

WOODWORKERS NEWS



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February Meeting

New York Forests and the Future

***Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:00 PM
Shaker Heritage Society Meetinghouse
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY***

Are you worrying about the future of New York State's hardwoods? What changes are already visible in the state's forests? Mark Levanway is an NWA member and occasional instructor who retired from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as the Head of the State Forest section in the Albany office. He has a degree in Forestry from SUNY College of Forestry (now called the College of Environmental Science and Forestry) and worked as a Forester for NYS DEC for 30 years. He will provide some answers to these questions at NWA's next monthly meeting on February 13, 2020.



Emerald ash borer



Southern Pine beetle

SHOWCASE IS LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY!

Get those projects completed,
the challenge done, sign up for
volunteering and yes, help getting vendors.

Remember, March 28-29, 2020
will be here before you know it!

Post Cards, Business Cards,
and Yard Signs are available by 2/1/20
at 97 Railroad Avenue.



The Showcase 2020 Gallery Exhibit Entry Form is NOW OPEN!

The Online Form, a printable PDF Entry Form, and a printable description of the Categories and 2020 Woodworkers Challenge can be found here:

<https://woodworker.org/about-showcase/>

We need YOUR entries! Over the past several years, we've had a steady decline in the number of Gallery Items, **let's try to turn this around in 2020!** Get an early start, recruit friends and family, and register and display previously judged items, too!

This year's Woodworker Challenge is: A Picture Frame for Your Work! We want examples from all our various woodworker styles, skill levels, and SIGs. Fine Woodworking, General Woodworkers, Carvers, Pyrographers, Scrollers, ... All wood working methods and styles are welcome!!

For those of you that need them, a small number of paper forms will be available at The Shop on Railroad Ave and at the NWA meetings from now until March.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me!

Sincerely,

Dale Lombardo, Showcase Judging Co-Chair

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QR Code link for smartphones or tablets:



January 9, 2020 General Meeting

By Susan McDermott

Announcements

Wally Carpenter - Get your projects done for display, the challenge of picture frames, sales in NWA Store. Fewer than 70 days remain, and they fly by fast! There is a great need for more frame entries. Available parking will be a new issue as construction has taken over the area near the Center. See map on Page 12 for alternatives and consider carpooling.

Please help us recruit more vendors. There are post cards and business cards at the shop. So are yard signs. See the NWA website (<https://woodworker.org/>) for more information about Showcase. Dale Lombardo's NWA Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NortheasternWoodworkers/> has much information about Showcase.

President Rich Cerruto - The Grand Opening of the shop was January 15 at 11:00 AM.

May elections of NWA officers approaches. We seek nominations for Vice President and Treasurer.

Instant Gallery

- Dale Lombardo's chip carved cake plate can measure 21 equal slices.
- Brian Mays' polished bowl has a translucent epoxy lip.
- Jon Hedman's guitar has beer cap knobs and amplifier pick up.
- Bill Rogers made many tea towel holders.
- Mark Levanway displayed his collection of 1800's to current rulers.
- New member John Slezak displays his bandsaw boxes. The black and white ebony with Gabon ebony drawers won both First Place and Best in Show at the Florida State Fair.



Lombardo's cake plate

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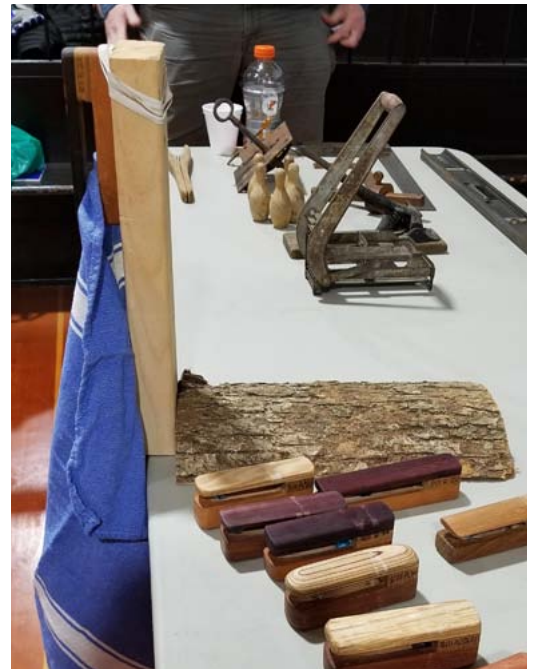
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Hedman's guitar



Mays' polished bowl



Rogers' tea towel holders



Levanway's rulers

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Slezak's prize winning bandsaw box



Slezak's guitar trinket box



His valentines box



Small box



Slezak graceful bandsaw box



Interior of same box

Preston Sweeney: Collecting Old Tools

Preston Sweeney teaches Industrial Arts for the Saratoga Springs City School District these past 15 years. At Showcase 2019 program he and his son presented some of the rare wood working tools he has collected and restored. Preston was then invited to present at January's General Meeting, and he graciously accepted.

