

WOODWORKERS NEWS



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NWA Family Picnic

- *Pete Howe, President*

As we head into our 2007/2008 NWA program session, last year's activities needed closure and that was accomplished with the annual member picnic at the Jonesville Firehouse on July 22nd. The weather was as perfect as you could want, and the Bar-B-Q, provided by John MacDonald and family, was as delicious as you could ask for...no surprises there. This year we had a record attendance of 159 members and family, including more of our young future woodworkers than in the past.



This year's challenges: tape measure races, planing contest and fly casting drew a lot interest with some surprising results. Last year's tape measure race champ, Steve Schoenberg, fashioned a speed bump in the track to create an additional challenge for the participants...I suppose he was just clowning around!

Guess what? Lucy Gordon (our guest face painting clown) brought along her tape measure racer and smoked last year's winner...it was fun to watch.

A new event (hand plane competition) organized this year by Bill Van Brunt and Tom Osborne turned out to be a big success. In the winner's circle was Herm Finkbeiner (who is always up for a challenge and lunch) edging out Ken Miller by .001 in a plane off to win that event and I might add not without a sweat.

Mike Kratky spent the entire day sawing logs. Great job Mike and thanks to all those who assisted.

Bart Chabot entertained and instructed a large number of our members and youths on how to fly cast with prizes for participants.

Warren Stoker and Bill VanBrunt made a number of Harry Potter wands and race cars so that each youngster received a prize by day's end.

Thank you to all of those who set up demonstrations; Bill McCormick - carving, Jayson Cote & son - shaving horse, Joe Tann- turning and Barbara Gronczniak - spinning.

We have a special appreciation to those who worked in preparation, moving wood, set up, take down and clean up which included but not limited to Betty and Louie Andrews, Shiela Demola, Willie Evans, and Susan Howe.

And finally, a meal by John MacDonald is not complete without something sweet. We offer a huge thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the wonderful variety of baked goods and fruit dishes.

Spread the good word for next year.

Turn to pages 6 and 7 for more picnic photos.

Monthly NWA Presentation Previews

Talk about some exciting NWA meeting topics! Make sure you get these on your calendars and bring your note pads.

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May 8, 2008	Spec. display (By Mid Hudson Chapter)

While most of the above are in place changes are always possible and let's not forget Showcase next April!

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Letter from the President

- *Pete Howe*

Fall will start our 2007/2008 program schedule which will provide some new and interesting presentations. Check out the listing in this newsletter and mark your calendars.

The NWA education program has completed one full year producing super results within the membership. Fourteen different classes were held with over 150 people attending. Items made during these classes were on display at the 2007 Showcase resulting in members receiving awards and honorable mention for their efforts. This result re-enforces our belief that most members have joined the woodworking association to learn new skills and/or improve current ones.

As the new fall and 2008 school schedule is published, we encourage you to sign up to learn something new, improve your skill at what you already work at, or just get to spend some time with others within the membership.

This coming season we plan to expand our space at the Stillwater shop and utilize Jim's shop in the Clifton Park area more frequently for training and charitable projects. A huge advantage we have with NWA is talent within the organization that can teach our classes and provide members a cost effective way to learn without the need to travel long distances and pay high course fees.

Classes for the upcoming year will start in September. They will be posted on our blog, www.woodworker.org.blogspot.com or in our newsletter. So don't miss out this year...sign up early!!!

At family night (Christmas Party) last year we featured an auction of items made and donated by members. It was a success with some members leaving with an extra nice gift to give someone and NWA earned some good money. Start early to make your donated items. This year's event will be Dec. 6th.

Many members have mentioned to me that they see and feel a new momentum within the NWA and our SIGs. So join in the fun.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me or Gerry O'Brien. 🐾

Fiske Fund

- *Joe Kennedy*

At the last minute we received one application before the end of June. **Bob Lawless** will take a one week class on making Windsor chairs at F & M Windsor Chairmakers in Lagrangeville during July.

Any applications received during the summer will be processed in early October. However, if you want to take a class before then, that is fine. Just be sure to send me your application well before you take the class.

A tip for everyone who is planning to apply. The Fiske Fund committee is comprised of five different members who review your application. You may not be known to any of these members. Even if you are known, that does not mean you will get an easy review. When you are writing up your application, assume that five strangers will review it and that it is the only thing they will look at. If your application disappoints the committee, you may also be disappointed. Take a bit of time and concentrate when you fill out the form! 🐾

Fortune and love befriend the bold.

