree choices included prime rib, chicken marsala, chicken

parmesan, and manicotti marinara. Dessert was chocolate cake chosen by yours truly. Mallosie's has always done an excellent job of hosting this event and preparing and presenting our meal.



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Thomas Lie-Nielsen - Sharpening Demo

NWA Classes are open to NWA Members ONLY.

If you are not a dues paying member you may join by contacting the Membership Committee - nwamembers1@gmail.com.

Instructor: Thomas Lie-Nielsen

Experience Level for this Class: NONE

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Class Date: Friday - November 13, 2015

Class Time is: (CHOOSE A TIME)
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM **OR** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Herman Finkbeiner Learning Center
15 Solar Drive
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Parking Reminder: There is ample parking directly in front of the building. The handicap parking places near the shop door are always available to those who have the proper handicap signs/plates.

Course Cost: \$15.00

Materials and Supplies Needed: NONE

Registration: There are 30 seats available in this course. To reserve a spot in this course Email: nwaeducation@gmail.com.

After you receive a registration confirmation Email, make your check payable to "NWA" and send it to: NWA, PO Box 246, Rexford, NY 12148

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Mid Hudson Chapter News

By Wally Cook

American Chestnut Gail

Whistance provided an extremely interesting talk about the strategies for reintroducing the American Chestnut tree (*castanea dentata*) and the work going on at the Mohonk Preserve. The towering chestnut tree was abundant from Maine to Georgia (approximately 25% of the forest canopy), until the early 20th century. In fact, a member of the earliest European expedition to explore modern day American territory in 1540 remarked, "Where there be mountains, there be chestnuts". The chestnut could grow quickly to heights of 100 feet and enjoyed sunny ridges.

However, that condition changed rapidly in 1904, when the chestnut blight was first detected on the grounds of the Bronx Zoo. The blight is attributed to the import of Japanese chestnut trees (a smaller variant of the chestnut). The active agent is a parasite *Cryphonectria parasitica*, which penetrates the bark and sets up cankers which kill the tree by releasing oxalic acid, girdling the tree. The blight spread rapidly through the US; it was estimated to travel 25 miles per year and killed an estimated 40 billion trees worldwide. Most mature chestnuts were either killed or clear cut by the 1940's. While new trees can propagate, they fall victim to the blight by the 8th or 9th year of growth.

The economic consequences were dramatic, particularly in the Appalachian region where chestnuts were an important cash and feed crop. The wood itself is rot-resistant, used for telegraph poles, railroad ties, shingles, and home construction. Gail speculated that if the chestnut had remained viable, most household decks would likely be constructed from chestnut, rather than cedar.

The good news is that several research efforts have made progress in developing a blight resistant chestnut tree. A promising



1890 photo of the Chestnut tree at the Ten Eyck Bouwerie in Hurley



The Darling 54 strain (center) displays healthy characteristics

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approach by the Forest Health Initiative is back crossing the American Chestnut with the Chinese Chestnut over a period of six generations (30 years), resulting in a tree which is 15/16 American Chestnut and shows evidence of being blight resistant.

The SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse has pursued a strategy of transgenic botany, splicing a wheat gene onto the chestnut, allowing the tree to wall off the parasite.

While it does not remove the blight, it allows the tree to 'co-exist' with the disease. Their current best strain is called "Darling 54" which is more resistant to the blight than the Asian Chestnut.



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Last, the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse has developed a hypo virulent blight which displaces the original blight fungus, but does not kill the chestnut tree.

The Mohonk Preserve is working to plant "mother trees" – American chestnuts which are likely to die of the blight after nine years. However, it is hoped that in the interim, the Darling 54 strain may be perfected and crossed with the developing mother trees. Mother trees should be planted in well drained, acidic soil and protected from rodents. Gail encouraged folks to join in this effort on their own property and join The American Chestnut Foundation-TACF (www.acf.org).

Mid-Hudson Picnic:

Even though the date was a bit later than usual, the chapter picnic enjoyed nice weather. Joe Benkert's homemade sausage was cooked to perfection by Fred DuBois and the banquet table overflowed with covered dishes contributed by the members. Thanks to all who attended!



A wheel bug hitchhiked to the meeting and said hello to Fred DuBois. Wheel bugs are part of the assassin bug family, so handle them gently!

Sacandaga Chapter

October Meeting

By Gary Ratajczak – Chapter President

We again had a very well attended meeting. It's great to see all the long standing members, as well as some new faces. Our feature presentation for the month was a terrific introduction to turning by current president of the Adirondack Woodturners Association, John Kingsley. John brought a "midi" lathe for demo, and chucked up a section of green wood. While working through the creation of a small spin top, he demonstrated simple coloring and inlay techniques that can be used to dress up a piece. John did a great job fielding questions, some of which I think were even from the non-turners in the group. He finished off by stepping through the various tools used for turning, as well as their unique bevel designs. The group took a short break, but the questions continued for John. Thanks again for a great presentation.

