

# WOODWORKERS NEWS



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## April Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2010, 7:00 pm

**Getting Started In Woodworking -**  
Presented by George Rutledge

By *Charlie Goddard*

Each year NWA gains about 80 new members at Showcase, most are new to woodworking. This year we decided to use the April meeting to get these new members off and running with their new avocation. The speaker will be George Rutledge, a long time NWA member and accomplished woodworker. His topic will be "Getting Started in Woodworking".

George has been a woodworker for over 35 years, getting his start with Ian Kirby. He spent three years as a student with Kirby and remained for another year working as an apprentice. Other woodworking experience includes running his own commercial shop and working at commercial millwork shops and trade show companies. Currently, he works at Wadsworth Labs, part of the State Health Department, where he makes laboratory fixtures used by the scientists. He is primarily a flat-boarder, but likes to include carving in his work. You may have seen the items he exhibited at Showcase this year, four of the five items have carved details.

George is no stranger to the classroom having taught woodworking classes at the Arts Center of the Capital District for 9 years and a number of classes for NWA. The latest NWA class included finger joints and drawer making.

In his presentation he will give his own personal approach to woodworking and how it might apply to those just getting started. He will touch on setting up a shop, safety and hand tools vs. power tools. He will discuss the "why" of woodworking as well as the "how". For those who have been woodworkers for some time, don't worry, he will have some gems for you too. 🐿

## KWA News

By *Wally Cook*

**Simple Steps to Segmented Turning:** Steve Hammerling is a new member of the NWA, but has been a woodworker for a number of years. He became interested in segmented turning and has produced some complicated pieces. However, he demonstrated an easy method for a beginner to get comfortable with segmentation, using a checkered hollow form as an example.



*Steve Hammerling with his segmented pieces.*

The approach that was shown is ring lamination, which is the building up of layers of circular layers or wafers.

The first step is to plan the design of the hollow form and the number of layers required to complete the piece. Steve draws the form and the dimensions for each component wafer (both inside and outside dimensions).



*The completed checkered hollow form.*

Next, the lamination stock is prepared. Steve used cherry and maple cut into scant 3/8" wide strips for this project. Using a sled, the strips are planed on both sides (the sled helps to avoid snipe). The strips are stacked in a gluing tray – seven alternating strips of maple and walnut with the grain running in the same direction. Steve uses Titebond II (rub the strips a little

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when gluing the pieces) and clamps for 30 minutes. The plank is ready for working in as short a time as 60 minutes, but can be left for a longer period. A helpful reminder is to put painters tape on the outside layer of the plank before clamping, because there is squeeze-out from the excess glue.

Multiple circles or wafers can be cut from the completed plank. Using the plan, transfer the diameter of the circles to the plank and cut out with bandsaw or scroll saw – make sure the center is marked clearly. Each wafer is mounted on the lathe by bringing up the tailstock on the marked center and pressing to a sacrificial surface mounted on a faceplate. The wafer is secured to the faceplate with double sided tape (heavy duty carpet tape). Note: the sacrificial wooden surface on the faceplate is the mounting surface for the wafer. It must be true – Steve uses sandpaper glued to a section of MDF to sand this surface while the lathe is running. Similarly, he has a 16”x16” plywood board with sandpaper glued to the surface used to true the individual wafers before they are mounted on the lathe.

The wafers are turned to exact dimension (inside and outside) and glued in pairs. Each wafer is turned 180 degrees from the preceding layer. The bottom pair is mounted and turned, adding more sections as the hollow form starts to take shape. The bottom is built-up to the center section and then the top half is separately formed using the same process. Finally top and bottom halves are glued together and the outside of the hollow form is finished on the lathe as one piece.



*Gluing sled and faceplate used in the project.*



*Individual ring or wafer: 16 were used in this project.*



*Gluing pairs of succeeding rings.*

If you want work well done, select a busy man;  
the other kind has no time.

Elbert Hubbard

# Woodworking instructors for a summer camp?

By Michael@frenchwoods.com

French Woods is a large private summer camp in upstate NY near the Pennsylvania border. We are famous for our theater, dance, circus and music programs, but we also offer more than 80 daily activities in art, magic, sports, horseback, skateboard, film and video, fitness, rock and roll, and all the traditional summer camp activities. We cater to children from 7-17 years old. Younger camper has more guidance and supervision, while older campers are able to

Take on some responsibility and have a chance to work in the areas of their interest. Each camper designs his or her own unique summer experience and is able to focus on one particular area of interest, or they may choose to select a variety of our activities. Full details on the program are at [www.frenchwoods.com](http://www.frenchwoods.com).