Ovid

Totally Turning 2007

- Ken Evans

Date: October 12,13,14, 2007 (Friday Evening-Saturday-Sunday)

Location: Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Albany, NY

Sponsor: Adirondack Woodturners Association (SIG of NWA)

For the past five (5) years, the Adirondack Woodturners Association (AWA) has sponsored an educational event in the form of a woodturning symposium now known nationally and internationally as Totally Turning. Each year the event has attracted roughly 250 turners from the eastern USA and Canada.

www.totallyturning.com

Totally Turning 2007 is two full days in October of turning classes presented by experienced turners from around the world. Registrants get to choose from 48 different classes on many different turning topics from beginner to expert. Great classes, great food, great conversation, great Instant Gallery, great Vendors, great venue, great time, "This is the Totally Turning Experience!" We are getting a reputation as the best small symposium in the northeastern USA.

The committee, as part of our educational program is offering AWA and NWA members a significant reduction in the symposium registration fee of \$160.

Current AWA and NWA members are able to attend the symposium at the reduced rate of \$80.

HOWEVER

AWA and NWA Members who volunteer for the areas shown below will be able to attend **FREE**

Equipment Pickup and return: Eight people needed! Thursday and Monday (Oct 11 and Oct 16) – Volunteers will help load and deliver equipment on Thursday and return same equipment on Monday. This is a two day commitment.

Equipment Set-up and Take Down: Ten People needed! Friday (Oct. 12) and Sunday (Oct. 14) – Volunteers will help unload and deliver equipment to demonstration rooms on Friday (1PM to 5PM) and take down same and load equipment on Sunday (4:30PM to 6PM). This is a two day commitment.

Presentation Room Setup/Takedown: Six people needed! Friday (Oct. 12) (1PM to 5PM) and Sunday (Oct. 14) (4:40PM to 6PM) – Volunteers will help setting up and taking down presentation rooms. This is a two day commitment.

Hosting a Presenter: 4 People needed! Friday (Oct 12) thru Sunday (Oct 14) Volunteers for this requirement need to provide lodging and be available and flexible enough to accommodate the presenter's schedule. This is a duration commitment.

AWA/NWA members who are able to meet the commitment requirements will be given priority for selection. Those who can only assist for one day should still volunteer because they would still be able to attend the symposium at half the member rate (\$40.00).

Please contact Bill Storz @ 518-383-7813 or storzwa@localnet.com or Ken Evans @ 518-753-7759 or kevans1@nycap.rr.com.

Light tomorrow with today.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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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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Adirondack Woodturners Association Monthly News

– Celia Carpenter

From the Desk of the Librarian

Please remember to return your overdue books. I am embarrassed to write that I am one of those that failed to return a great book that I had borrowed. The title was Bert Marsh Woodturner. With much tracking I have been able to find a copy in England and will now have it for my own library.

We are grateful for the effort of Betty and Wilhelminia.

County Fair Turnings:

For more information on the following events, contact the Chairperson below:

Saratoga County Fair	July 17-22	Chairperson- Bud Escher
Washington County Fair	August 19-25	Chairperson- Louie Andrews
Schaghticoke Fair	August 29-Sept 3	Chairperson-Ken Miller

The chairpersons are looking forward to you volunteering your time and talent. Also, if you are new to turning it is a great opportunity for you to “turn” with experienced turners.

Instant Gallery:

I guess that the request for a new person to run the instant gallery worked since Don Orr has agreed to return to his rightful place. True he has done it for 5 years but only he is the only person counting since we are all extremely happy with his excellent and educational review of our recent work.

Please everyone be sure to add to this exhibit with your own work. We learn perhaps just as much if not more from those of us at the beginning stages of our life –long desire to master design and form.

July’s Demonstration:

by Ed Van Wormer

July’s demonstration historically has been a question and answer format. This time Ed wanted to discuss the SKEW. For some it is not their favorite tool, for some avoided at all costs but for others after seeing the skew used with ability, is a conquest that they are prepared to attempt.

Ed discussed and showed how to use the tool, the things to avoid (NEVER USE A SKEW ON A BOWL) how to sharpen and what skew type might you prefer.

We were left with good information and the encouragement to increase our skills.

Investigators:

At the July meeting we had six new people present to find out what we were about. I know that one had already filled out her member’s information and two others had volunteered to work at the Saratoga Fair.

I think it is important that we greet and welcome prospective members. Being a fairly new member myself I was so pleased with the friendliness and encouragement that I received.

