

WOODWORKERS NEWS



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May Meeting

Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun.... Double Bevel Marquetry

Thursday, May 12th, 7 pm.

Shaker Heritage Society Meeting House

Albany-Shaker Road, Albany

- *Ken Evans*

At our last general meeting of this fiscal year, the presentation will be made by NWA member Clark Pell, who will discuss the techniques of double bevel marquetry and show how they are used to create pictures and inlay in wood. Clark is self-taught and has been practicing marquetry only for about five years, although he has been involved in woodworking most of his life. A former biologist, press officer and audio-visual specialist with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Clark likes to work predominantly with natural themes and scenes.

The presentation will consist mainly of slides of techniques and completed marquetry, but will also include actual objects, including the infamous cherry coffee table that never made it to Showcase 2005 (if it is finished by May 12).

As usual, we will have an instant gallery, and members may browse the library and tool crib prior to the meeting. We will also conduct the general election of officers.

See you there!



"Yes, Virginia, you can do a spider web in marquetry." Clark Pell holds one of his pictures that has over 1,600 pieces of inlay.

Annual Shop Tour Scheduled for May 14

- *John Michne*

Six NWA members have offered to open their shops for the annual shop tour on Saturday, May 14, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. We have three geographical areas represented this year – Schenectady, Clifton Park/Cohoes, and Rensselaer County. Each location has directions and a phone number listed on Page 3 in case you have difficulty finding them. Please wear your NWA nametag, so the host will recognize you as an NWA member.

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From the President

- Pat McCord

The forsythia are blooming, trees are budding and we've just had another great *Showcase* so it must be spring. It's been a long winter (aren't they all?) and a busy year for NWA. Our next general meeting, which will be held on May 12th, will mark the end of another NWA program year. It is also when we elect our new officers who will guide us through the upcoming year. I will be joining the ranks of past presidents and would like to pass along my thanks to all of you who have made this past year so enjoyable. I am very grateful for having gotten to know so many nice people who are so willing to share their knowledge and join in our volunteer efforts. It has been a real pleasure and I look forward to seeing and working with all of you at future NWA activities.

Have a great summer! 🌞

Watershed Agricultural Council Has New Edition of Forest Products Directory

- Collin Miller

The Watershed Agricultural Council has published a new edition of its *Directory of Primary and Secondary Wood Products Manufacturers in the Catskill Mountain Region of New York State*. The purpose of the directory is to promote working sustainable forests and a thriving forest-based economy by linking producers, suppliers, wholesalers, retailers, and consumers with wood products businesses and resources in the Catskill Mountain Region. The 42-page publication was made possible with support from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the USDA Forest Service, and New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

In addition to new listings of area sawmills, the 2005 directory includes an expanded section on businesses that offer kiln dried lumber, retail galleries featuring local wood products, and regional and national organizations that provide assistance to wood-based businesses. The Catskill Mountain Region of New York State is over 75 % forested with a unique area composed of "Forever Wild" preserves and actively managed public and private forestland. The clean water flowing from the taps of over 90 % of New York City homes depends on the forested cover and sustainable management of timber resources in the Catskills to protect one of the largest unfiltered water supplies in the world.

The primary (lumber, pulp/paper, and fuel wood) and secondary (flooring, furniture, and millwork) wood products manufacturing industry provides over 1,300 jobs in the Catskill Mountain Region and is a large contributor to the rural economy. The primary wood processing facilities located within the Catskills procure raw materials from state managed forests, city-owned Watershed lands, and non-industrial private forestland.

For more information on Catskill Mountain forest products or to request a free copy of the directory, please contact Collin Miller at the Watershed Agricultural Council's Forestry Program at (607) 865-7790, or download a PDF of the publication from the Watershed Products section of the WAC home page at www.nycwatershed.org.

The Watershed Agricultural Council is a Catskill-based non-profit organization based in Walton and Yorktown Heights that works with farm and forest-based businesses on economically viable solutions for watershed protection and land conservation. 🌲

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Anon.

Annual Shop Tour

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SCHENECTADY

Bill MacTiernan, 1076 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady – 372-7692

Parkwood Blvd. runs between Union Street and Nott Street in Schenectady. From Union Street, turn north on Parkwood, go about 3/4 of a block to No. 1076, on the east side.