Also completed was an election of officers. Leading the group will be:

President – Gary Ratajczak • Vice President – Howard Ferguson • Treasurer – Dick Edel

The chapter would like to thank Jim Hopkins, our past president, for all the great work he did. Don Wilson, former co-president will continue to assist with programs and other club items. Kirk Hardenburg will also continue to lead our e-mail news blast each month. We will be posting chapter news and events on our new website, which can be found at: www.sacandagawoodworkers.org



Wood turning demo

KWA Chapter News

By Wally Cook

New Fixins: The Opdahl facility is being updated to provide more space and heat in the education room and replace equipment in the turning studio. A new Powermatic 3820B lathe was installed as the demonstrator lathe in the education room. The Powermatic is so commonly used that visiting instructors will be comfortable with this unit. The studio room is also improved: two ancient Delta lathes have been dismantled, removed and replaced with Nova DVR lathes that were underutilized in the education room. A new General lathe was also added in the studio room, thanks to generous contributions by KWA members (now known as the *“Dodefrajejawalemekabegara”* lathe, named after the shareholders).

The result is a diverse set of lathes that will allow learners to try a variety of equipment. Workstation lighting is in progress for each lathe emplacement, while adaptors and tools rests are being ordered to accommodate increased swing distances on the newer equipment. Thanks to all the folks who spent a long day unloading and assembling the equipment! The Opdahl studio facility is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings for group activity and at scheduled times for breakout sessions supporting demonstrator projects. Please contact Wally Cook (wally.cook@gmail.com) for more information.

Super Bowl Saturday: The KWA sponsored a collaborative workshop for bowl making. The format encouraged participants to bring bowls they were working on to display different styles, exchange ideas, and to turn new bowls during the three hour session. The workshop provided an opportunity to break-in the new equipment and identify changes that would make each workstation more user friendly.



Doug Scharpf turns a bowl on a newly placed DVR



Steve Sherman brought a bowl in progress



Steve and Bill Thiry consult on a bowl mounted on the newly installed General lathe



John Franklin at work on another DVR

Fourth Annual Recognition Banquet

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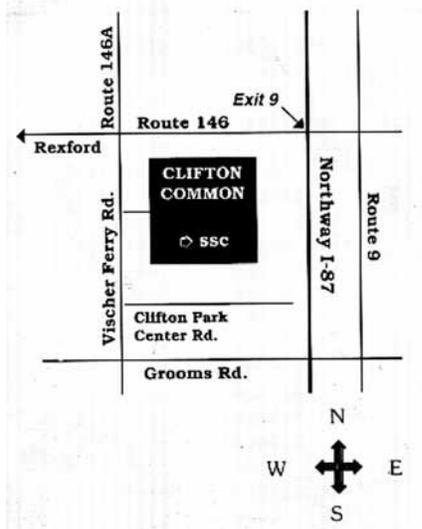
There was, of course, the raffle. Raffle items included tools donated by Johannes Michelsen, Plane Perfect, Bad Dog Burls, Robust Tools, Clear View Cyclones, Bad Dog TOOLS, Curtis Lumber, Lyle Jamieson, Blackburn Tools, Diamond Machining Technology, Paul Hines, Stadtlander Woodcarving, and Lie-Nielsen, as well as many items of wood donated by our members. There were many craft items donated by the partners and spouses of our woodworkers. Thank you to all those who donated items to the raffle. The raffle is a much anticipated component of the Banquet, and money raised by the raffle helps to offset the cost of the meal which is underwritten in part by NWA. This year's raffle raised well over \$1000. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported our venture.

The event takes much planning and juggling of items, and this is not accomplished by any one person. Many thanks go to Chuck Walker, George Rutledge, Robin and George Jones, Megan Bloomfield, Jeannie Aldous, and Patty Hyson. Of course, thanks goes to all those who attended the event which is held in large part for your enjoyment.

Special thanks to those members of the Mid-Hudson Chapter who traveled far to the event.

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For meeting cancellation information,
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MONTHLY MEETINGS

December 10, 2015

Family Night

January 14, 2016

Finishes

February 11, 2016

Bugs in Lumber

March 10, 2016

Spoon and Ladle Carving

April 14, 2016

Grain vs Design

May 12, 2016

Furniture Restoration

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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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 **Contact:** Ken Evans, 518-753-7759 or kevans1@nycap.rr.com

Scroller's Guild - Meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month (Starting Nov. 19) 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 AMJAMtat2@aol.com or Barbara Nottke at 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:** Wally Cook at wally.cook@gmail.com.

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 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, Wayne Distin (518) 674-4171, wdistin@nycap.rr.com Steve Schoenberg (518-371-1260), 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

Hand Tool SIG - Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Herm Finkbeiner Education Center at 15 Solar Dr, Clifton Park, NY. **Contact:** Dave Parkis for further details: dparkis@nycap.rr.com

CHAPTERS

NWA Mid-Hudson - The chapter meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday, except July and August, at the Hurley Reformed Church. The Church is just off the the Hurley exit from Rte. 209. Right at the exit, right at the stop sign and left into the Church parking area. John VanBuren, President (845) 444-8281
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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.
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