Preston's father was a trim carpenter by trade, and Preston learned his skills in interior wood working by helping his dad. But his father urged Preston to seek a professional career as the building trades struggled in the 1970's. Preston earned his college degree and entered teaching which he loves. He enjoys wood working but takes greater pleasure in collecting and restoring hand tools. He is the NY Region Director of the Mid-West Tool Collectors.

Preston began by introducing his wife and children who helped him set up his considerable collection to the members. He explained the motivation for his collecting tools, documents, and their histories. It is fun. It creates networking with other collectors. For some who sell what they acquire, there is potential income. But most important, collecting preserves the history of earlier industries, trades and their tools. Preston also collects paper documents, catalogues, manuals, and receipts.

Preston tracks tool patents on the Internet and *The Directory of American Tool and Machinery*. He does type studies to identify the age and manufacturer of specific tools. He displayed several Stanley #3 planes as an example of their evolution.

He mentioned miniature tools which have no use but remarkable craftsmanship. Marco Terenzi's website on fine miniatures is worth exploring, <https://www.marcoterenzi.com/>

Garrett Hack's book *Hand Tool Classics*

<https://www.amazon.com/Classic-Hand-Tools-Garrett-Hack/dp/1561582735> is a great read.

Good resources for collecting tools and information are:

Midwest Tool Collectors <https://mwtpa.org/>

Early American Industries Association <https://eaiainfo.org/>

Crafts of New Jersey <https://craftsofnj.org/>

Pacific Northwest Tool Collectors Association <https://pntc.website/>

Where can one find tools? Flea markets, garage sales, estate sales, tool meets, Internet, eBay. But better sources are Martin Donnelly's antique tools <https://www.mjdtools.com/>

and Brown's Auction Service and Fine Tool Journal <https://www.finetoolj.com/>

The "bible" on planes is Roger Smith's books Volume I and II that can be found on ebay.



Introductory Display



Demonstration plane for classroom instruction



How is the value of a tool determined? It is worth what someone is willing to pay for! But condition, rarity, age, and manufacturer quality are factors.

To restore or not? There are methods for cleaning and polishing that preserves engraving and labels. See Rob Porter's method. There are good videos on cleaning up hand planes.

Editor's note: NWA member Dave Parkis can be consulted about restoring hand planes. Visit his Hand Tools SIG the first and third Tuesday nights at the shop at 7:00 PM.

Preston invites NWA members to contact him with questions and comments

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Leonard Bailey vertical post plane No. 3 (These planes were manufactured from 1861 until 1869)



NWA Hosts Open House

(article revised from earlier announcement)

On Wednesday, January 15th at 11:00 AM NWA held its long awaited Grand Opening of the new Herm Finkbeiner Learning Center (aka "Shop"). Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan, Chamber of Commerce President, Tom Nolte, and his aide, Christine O'Connor joined NWA members for a ribbon cutting ceremony and the event was covered by the Times Union.

See <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Woodworkers-learning-center-Colonie-14959048.php#photo-18885635>

NWA members of the various SIGs worked on and displayed projects to show a great variety of wood working skills and outcomes. The shop tour was given to invited dignitaries by AWA President, Kevin Ramsey. NWA Secretary, Chris Stolicky took pictures of the event which can be viewed on this link.

<https://flickr.com/photos/33681182@N08/sets/72157712689721036>

The goal of this event was to inform the public and local government about our organization to drive membership and community relationships in furtherance of our mission of educating the current and future woodworkers of the Northeast.

Lauren Halligan of the Saratogian wrote a front-page article on the grand opening with some excellent photos.

Click on this link

https://www.saratogian.com/multimedia/northeastern-woodworkers-association-herm-finkbeiner-learning-center-grand-opening-ribbon/collection_0085493e-37c0-11ea-8424-6b43c4c7a0dc.html#1

NWA Publicist, John Olenik must be recognized for his very successful outreach to news publications, Albany County representatives, the Colonie Chamber of Commerce, and Supervisor Mahan.