COHOES / CLIFTON PARK AREA

Earl Liberty, 55 Mann Ave., Cohoes – 235-6543

From the Latham traffic circle, go north on Rt. 9 just over a mile to Rt. 9R. Take a right on Rt. 9R (Columbia Street Extension). Go into Cohoes, watch for and pass Conliss Ave. on the left, then pass Simmons Ave. on the left. The next street is Mann Ave., but the sign may be missing. There should be a Stewarts on one corner and DuFresne funeral home on the other. Turn left on Mann Ave., to the first house on the left.

John Michne, 10 Evergreen Ave., Clifton Park – 371-6690

Northway (I-87) to exit 8A (Grooms Road). Go west on Grooms road about a half mile to Evergreen Ave. Turn right on Evergreen Ave. to the fifth driveway on the right.

From the east, get to Rt. 146 (Balltown Road), and go north. Cross the Rexford bridge and go to the top of the hill to the light. Turn right (Riverview Road). A mile or two down the road there is a sharp curve to the left, with Riverview going straight. Take the left, which is Grooms Road. About 4 - 5 miles down Grooms Road, you will come to a light at Moe Road. Go through the light, and about a half mile on the left is Evergreen Ave. Turn left on Evergreen to the fifth driveway on the right.

Jim Kennedy, 86 Guideboard Road, Waterford – 371-4755

Northway (I-87) to Exit 8A (Grooms Road), then east on Grooms Road, cross Rt. 9. Grooms Road then becomes Guideboard Road. At the next light, continue straight on Guideboard about a mile to Jim's at No. 86, on the right.

From the village of Waterford, take county road 96 (6th Street, which soon becomes Middletown Road). Middletown eventually merges with Guideboard. Look for Jims on the left, at number 86.

RENSSELAER COUNTY AREA

Matt Bell, 88 West Sand Lake Road (State Route 150), Wynantskill – 283-9282

I-787 North/South to Exit 7E (378 East). Follow 378 East over the Hudson River (South Troy Bridge). At first light after going over the Hudson, take right onto Morrison Avenue (no sign). Go up steep hill on Morrison avenue to top of hill (light/Route 4). Take right at light onto Route 4 south. Going South on Route 4, continue through 3 lights and take a left at 4th light onto Route 136 East (Williams Avenue). Follow Williams Avenue/136 East through 1st light (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile), and continue on to the 2nd light (another 1.5 miles). At 2nd light, take right onto Route 150 South (landmark: Hoffman Car Wash on right hand side at light). Go 0.3 miles on Route 150 South, look for green mailbox with #88 on it.

Hal Bigelow, 469 Rt. 32 S, Schuylerville, 587-3847

Hal tells me his shop is on Rt. 32 S in Schuylerville, about 2 miles north of the Saratoga Battlefield. The hamlet is Quaker Springs, and his house is on the west side of the road. His mailbox is green, with 469 on it. There is a white Methodist church across the road. 🏡

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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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THE BEST OF SHOWCASE 2005

BEST IN SHOW



Jack Wyatt
Chippendale Chest of Drawers



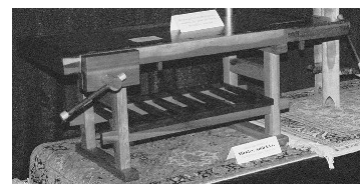
1st Place
William MacTiernan
Chippendale Table