Wednesdays at Stillwater:

This note should be having a black wreath above it. Due to the County fair and the fact that the Stillwater classroom is 2 flights up, the Wednesday classes will be cancelled until after September 3rd. Some of us are very unhappy about this but we will struggle on our own until that time. I have heard rumors that a first floor classroom might be a possibility.

Craft Shows:

Woodstock-New Paltz Art and Crafts Fair “Earthy Delights”

Labor Day Weekend
Ulster County Fairgrounds
www.quailhollow.com

Crafts at Rhinebeck
September 29 & 30, 2007
www.CraftsAtRhinebeck.com

Annual Lumber and Tool Auction

The next auction is scheduled for September 15 at the Shaker barn. Doors will open at noon for inspection of the auction items and the auction will begin at 1 PM. Bob Williams will once again be the auctioneer.

As I reported previously, the main attraction will be 1,000-plus board-feet of American chestnut. This will be a very rare opportunity to get some unusual lumber. In addition we have black cherry and basswood. We need additional lumber.

We have some basic power tools, all in good condition. Again, we can use additional donations.

Setting up and running the auction will take quite a bit of effort. If you can help out during the week prior to the auction, or on auction day, please let me know. 518-370-0388 or cgodd@aol.com. 🐾

2007 NWA Picnic's Newest Event

– *Wally Carpenter*

On a scale of 1-10 (10 being Best), I would have to give this weekend a definitive '11'!

They simple don't get any better. The weather was perfect for an old fashioned picnic to be shared with friends of like minds in woodworking.

This year's picnic was like many previous ones with the classic fly casting in the backdrop, the sounds of rough cutting lumber, and the chattering of friends and neighbors as they randomly created discussion circles with their lawn chairs.

There was the wonderful aroma of John's country style barbeque surrounding us as we all waited for Peter Howe to give us the go ahead to line up and fill our plates. I was personally amazed with how well those paper plates held up to our collective loading of potatoes, corn on the cob, and beef. Oh yes, and even salad for the more health conscious of us.

Then laced throughout all of this were the classic tape races and a new, yet very old, hand plane competition. Tom Osborne had set up a very nice set of boards for all to challenge themselves and each other to the finest and longest cut their favorite hand planes could produce. I soon learned the talents of our master carpenters and turners as one by one they brought their planes forward and produced extremely thin and full length shavings. The final "plane off" was ultimately between two masters, Herm Finkbeiner and Ken Miller. A crowd gathered while they meticulously adjusted their planes for the final sudden death cut. While the results were too close for the layman to call, Tom drew out his calibrated micrometer and carefully measured the thickness of each competitor's shaving followed by a tape-measured length and width.

After, computing and validating the results, Herm was declared the winner. Herm raised his arms in true winner's style and we all cheered. I think I even saw a tear shed by Don Orr in the moment of the day. It may have been a small bead of sweat but I like to think he was simply aware of the hallowedness of the occasion.

It was now time for the wonderful and varied deserts and prizes which brought an end to that perfect weekend and Sunday picnic in July. It was a picnic we will speak of in years to come and one if you missed it, you will certainly want to attend next year.

Thanks to all who made this possible, those wonderful nameless and selfless people who provide the backdrop for such events. Thank you all. 🐾

Fear of Turning Pens

– *Bill Van Brunt*

Anticipating they would have a complete failure in their attempt to make a pen, Ryan, Bobby and Ryker and Trish Kozal arrived at NWA's Stillwater shop at 9:00 a.m. on June 30. They were in for a huge surprise, as their fears disappeared as quickly as the lathes revolved and the chips flew.

Introduction to safety and instruction on how a piece of wood is transformed from pen blank to a finished work of art was provided by Ken Evans. Ken showed the various steps in the process of going from pen blank, to drilling the blanks for the brass tubes, to mounting the blanks on the lathe, and finally turning and finishing a pen.

After Ken's instruction and demonstration, the boys were turned loose, under the guidance of Louis Andrews, Ken Miller and Bill Van Brunt, to make pens. They selected their pen blanks and headed to a lathe. In no time chips were flying and square blanks were turning round and starting to take shape.

All the boys very quickly had their pens taking shape. While Rykor and Bobby turned pens with very nice comfortable and graceful shapes, Ryan really got into the design of his pen. Beads, coves and grooves abounded on his pen. It was so wonderful to watch all three boys "go at it" and using their own imagination make pens that were uniquely theirs.