The job is running our woodworking program, teaching a variety of woodworking skills to children and helping them make small to medium sized projects. We do quite a bit of scrollsaw work, some turning and carving, a bit of furniture design, and many assorted small projects. The shop is about 3000 Sq ft, and features fine quality tools – Powermatic jointer and planer, Dewalt table saw and scrollsaws, etc, all hooked up to an overhead dust-collection system. We work primarily in pine, but have some short lengths of Oak, Cherry, and other hardwoods suitable for small projects. The work day is made up of 6, 1-hour classes with 15 minute breaks in-between, plus whatever maintenance and setup are required. The position is live-on-site, we provide housing and food (4 meals a day) some entertainment (music, dance, and rock concerts, theater and circus shows, etc.) a salary, travel assistance, and the possibility of tuition assistance for camp-aged children.

Interested parties can call or email me directly, [michael@frenchwoods.com](mailto:michael@frenchwoods.com) 954-346-7455 or can fill out the online application on our website [www.frenchwoods.com](http://www.frenchwoods.com). 🐾

## CLASSIFIEDS

### For Sale

I have a **JET jointer for sale, model # JJ-6CSX**. It has a 46" bed & is 6" wide. It has a 1 HP 1Ph motor. I bought it new & used it approximately 4 hours. \$500 or best offer. Dave Jarose (518) 785-8610. It has accessory's & two extra sets of knives.

**Legacy Machine model 1500EXL**. Asking \$3,000. Call (518) 638-8634.

You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

Sam Levenson

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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 Chapter News*

*By Wally Cook*

**BAB 2.0:** We now have BAB 2.0 in completion at the Opdahl Building. The creation of mastermind David Bird, BAB stands for "Large Box"... or something like that... Anyway, it is a sound proofing container for the dust collector in the shop. David's original BAB used cotton batting (a dense version of ground up blue jeans) as the sound insulator and it cut down the decibel level significantly. BAB 2.0 is on a rolling base and will be positioned as needed in the Opdahl Building. The Wednesday crew constructed the unit, using David's very thorough plans. Good job All!

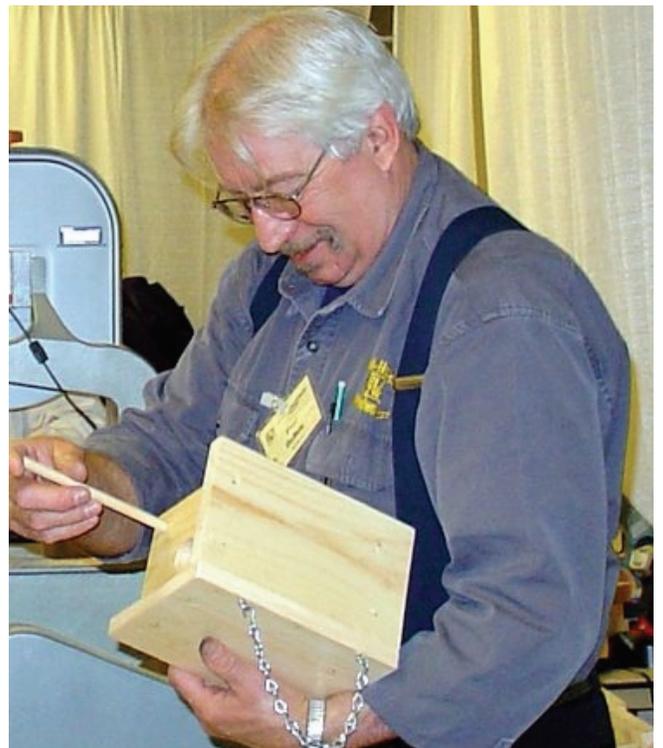


*BAB 2.0 will reduce the dust collection noise level.*

**Chapter Dinner:** The Mid-Hudson Chapter Dinner will be held on Friday, April 23 at Twin Lakes in Hurley. The festivities will begin at 6PM – cost of the tickets are \$27 apiece (please send checks to Joe Benkert, 31 Brewster St., Kingston, NY 12401). The dinner is always a highlight of the year – and a good opportunity to share the woodworking fun with your significant other. Please bring a handmade item for the raffle table, as well as congratulations to our Member of the Year, **Fred DuBois**. Fred has contributed mightily to our chapter – and is always there when needed. He has overseen the piece part production of all the birdhouses, race cars, and tool totes that supply the Showcase Toy Factory. He is the current President of the Wednesday Group and hosts meetings at his shop every (you guessed it) Wednesday. Mark the date!