2nd Place
Jack Wyatt
Tea Table



3rd Place
Charlie Beier - Table

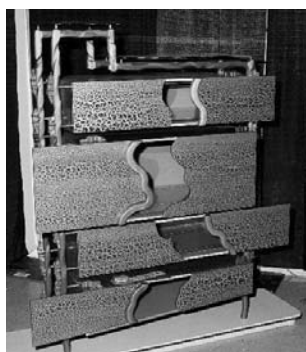


Honorable Mention
Joe Kennedy - Coffee Table

FURNITURE – Cases, Cabinets, Desks



1st Place
Jack Wyatt
Chippendale Chest of
Drawers



2nd Place
Rachael Bush
Cascadilla Dresser



3rd Place
John Olenik
Sideboard



Honorable Mention
Mike & Marion Kratky
Pie Safe

FURNITURE – Chairs



1st Place
Larry Zinn
Mission Sofa



2nd Place
Wm MacTiernan
Chinese Chair



3rd Place
Mark Levanway
Morris Chair



Honorable Mention
Ed Ballantine
Windsor
Rocking Chair

ACCESSORIES – Clocks, Boxes, Desk Top Pieces



1st Place
Clark Pell
Candy Carousel



2nd Place
Richard Carr
Clock



3rd Place
Jack Erickson
Library stool



Honorable Mention
Iulia Lee
Box

TOYS/MINIATURES – Play Things, Models



1st Place
Iulia Lee – Table



2nd Place
Jack Erickson
Escapement
Mechanism



3rd Place
Richard Dantz - Firetruck



Honorable Mention
Ken Bruner - Volvo Grader

FURNITURE – Adirondack And Accessories



1st Place
Bliss White McIntosh
Adirondack Bucket



2nd Place
Dave & Sandy Knudsen
Jewelry Box



3rd Place
Bob Rache
Table

CARVING – Representational, Conceptual, Decorative



1st Place
Frank & Carol Ruiz
Diving Loon



2nd Place
Bob Bradley - House Wren



3rd Place
Joe Boek - Eagle



Honorable Mention
Ed Hepp - Rocking Horse

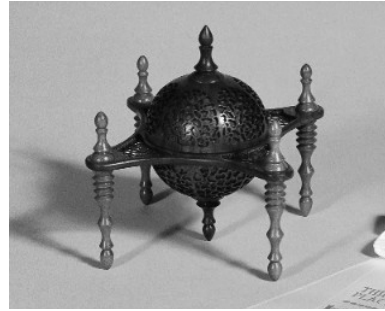
TURNING – Faceplate



1st Place
Keith Thompkins
"Tivoli"



2nd Place
Ken Evans
Tall Boxes



3rd Place
Paul Petrie
Box



Honorable Mention
John Franklin
Vase

TURNING – Spindle



1st Place
Keith Thompkins
"Merangue"



2nd Place
Iulia Lee – Jars



3rd Place
Bob Urso - Large Pen

TURNING – Segmented



1st Place
George Gurtler
Box



2nd Place
John Franklin
Basket



3rd Place
John LeClaire
Lighthouse

INLAY, INTARSIA, MARQUETRY



1st Place
Clark Pell
Fly Box



2nd Place
Thomas O'Donnell
Lion



3rd Place
Jeffrey Meuwissen
Fox

SCROLL SAWING



1st Place
M.K. Purohit
Clock



2nd Place
Joe Fisk
Parlor Table



3rd Place
Lois Remis
Jewelry Box

NOVICE – Any piece crafted by a novice



1st Place
Craig Thaler
Violyn



2nd Place
Carl Rubino
Wall Cabinet



3rd Place
Mike Zagorski - Guitar



Honorable Mention
MJ Foley
Coffee Table



Honorable Mention
James Pollotta
Plaque

OTHER SHOWCASE WINNERS NOT PICTURED

Furniture - Chairs

Honorable Mention
Tom Wetzel – Windsor Chair

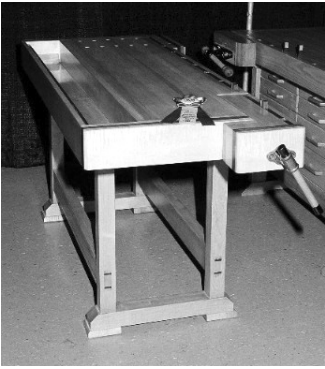
Accessories

Honorable Mention
Ed Van Wormer – Lathe Tool Box

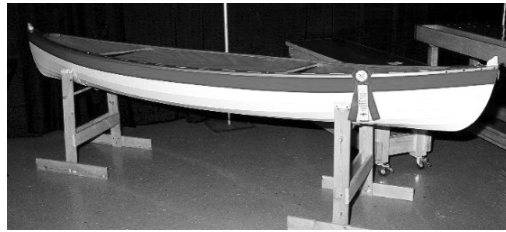
Carving

Honorable Mention
Bill McCormack – Walking Stick

OTHER – Fixtures, Shop equipment, Cooperage, Musical Instruments, Other



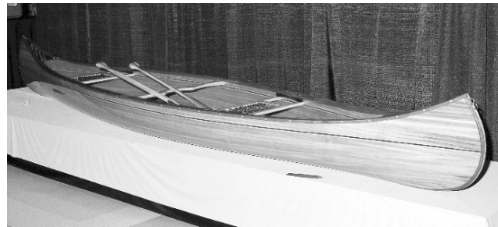
1st Place
John Skalla
Workbench



2nd Place
Mark & Barbara Turpin
Lapstrake Canoe



3rd Place
Jack Norray
Torpedo Level



Honorable Mention
Jim Schlemmer
Canoe

PROFESSIONAL



BEST MAJOR PIECE
Tom Wetzell
Settee



BEST SMALL PIECE
Tom Benware
Lamp



BEST DISPLAY PRESENTATION
and PEOPLES' CHOICE
Barry Gregson
Rustic Furniture

New NWA Members

- Austin Spang

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to NWA:

Richy Amos
Kenneth Bauer
Philomena Caricchio
Wally and Celia Carpenter
Jason Cohen
Greg Downs
Sandi Drumm
Matt Erikson
Darrell Everts
Dan, Rose and Nick Fera
Keith Fieldhouse
Richard Glover
Barry Gordon
Peter Halsch and Donna Gingell

Rhinebeck, NY
Albany, NY
Binghamton, NY
Loudonville, NY
Red Hook NY
Des Moines, IO
Westerlo NY
Schenectady, NY
Hudson Falls, NY
Saratoga Springs, NY
Ballston Lake, NY
Voorheesville, NY
Baldwinsville, NY
Saddle River, NJ

Ed Hepp
Mike Jennings
Jerry Lindley
Bob Malik and Lester Gibson
Lenny Peluso
Carl Rubino
Jim Schlemmer
John Sheeley
Ben Siegle
Ralph Simonson

Buskirk, NY
New Lebanon, NY
Hyde Park, NY
Nassau, NY
Rhinebeck, NY
Elizabethtown, NY
Troy, NY
Kingston, NY
Johnstown, NY
Mayfield, NY

We hope they enjoy being a member and participating in the activities of NWA.

Please give them a special welcome when you see them at any of our activities.

Learn to Turn a Candlestick

- Jack Teffenhart

The Adirondack Woodturners Association, a special interest group of the Northeastern Woodworkers Association, will hold a "Learn N Turn" at Sears on May 26 beginning at 9:00 AM and ending around 3:00 PM. Lunch will be a brown bag or in the Mall Food Court.

Each participant will turn a two-part candlestick with brass insert. The session will emphasize mounting wood in face-plate and spindle fashion, using hot glue to hold wood on the lathe, safety considerations, turning techniques with the gouge, parting tools and scraper, and having fun with the lathe.

The session is limited to 7 participants and the cost is \$20. Wood will be provided. Bring own your tools; a 3/8 inch gouge, a skew, a 1/2 inch scraper and a parting tool would be nice.

Volunteers are needed to assist. The instructor will be Ken Evans.

Please contact Jack Teffenhart at (518) 235-4978. 🐾

Too bad
all the people
who know how
to run this country
are busy
driving taxicabs
or cutting hair.

George Burns

NWA Showcase 2005

- Charlie Goddard

Thanks to the help from hundreds of NWA members and their families, we had another great show. More than 340 members volunteered their time, many taking more than one job assignment. With a total membership of about 800, the percentage of members who volunteer is remarkable.

Paid attendance was 4,653, down a little from last year, probably due to the heavy rain on Saturday. However, the rain did suppress the usual heavy rush to buy tickets before the show opened Saturday morning. Instead, ticket sales were steady all day.

The special exhibit "Women in Woodworking" was certainly a success. Our Mid-Hudson group did a great job demonstrating Jigs & Fixtures. The Toy Factory gave away over 300 birdhouse kits, many of which were assembled by the kids with the capable assistance of the birdhouse gang. The Toy Factory also gave out about 350 small toys and 15 of the large trailer trucks. Raffle ticket sales were brisk, thanks to the selection of great prizes such as wagons from Jay VanVranken, a jewelry box from Joe Kennedy and a bandsaw. As usual, the carvers, turners and scrollers attracted large crowds. Turners handed out over 300 tops and 48 pens. The Professional Gallery was given a new look, with some of the professionals demonstrating some work with hand tools.

The main exhibit hall contained more than 450 items made by our members and a few guests. We had quite a few first time exhibitors, something that we try to encourage each year. In all, 165 people exhibited at least one piece. The special exhibit of measuring tools attracted many interested people. Sixty-three new members were signed up at the Membership table and many went away with some guidance for getting started in woodworking from the Education booth. The lecture series had a good mix of topics and attracted about 1,600 people. Nowhere else is it possible to attend two full days of woodworking lectures, many by nationally known professionals, for \$10.

Among the hundreds of volunteers there are always a few who go the extra step and deserve recognition. Six new members of the organizing committee included Hal Bigelow, Women in Woodworking exhibit; Gerry O'Brien, Lecture Series; Mike Kratky, Judging and Awards; Allen Craft, Lighting and Electrical; Joe Kennedy, Jigs & Fixtures and Mike Kross, Website. Wayne Distin had retired from being Volunteers chairman but stepped back into that role when the current chairman became ill. The stalwart office crew of TA Lasinski, Pam Cook, Rosy Zinn, Jeanne Walker and Betty Andrews watched every move to ensure no one got away with anything. For fear of leaving some out, I won't try to name all the volunteers who spent so many hours to make the show a success, but please know that your efforts are appreciated.