Ribbon Cutting



Dave Mobley and President Rich Cerruto



Dave tells NWA history to Supervisor Paula Mahan



Chamber of Commerce President Tom Nolte on the left



Right with pink tie is County Legislator Nathan Bruschi



NWA Publicist John Olenik talks with dignitaries



Kevin Ramsey explains shop's activities



NWA T-Shirt Design Contest

We are looking for someone to design a T-Shirt for *Northeastern Woodworkers Association*.

Will that Someone be YOU?

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

- * 1 year NWA Family Membership (worth \$60)
- * One T-Shirt with your Design
- * 4 free passes to the 2020 NWA SHOWCASE

Anyone can participate.
 You may submit more than one design.
 We will be using a Gildan Sport Grey t-shirt.
 No more than 2 colors over the grey t-shirt.
 Do not mention any dates or Showcase.

**The initials NWA or
 Northeastern Woodworkers Association
 must be somewhere in the design.**

All Designs must be submitted by:
 Feb.14, 2020 in person to **Pam C.** or
 via email: **NwaPopupShop@gmail.com**

Any questions, call Pam C. @518-374-9562.

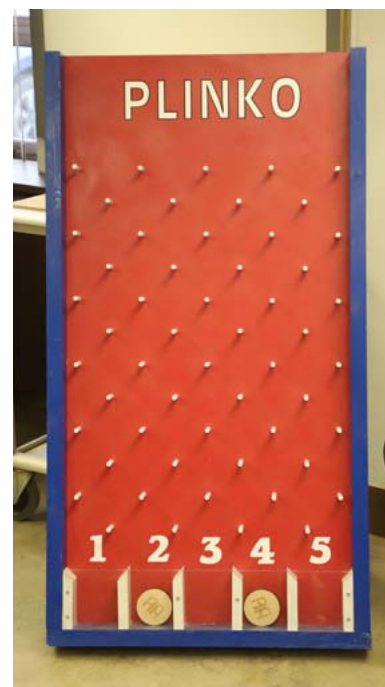
What have NWA Crafters Been Up To?

By Susan McDermott

It is well known that the Crafters SIG members devote many hours to wood working projects that are given to a large community of service organizations. The Double H Ranch is the recipient of six custom built board games. The Rensselaer County Hospice will accept the restored bench, chairs, and tables for the outdoor garden.



Crafters' toys for Double H Ranch



Plinko



Spill Some Milk and Moon Landing



Bench chair and table



Second chair

NWA SHOWCASE Pop up Shop

ATTENTION!!!!

**Members can again SELL
their own wood related craft items at
NWA SHOWCASE 2020**



The Store at Showcase, now called the “NWA Pop up Shop,” will now accept handcrafted wood related items from our general members, for *Consignment Sales*.

Previously we only sold items from our Special Interest Groups, (SIGS) and donations from our members.

NWA will retain a 30% commission of the selling price and also collect and file the taxes.

If you are interested and would like more information
and a registration form,
**Please contact via email: NwaPopupShop@gmail.com
Or call, Pam Curtis at 518-374-9562.**



NWA Pop up Shop

Sales Agreement

Please Print Neatly— this information will be kept confidential.

First Name	Last Name	
Address		
Home Phone	Cell	
Email		

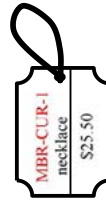
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I, _____ agree to allow the NWA to sell my wood creation at the NWA Pop up Shop. I have read and agree to all the Rules of Sale and Tagging information.

SELLING YOUR WOODWORKING AT SHOWCASE RULES OF SALE

1. All sale information and transactions will be done through the NWA Pop up Shop on the Vendor Floor. **You must be an NWA member with current paid status.**
2. Items can be wood, wood and mixed media or made with tools that are normally associated with wood working.
3. All items must be pre-registered and approved by the Pop up Shop.
Contracts need to be sent to "nwaPopUpShop@gmail.com" The DEADLINE for PRE-REGISTRATION is Saturday, March 20, 2020. PHOTOS OF EACH ITEM MUST BE INCLUDED!
4. Upon approval, a personal selling code will be sent to you for tagging purposes. If you sold last year you will keep the same code.
5. NWA will collect a 30% commission of the selling price. NWA will also collect and be responsible for sales tax and any applicable fees for charge cards. Checks will be sent out within 3 weeks.
6. All efforts will be made to keep your item safe from theft or damage. However, NWA is not responsible for any losses.
7. Any items not sold must be picked up at the end of the show on Sunday after 5:15 unless previous arrangements have been made. Any items not accounted for after tear down of the booth, will become the property of the NWA Pop up Shop.
8. You may display business cards as long as they are properly contained.