By 11:30 Ryan, Bobby and Ryker had each turned two pens, each with a different shape, and helped clean up the chips that had flown all over the shop.

A very satisfying day for the NWA instructors, but those most satisfied and surprised were Ryan, Bobby and Ryker. Trish, who also made two pens, shared with us later that on the way home the boys could not say enough (which apparently was repeated many times) how they couldn't believe they made the pens they held in their hands. 🐾

Evans 'isms

A couple of guys in a pickup truck drove into a lumberyard. One of the men walked in the office and said, "We need some four-by-twos."

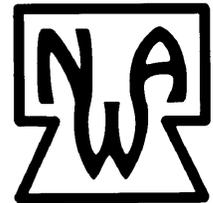
The clerk said, "You mean two-by-fours, don't you?"

The man said, "I'll go check," and went back to the truck. He returned a minute later and said, "Yeah, I meant two-by-fours."

"All right. How long do you need them?"

The customer paused for a minute and said, "I'd better go check." After a while, the customer returned to the office and said, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."

Provided by Mariruth Brown



2007 NWA Family Picnic





Classes Resume

- Gerry O'Brien

Labor Day is rapidly approaching and while it is almost universally considered to be the unofficial end of summer, many of us also look upon it as the beginning of "Woodworking Season", i.e. time to get back into the shop to make needed improvements to the facilities and plans for projects to fill the winter months ahead. With that in mind, the education committee is pleased to announce the resumption of woodworking classes at the Stillwater shop. We've got a variety of sessions planned and hope to build upon last year's success by offering something for everybody in the coming months. Several old favorites will be back by popular demand along with the series on power tool fundamentals to help you get the most out of the machinery in your shop. But we're not stopping there! We've also assembled a list of new topics to pique your interest, and based on the success of the last spring's Garrett Hack workshop, we're looking into more "Master Class" opportunities for the coming year. The first few sessions for this fall are listed below. Also keep your eyes on this space each month for additional class listings as the year progresses. Put a little class in your life...it's a great way to make new friends, and it won't hurt your woodworking either!

NWA Woodworking Classes at the Stillwater Shop

For more information about any of these classes see:
<http://woodworkerorg.blogspot.com/>

Beginning Woodworking – Ed VanWormer
Monday, September 10, 17 & 24, 6 PM to 9 PM
Cost \$50 plus materials

Power Tool Fundamentals: The Jointer – Allen Craft
(Adjustment & operation for truing lumber)
Tuesday, Sept. 18 from 1 PM to 4 PM
NOTE: An additional evening session will be added if there is sufficient interest
Cost: \$20

Build a Blanket Chest – Ed VanWormer
Monday, October 22 & 29, and Nov 5 & 19, 6 PM to 9 PM
Cost \$60 plus materials

Power Tool Fundamentals: The Band Saw – Allen Craft
Tuesday, October 23 from 1 PM to 4 PM
NOTE: An additional evening session will be added if there is sufficient interest
Cost: \$20

To register contact Gerry O'Brien at: go12211@yahoo.com
(518) 459-9266

So You Think You Have it All

- Wally Carpenter

So, you already have at least one Bentley coupe (~\$230,000), that villa for your wife and friends to use while you are busy in the workshop (~20,000,000 Euro) and you just received the



Signature Laguna jointer you always wanted (~\$13,000). Well have I found your dream hand plane for a mere \$2,895

(plus shipping and handling from New Zealand). It's the Marcou S20A Special Anniversary Edition. At 8.8lbs, that's only \$329 / lb or \$20.56 / oz.
(<http://www.wktools.com/planes/index.asp>)



This beauty claims to be able to tame the most difficult woods and turn them into nature's work of art. I must admit I haven't used one of these masterpieces. In fact I have never even seen one other than on the internet. I would invite anyone of you who may have purchased even the lesser priced versions (as low as \$1560), to write an article for the rest of us to enjoy. I believe you may even get some members who would be happy to rent it from you and help in the cost recovery of this apparent jewel tool. 🐶



SHOWCASE Haiku

- Ken Evans

SHOWCASE in "08"
Saturday and Sunday too
April 5 and April 6

Some Recall "EXPO"
Some were there before that time.
All await the next SHOWCASE !

SHOWCASE 2008

Saturday and Sunday • April 5 and 6, 2008

Only 9 Months to go !