Committee Chairs

Hal Bigelow	Special Exhibit	Terryann Lasinski	Office Manager
Allen Craft	Lighting & Electrical	Bill McCormack	Carvers
Dan Dearstyne	Raffle	Ken Miller	Measuring Exhibit
Wayne Distin	Volunteers	Gerry O'Brien	Lecture Series
Ken Evans	Turners	John Olenik	Exhibit Area
Herm Finkbeiner	Professional Furniture	Don Partridge	Education Booth
Pete Howe	Staging	Kitty Scharl	Ticket Sales
Hans Kappel	Videography	Jim Shea	Safety Officer
Joe Kennedy	Jigs & Fixtures	Austin Spang	Membership
Chuck & Peggy Kowalski	Publicity	Gary Spencer	Commercial Sales
Mike Kratky	Judging & Awards	Dale Swann	Treasurer
Mike Kross	Web Site	Jay VanVranken	Toy Factory
Dave Lasinski	Staging	Larry Zinn	2006 Gen. Chairman



NWA attends Joinery Symposium

- Herm Finkbeiner

A number of NWA members attended the Turning Symposium presented by the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers on Saturday April 9, 2005.

We all thank Darrell Welch for organizing the trip. After meeting at the Sears parking lot, the group, that included Darrell, Pat McCord, Kitty Scharl, Harry Judge, Lou Hill and myself, boarded a rented minivan and

drove to Manchester, NH. Dave and Sandy Knudsen were planning to stay in New Hampshire and drove separately.

After touring the sights of Manchester the minivan arrived at the Marriot Courtyard where Roger Meyers and Dave Anderson, President and Vice-president respectively of GNHW met us. A 3 1/2 hour dinner resulted. Once woodworkers get started there is no shutting them up!

The symposium consisted of 15 different topics, each 1 1/2 hours long. This resulted in only being able to attend 3 topics during the course of the day. My choices were Complex Joinery by Phil Lowe, Fixtures for Multiples by Bob LaCivita and Drawer Construction by Terry Moore. Each session was a detailed demonstration starting with an explanation of the objective and going through to a finished part. For example Phil Lowe showed us the plan for an armchair in the Chinese tradition with multiple curves including mortise and tenon joints meeting at compound angles (none of them 90°). He started with flat boards and at the end of the session he had completed one side of the chair which included not only making the joints but also band sawing the shape of each piece.

A quick trip back had us at Sears by 7:30 pm with everyone eager to try what was learned! 🛠️



Phil Lowe explaining a joint

The difference between stupidity and genius
is that genius has its limits.

Albert Einstein

The higher we soar the smaller we appear
to those who cannot fly.

Nietzsche

Layout and Measurement Exhibit Quite Successful

- Ken Miller

One measure of success is that the exhibit came off without a hitch because of the interesting items brought in by members. Another is by the interesting conversations the volunteers had with many of the visitors. Jim Moulton began by surveying the length of the exhibit with his Gurley transit. Stan Rosenberg takes credit for a hammer-welded framers square dated 1822 as the oldest item. From the middle and late 19th century Charlie Goddard contributed a wonderful collection of mortising and bevel gauges used in cabinet work and large scale construction. Ken Miller brought in a large variety of calipers and dividers and machinist tools from the period 1850 to 1930, and Mike Wayne displayed his traveller and rules. Ernie Conover came with a box of ivory rulers and other items used in cabinetry. Dick Flanders displayed a dial caliper and an inside outside ruler. Our exhibit was also measured up by Larry Zinn and Art Coleman with their lumber scaling rulers. Ken Miller felt like an antique with the drafting set he used in high school. John and Mike Miller added their stair gauges, levels and squares to show off the "superb" frame up of a door, window and stairs, fit for a mouse, but not for a house. In addition to the items mentioned, each contributor displayed a large variety of devices to illustrate much taken for granted in the category of measurement. Items were submitted for display during the exhibit, but Jay Van Vranken takes the prize. Although he nearly forgot about it, he did manage to show me a wonderful device with a magnetic slide for measuring the height of a circular saw blade after closing at 5 pm on Sunday. Volunteers Herb Cook, Don Griffin, Jerry Hawes, Ralph Lichtenstein and Don Gerfin were at ease after a brief introduction, and enjoyed the conversations with interested visitors. Dave Jarose, Pete Lawler, Bill van Brunt and Darrell Welch were concerned that they were unable to answer a few questions, but were much relieved when they learned that the participants did not always have good answers either. There is much to learn, and this exhibit with new and unusual items sparked an interest by a few visitors to ask about the possibility of having a get together of members interested in unusual tools. Perhaps next year we can have a session during one of the lecture slots in which admission consists of bringing 5 or 10 or your unusual tools for discussion. 🛠️