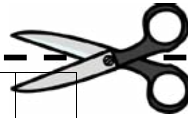
In the past, items under \$20 sell the quickest. Some well crafted bowls and furniture have sold for much higher prices.



TAGGING

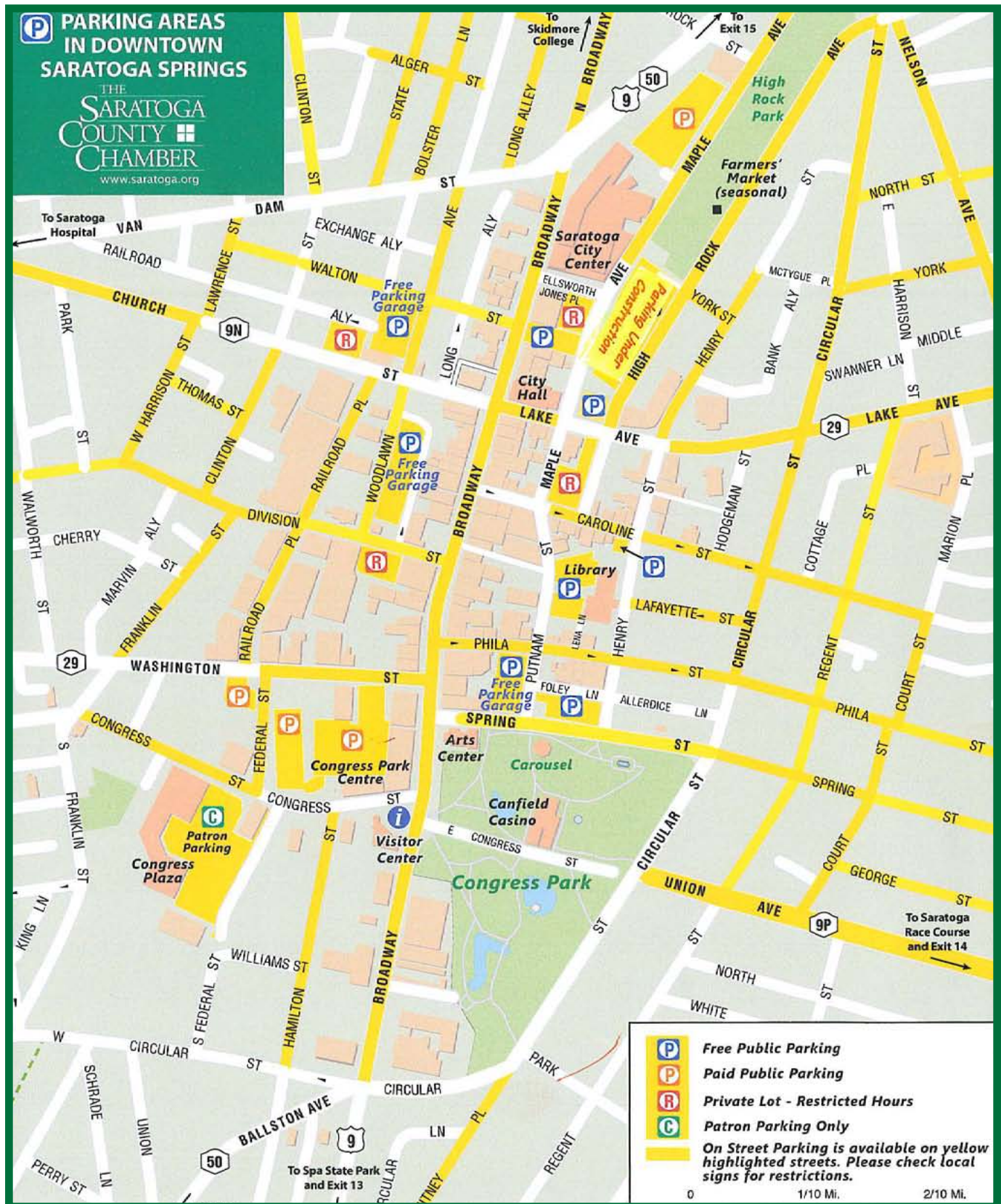
1. All items require a separate sales tag. Tags need to be labeled with the store code, MBR, followed by a personal code (assigned to you by the Shop) and an item number.
2. A brief description must be included.
3. Below that will be the sale price. All prices must have a dollar sign, \$, and show dollars and cents. Ex. \$10.00 Not \$10—. Please limit cents to .25, .50, .75 or .00. **No** \$.99. Example, \$23.25, yes.