Planning for SHOWCASE 2008 has begun!
Looking for someone to chair the Feature Exhibit Position
Contact Ken Evans 518 753 7758

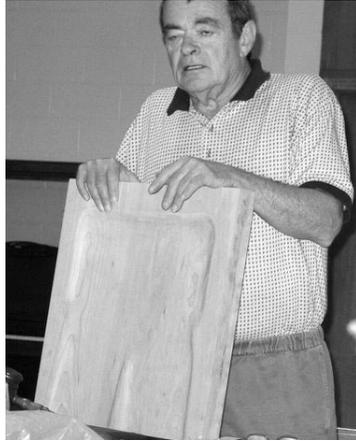
CHAPTER NEWS

NWA Mid Hudson Chapter

- Wally Cook

Take your seats: At our last meeting before the summer break, Joe Kennedy showed how a chair seat can be formed with a table saw and grinder.

Traditionally, chair seats have been formed with a scorp -- a curved drawknife used to create a comfortable hollow in the seat. Joe's alternative version is accomplished by laying out a grid on the seat blank which can be cut with multiple passes on a table saw. He used a Proxxon grinder to fair the transitions and finished with a Festool sander starting at 24 grit through 120 grit.



Joe Kennedy with dining room chair seat dished out with table saw and grinder

Joe is working with cherry to complete a set of dining room chairs. Bill Fiederlein suggested that a good

practice is to cut 1/4" off the best ends of the cherry boards and tap them to see if hairline cracks are present. This may prevent later heartache when the seat blank is assembled from the selected boards.

Mini-Showcase: The chapter has been in planning stages for a proposed demonstration event in the Mid-Hudson region. The purpose for the "mini-showcase" is to spread the word about woodworking to the Mid-Hudson region. Our planned date is tentatively set as Saturday, November 3 at the Hurley Reformed Church. Anyone interested in participating should contact Joe Kennedy.

Show 'n Tell: Members brought many items to display at the meeting. Pictured are Terry Conlin's

cherry clock and Ralph Zimmerman's poplar candle table. Check out Keith Tompkins' new measuring device for bowl thickness -- the GAGE'T (<http://www.keith-tompkins.net>).



Terry's cherry clock

Summer Break: Although there are no general meetings scheduled for July and August, preparation will continue for the Dutchess County Fair and the Hurley Corn Festival, both in the latter part of August. In addition, the Education and Mini-Showcase committees, as well as the Wednesday Group will carry on through the summer. See you at the chapter picnic at Bob and Viola Opdahl's on September 8!



Ralph's poplar table with cherry gel stain



Keith Tompkins' GAGE'T

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For Sale

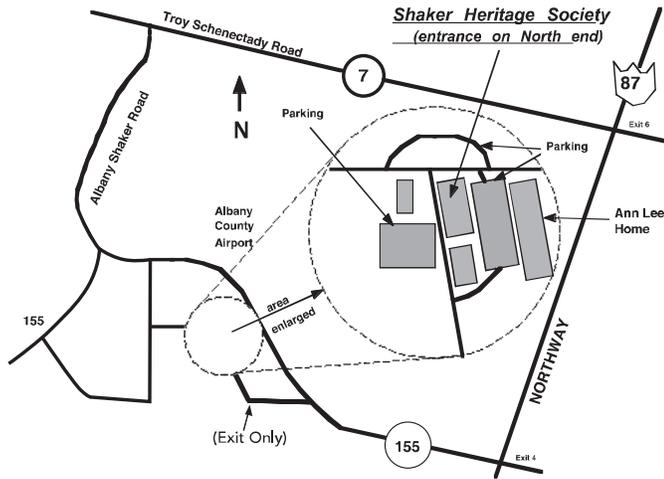
Because of a cancellations in our Lie-Nielsen tool order there is an items that does not have a buyer. Before I return it to Lie-Nielsen it is being offered to NWA members. The item is:

BL-ST 62 1/8" blade for the Stanley # 62 adjustable mouth low angle jack plane. \$28.00

If you are interested call Herm Finkbeiner at 371-9145 or send an e-mail hfinkbei@nycap.rr.com



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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 13, 7 pm.
Shaker Heritage Society Meeting House
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany
(near Albany airport)

**GENERAL MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**NWA Program Schedule
2007-2008**

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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 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 drphill@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.

Jim's "Hole in the Woods Gang"
Meets every Saturday, 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. 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, as we do accomplish many tasks during our times together as well. Contact Dick Flanders, (518) 393-5215 (rflander@nycap.rr.com) or Darrell Welch, (518) 477-8431 (ydwelch@taconic.net) for more information.

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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. Contact Joe Kennedy, (845) 473-1598

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.