Kids Assemble 300 Kits at Toy Factory

- Jay Van Vranken

Once again the Northeast Woodworkers Showcase Toy Factory was a huge success. Everyone that helped with the Toy Factory were kept busy putting wheels on the small vehicles and the handing them out, building tandem tractor trailers or helping kids put birdhouse kits together. There were around 300 birdhouse kits that had been prepared beforehand and kids assembled most of them at the show.

The jig that the "Saturday morning at Jim's" crew built for assembling the bird house kits was the best thing that could have happened. **Many thanks to Pete Howe**, who along with his wife helped kids paint their birdhouses, **Bart Chabot** and numerous other volunteers who worked with the kids. While I am talking



Hanna DeLucia of Burnt Hills proudly shows off her assembled and decorated birdhouse.

about the birdhouse kits, I want to thank the groups from the **Mid-Hudson and Sacandaga Chapters** and the "Saturday at Jim's" crew plus all the other individuals that built birdhouse kits prior to the show.

Around the corner from the birdhouse assembly line, Tandem Tractor Trailers were being produced. They were very time consuming so only about 15 units were built and handed out. I had to laugh, one of the winners was a child in a stroller who was about 18 months old, and her parents had entered her name. But things worked out, she had older brothers and sisters. I want to personally thank those who worked putting wheels on the small vehicles or building the trucks. Individuals that I want to mention that went that extra mile include **Frank and Joanne Netzer, Bill Reynolds and especially James Peacock**, who worked with me from Friday afternoon until Sunday evening when we finally wrapped up everything and were able to go to a local restaurant for supper and some liquid refreshment. There is also one other person to thank and that is **Joe De Julio** who with the **Rigid Tool Company** has donated all the power tools that are used in the Toy Factory and the item that is given to the lucky volunteer each year.

After six years of being in charge of the Toy Factory, I am stepping down and retiring from that position. It has been very enjoyable but it's time to move on. Maybe I'll volunteer to help Don Partridge in his booth; I ended up answering most of the questions that people asked him anyway (just kidding, Don).

Thanks to all. 🐼

It's Election Time Again

- John Michne

The NWA by-laws specify that the membership meeting in May shall be the annual meeting, at which the election of officers for next year will be held. In accordance with the bylaws, the Nominating Committee will present Ken Evans as the nominee for Vice President/Program Chairman. The bylaws specify that the current Vice President/Program Chair shall succeed to the Presidency for the year following election. Therefore, John Michne, the current Vice President, will become President for the coming year.

The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for two-year terms, with the terms staggered so that only one of these positions is filled each year. In 2005, Austin Spang has accepted the nomination for Treasurer, succeeding Dale Swann.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election. Anyone so nominated must be willing to accept the nomination and serve if elected.

The Board of Directors will determine chairpersons for standing and ad hoc committees. Those names will appear in the list of officers and chairpersons on page 2 in the July Woodworkers News. Anyone interested in chairing or serving on any of the committees can contact John Michne by phone at (518) 371-6690 or by email at jmichne1@nycap.rr.com. 🐼

Woodcraft Classes - May, 2005

Sunday, May 1, 11:30am - 3:30pm
All About The Bandsaw - Eric Marczak

Thursdays, May 5, 12 & 19, 6pm - 9pm
Refinishing - Eric Marczak

Saturday, May 7, 9am - 5:30pm
WU Turning 101- Ken Evans

Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, 11:30 - 3:30
Build A Rustic Table - Eric Marczak

Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22, 11am - 6pm
European Style Carving Workshop - with Nora Hall

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CHAPTER NEWS

Mid-Hudson Woodworkers at Showcase 2005

- Wally Cook

The Jigs and Fixtures section of Showcase attracted quite a bit of attention at Showcase this year. Jigs and Fixtures Chairman Joe Kennedy planned to incorporate hands-on demonstrations at the booth, so that attendees could see how specialized jigs are used. As a consequence, each demonstration attracted a gathering.