*Joe Kennedy with quarter-sawn cherry table he made for Showcase raffle.*



*Member of the Year, Fred DuBois.*

# CHAPTER NEWS

## *Bill Reynolds, the passing of our great friend*

**Sad News:** We are sorry for the passing of **Bill Reynolds** on March 4. Bill was the prime mover in the creation of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the NWA. He was tireless in the effort to promote the chapter and help it grow. The first of the “Hurley Tories”, Bill loved pen making and woodworking projects of all kinds. He volunteered at the Benedictine Hospital and often passed out his pens to patients. We all thought Bill was famous for having the cleanest, most organized shop per square inch in the NWA. How he packed three warehouses worth of tools, supplies, and projects into a one bay garage is still a mystery. His shop, as well as his heart, was open to everyone.



## *Sacandaga Chapter*

*By Gary Spencer*

At the time of this writing, Chapter members are in the final frenzy of getting ready for the Showcase. Two teams of members are building two projects for the raffle this year. One team is concentrating on a Cabinet Makers Chest made of Oak with brass fittings. (One chest for showcase but each member of the group will also make that chest for himself.) The other team is working on a Cherry Hall Table for the raffle. Note: Last years Showcase project, a drop-leaf table, ended with 16 of them being built by Chapter members for themselves. Both of these projects will be in much demand at the raffle so buy lots of tickets. The more tickets you buy the better your odds of winning a beautiful piece of furniture.

Our March 10th program featured Mike Kratky. His presentation “Tuning and Honing Handplanes.” was great and his collection of handplanes was outstanding. Thanks goes out to Mike for his well organized presentation and the exposure for all of us to a lesson on the history of handplanes. There was also great information on sharpening and tuning them.

Our April 14th program will be a presentation by the two teams of our members who made the items that were raffled off at the showcase. They will give a step by step talk on how the pieces were put together and how each member contributed to the project.

Our regular monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 P.M. at Mayfield High School woodshop. Our next regular meeting will be April 14, 2010. Come on out!

Remember we have door prizes and light refreshments are served.

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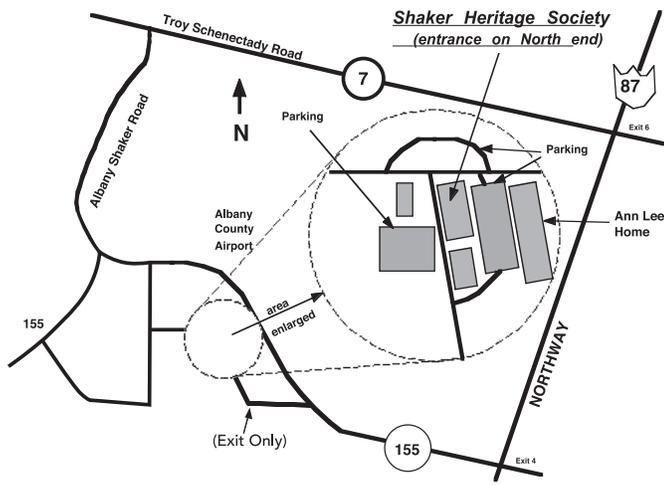
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Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret.

Benjamin Disraeli



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## April Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2010, 7:00 pm  
Shaker Heritage Society Meeting House  
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GENERAL MEETINGS  
AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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NWA 2010 General Meetings

May 2010  
Mid-Hudson Chapter  
Planes, Then and Now

July 2010  
Roger Holmes  
Picnic

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

**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. Wednesday "Learn and Turn" sessions in Stillwater are also scheduled from 6 pm - 9 pm except on AWA member meeting nights. [www.adirondackwoodturners.org](http://www.adirondackwoodturners.org) Contact Ken Evans, 753-7759 or [Kevans1@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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 on the third Wednesday of the month at The School at Northeast, 1821 Hamburg St., Schenectady. A beginner's session starts at 6:30 PM followed by a general meeting at 7:00 PM. Contact: Donna Phillips, (518) 372-3337 or [dlphill@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dlphill@nycap.rr.com).

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

### Jim's "Hole in the Woods Gang"

Meets every Saturday and Tuesday, 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 and recently the GE Elfuns toy mods group. 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. Contact Pete Howe (518) 885-9331 ([phowe1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:phowe1@nycap.rr.com)), Ed Buell (518) 384-0413 ([KC2NMY-eab@nycap.rr.com](mailto:KC2NMY-eab@nycap.rr.com)) or Dick Flanders (518) 393-5215 ([rflander@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rflander@nycap.rr.com)) 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.