For any questions contact Pam Curtis, via email at,
nwaPopUpShop@gmail.com



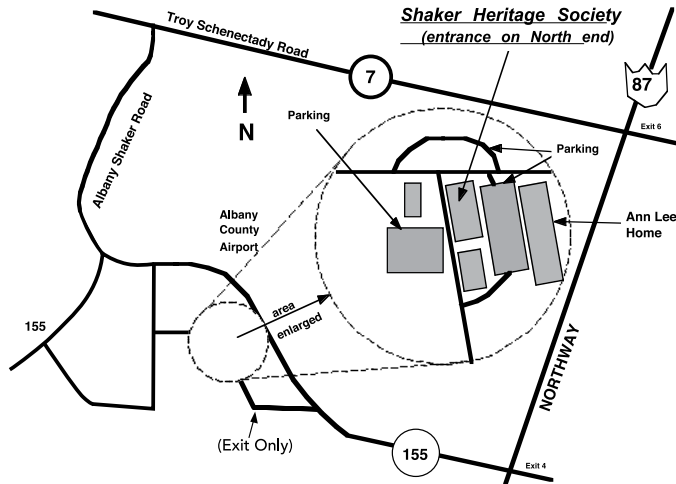
SHOWCASE 2020 PARKING

Parking for the event is available at locations around the City Center. **IMPORTANT:** Due to construction of a new parking garage there is limited parking near the center. Please look for opportunities to carpool to minimize parking impact for our attendees.



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Thursday, February 13, 2020 7:00 PM
Shaker Heritage Society Meetinghouse
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY



2020 MONTHLY MEETINGS*

Unless noted otherwise, held at the Shaker Meetinghouse on the Second Thursdays at 7:00 PM

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

March 12th - Seat Weaving - Lorraine Weissen

April 9th - TBA (Program presented by Mid-Hudson Chapter)

May 14th - Turning Topic - Ray Puffer

*To be updated with additional information

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs): Please note meetings will commence at our new location at 97 Railroad Avenue.

Adirondack Woodturners Association (AWA) - The AWA is active throughout the year. **General** Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month (except in January and July when it is the second Wednesday), at the NWA Learning Center located at 97 Railroad Avenue, Colonie, NY from 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM. **Contact:** Pam Bucci, President at 518-429-6440 or woolglass2@gmail.com

Spindle and Pen Turners - Meets Mondays 5:30 PM - 8:45 PM. Contact: Pam Bucci at 518-429-6440 or woolglass2@gmail.com
Wednesday "Learn and Turn" sessions occur on all other Wednesdays at the NWA Learning Center. These sessions run 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM. www.adirondackwoodturners.com **Contact:** Pam Bucci at 518-429-6440 or woolglass2@gmail.com

Scroller's Guild - Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the NWA Learning Center located at 97 Railroad Avenue, Colonie, NY. Shop opens at 5:30 PM both Wednesdays followed by a general meeting at 7:00 PM on the fourth Wednesdays. **Contact:** Tom O'Donnell at Todonnell180@gmail.com

Kaatskill Woodturners - Second Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at the Opdahl property in Hurley, NY. **Contact:** Wally Cook at wally.cook@gmail.com

NWA Crafters - Meet Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00 AM to noon. They 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:** Wayne Distin at 518-674-4171 or wdistin@nycap.rr.com, Ken Evans at 518-281-0779 or kevans1@nycap.rr.com, or John Heimke at heimkj@sage.edu for more information.

The NWA Wood Carvers SIG - Meet 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursdays 5:00-8:30 PM all year at the NWA Learning Center located at 97 Railroad Avenue, Colonie, NY. The goal is to promote the art of wood carving and to have a good time doing it. The only prerequisite is a desire to carve while making new friends. Wood, tools, and patterns are available. **Contact:** Diane Balch at 518-885-9899 or signs@balchsigns.com

Hand Tool SIG - Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00-9:00 PM in the Herm Finkbeiner Education Center at 97 Railroad Avenue, Colonie, NY. **Contact:** Dave Parkis at 518-429-6581 for further details: dparkis@nycap.rr.com

CHAPTERS

NWA Mid-Hudson - The chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday, except July, at the Hurley Reformed Church. The Church is just off the Hurley exit from Rte. 209. Right at the exit, right at the stop sign and left into the Church parking area. **Contact:** midhudsonwoodworkers.org Jim Lee, President - (845)382-6045