Dap Cole made believers of those folks who questioned whether a planer could really produce a board less than 1/16" thick. Dap consistently produced such boards, using the long melamine bed he designed for his planer table. While Dap showed how to make translucent boards, Ron Wolfeld demonstrated inexpensive jigs used to keep planer blades at their most efficient cutting edge.

Hand tools were also featured. John Grossbohlin brought his simple shooting boards for making perfect miters. John has had plenty of experience with the use of traditional woodworking techniques from his experience at colonial Williamsburg. Joe Kennedy set up a 'teaching bench' to practice hand cut dovetails. Joe's bench, housing four vises, allowed attendees to cut both pins and tails at different stations. Next door, Bob Boisvert showed how to set up the Lee Valley dovetail jig for those who prefer the use of a router.

A great deal of the success of the Jigs and Fixtures display relates to the variety of tools gathered at the display area. Thanks to all who contributed their time and special jigs for use at Showcase!

Of course not all the Mid-Hudson folk stayed at Jigs and Fixtures. Both Kathy Powell and Bill Reynolds took their usual places at the Toy Factory, while others worked in the carving booth, antique plane displays and other stations.

The quality of work displayed at Showcase 2005 certainly will be hard to match next year. The Mid-Hudson Chapter was well represented in the 'Women in Woodworking' display by Joyce Washington and Lee Crummins. Congratulations are in order for all those who brought items, as well as those whose work earned awards.

Award winners from Mid-Hudson Chapter included John Franklin and Keith Tompkins



Mike Holst and Matt Clarke discuss the O'Malley Dust Collector



Joe Kennedy at the dovetail practice bench



Ron Wolfeld demonstrates his sharpening jig

CHAPTER NEWS

Kaatskill Wood Turners

- Wally Cook

The April meeting featured Paul Petrie, Jr. on 'Holding Devices for Wood Turning'. Paul specializes in turning spheres and other small objects. Naturally, these items can be difficult to mount securely on the lathe.

Paul brought a number of handmade and manufactured holding devices for use in turning between centers, spindle turning, and face-plate turning. Each application was described and the object passed among the audience.

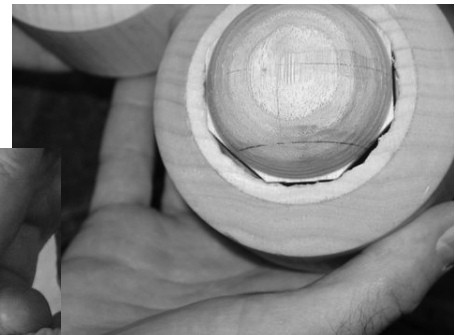
Of particular note are the holding devices that Paul made by turning morris tapers for direct insertion in head and tail stocks. Small cup surfaces were turned at the end of the tapers to hold round objects; these cups were lined with leather or inner tube rubber. Any type of holding shape can be produced, while the morris taper shape provides secure attachment in the head stock. Generally, Paul makes the tapers out of maple.

More complicated holding jigs were fashioned to make spheres and hollow vessels. Paul is well known for his spherical pieces including the Singapore ball displayed at Showcase. The inset picture shows a holding device to begin the turning for half a sphere. A companion jam chuck is used to hold the sphere, in order to finish the reverse side.

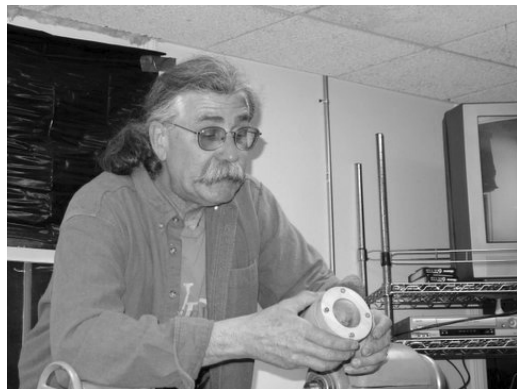
Paul's main message is that inventiveness applied to holding devices opens up new vistas for design and execution of turned pieces. In many cases, the solution for holding a piece is simple to make from readily available materials.



Singapore ball displayed at Showcase 2005



Holding device for turning one half of a sphere



Paul explains the use of his spherical holding jig



Cup chuck on the end of maple morris taper



Bill Bush made a presentation on finishing techniques to 22 members of the Sacandaga Chapter at their April 13 meeting

Open House at Peebles Island State Park and Resource Center

The 26th Annual Open House will be held on Saturday, May 14th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the New York State Resource Center at Peebles Island in Waterford. You can get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the State's conservation and preservation facility. Items from all of the State-owned historic sites are sent to Peebles Island for conservation, restoration and repair. The Resource Center will be open to the public and will have exhibits, presentations and demonstrations showing the types of work done there. It's a great opportunity to learn about the history of various historic sites and the pieces on display, see how the work is done and talk to the conservators about the problems encountered and methods used in their work. Each laboratory (Furniture, Textiles, Paintings, Paper and Objects) will display items in various stages of conservation.

You can reach Peebles Island via Cohoes on Ontario Street, Route 470 east from I-787. Turn left onto Delaware Avenue; continue to parking. From Troy, take Second Avenue to the 112th Street Bridge; cross the Hudson River and make the first right onto Delaware Avenue; continue to parking. For more information you can call (518) 237-8643, ext. 0. 🐾

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Culture is not life in its entirety
but just the moment of security,
strength and clarity.

Buddha

Building Committee Update

- Pat McCord

Several months ago a Building Committee was established to explore whether NWA should acquire a building that could serve several purposes and if so, would it be feasible. The Committee is looking for a building that could accommodate a shop for instruction and members' use as well as meeting, classroom, and storage space. To date, the Committee has met twice and done a preliminary analysis of the home addresses of the membership to establish the location that would be most convenient for the largest number of members. We are now trying to identify possible existing buildings that might be available at little or no cost (i.e. vacant schools, warehouses, churches, etc.). The committee will also look at what is available in the real estate market and also the possibility of acquiring land and constructing a building.

Should you have any information or suggestions that would be useful to the Committee, please contact me at 439-1232 or at tmccord@localnet.com. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 3rd at Sears. If you would like to become involved, please join us. 🐾

Clark Pell Awarded Best in Show at Long Island...Again!

- Pat McCord

Congratulations to NWA member Clark Pell who captured the Best in Show award at the Long Island Woodworking Show with his incredible marquetry for the second consecutive year. Clark's winning piece, a box made of satinwood and walnut with a fishing theme, was entered in this year's Showcase and received a blue ribbon in the



This fly book/box was runner-up to Best In Show at Saratoga and won Best In Show at Long Island.

‘Marquetry, Inlay, Intarsia’ category. The piece for which Clark won Best in Show at Long Island last year appears in the June, 2005 issue of *Woodwork* magazine.

Clark will be making a presentation on “Double Bevel Marquetry” at this month’s general meeting on May 12th and conducting a marquetry workshop on Saturday, May 14th, at Sears in Colonie Center. If you’re interested in attending the workshop, please call Ken Evans at (518) 753-7759. 🐾

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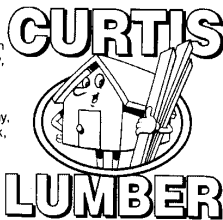
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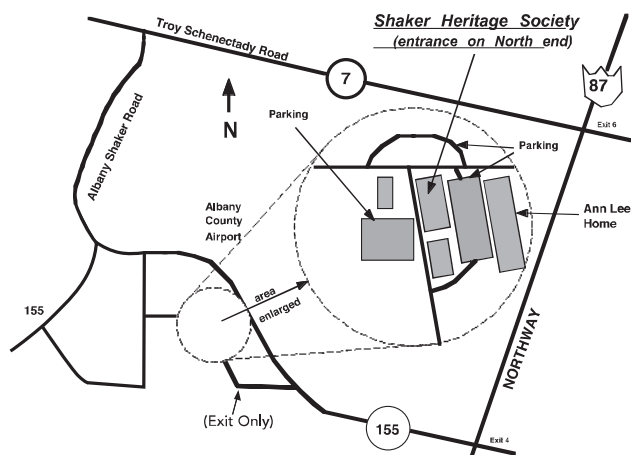
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Thursday, May 12, 7 pm.

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GENERAL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

NWA Program Schedule – 2004-2005

May 12, 2005	"Double Bevel Marquetry" - Clark Pell Shaker Meeting House
May 14, 2005	Workshop Tours, Dates and Locations on Page 3
May 14, 2005	Marquetry Workshop – Clark Pell Sears

For meeting cancellation information,
call Pat McCord 439-1232,
John Michne 371-6690
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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Clifton Park Senior Center from 6:30 pm to 9:00 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 6 p.m. at Woodcraft, Latham. Contact Will Charbonneau, 371-3709 or wcharbol@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.

CHAPTERS

NWA Mid-Hudson -The chapter meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday, except July and August, at the Central Hudson Electric Company Community Center, Route 28, Kingston. Contact: Joe Mikesh, (845) 687-4285

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.