

# WOODWORKERS NEWS



Northeastern  
Woodworkers  
Association

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## Family Night

Thursday, December 9th, 7 pm  
Shenendehowa Senior Citizens Center  
6 Town Hall Plaza  
Clifton Park, New York

- John Michne

The holiday season is here once again and it's time for NWA families and friends to get together. Like last year, we have several activities to make the evening more enjoyable. We will have an **Instant Gallery** of members' work. Also this year, we are asking NWA family members to bring samples of their handiwork to show what they've done while the woodworkers are busy in their shops making sawdust. Whether it's crafts, needlework, art, whatever...bring it in for display in our **Family Gallery**.

There will be woodworking demonstrations, door prizes, jigs, etc. and an opportunity to "show off" projects (completed or in progress) in the **Show and Tell** exhibit (I'll bring my fiddle project). In the "café area" you can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea along with some delicious homemade treats brought by the "pastry chef" in the family (don't forget to remind him/her to start looking up their favorite dessert recipes).

Throughout the evening music will be provided by Craig Thaler, a classically trained violinist who plays anything... jazz, Irish, bluegrass, classical...you name it. Mark your calendar now for a relaxing evening of socializing, fun, friendly conversation, interesting exhibits and lots of delicious goodies.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the room beginning at 6:00 P.M. If you can help, please call or email John Michne at 371-6690 or [jmichne1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jmichne1@nycap.rr.com).

The success of the event depends on your participation...contributing to the dessert bar, bringing things to the Family Gallery, the Instant Gallery, and Show And Tell.

See you there!! 🐾

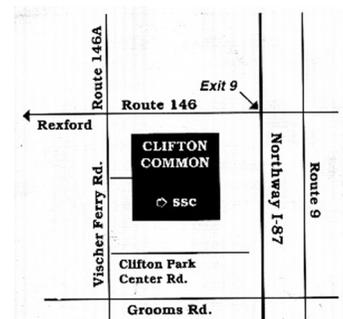


Family Night 2004 was very well attended, with excellent displays of woodworking and other crafts.

### DIRECTIONS

From the Northway: Exit 9, West on Route 146, left onto Vischer Ferry Road, left into Clifton Common (Town Hall Plaza). It's the red brick building on the right with the big red 6 on it.

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# From the President

- *Pat McCord*

The next meeting of the NWA Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 16th at the Hillcrest Firehouse, 95 Pruyin Hill Road, Mechanicville. All NWA members are welcome. If you would like to have a specific topic on the agenda, please contact Charlie Goddard at 370-0388 or Cgodd@aol.com. Please feel free to discuss any ideas, concerns or questions you might have with any of the Board members (officers and chairs listed in the newsletter) at any time.

## NWA Member Discount

NWA members are eligible for at 10% club discount on all orders placed with Klingspor Abrasives, manufacturer of industrial sanding and grinding products. You can request one of their catalogs by calling 1-800-228-0000 or through their website at [www.klingspor.com](http://www.klingspor.com).

## Door Prizes Needed

If you discover any new woodworking supplies, gadgets, tools or books you've picked up and won't be using while cleaning up your shop (or just looking for something), please consider donating them as door prizes for our general meetings. For example, a member recently donated a supply of sandpaper belts that didn't fit a new sander he had purchased. Items of no use to you may be useful to someone else. If you have such items, bring them to a meeting and give them to John Michne or Pat McCord. 🐾

# Workbench Raffle

- *Herm Finkbeiner*

During the past several years I have built (along with the NWA members who were participating in the "up close and personal" NWA program at my shop) an oak router table and two classic workbenches, one of locust and one of elm. Each of these items was raffled at our show in Saratoga.

The projects were built so that the members of the class would see each step in the construction rather than just talking about what to do. Since last spring there has been another bench-building class underway in my shop and this time I have built a workbench out of oak.

The bench is now finished (almost!) and I have decided that I will donate it to the Fiske Fund rather than raffle it at Showcase. Raffle tickets will be sold only at Family Night, the January general meeting, Woodworkers Weekend and the February general meeting with the drawing to be held at the end of the February meeting.

**In order to get tickets, you will have to attend at least one of those meetings!** 🐾



*A Finkbeiner SLE oak workbench (top upside down) and drawer cabinet under construction.*

# Fiske fund Committee Awards Three Grants

- *Charlie Goddard*

When the last application period ended on September 30, 2004 three applications had been received by the Fiske fund Committee. Coincidentally, Joe Tann, Tom Osborne and Joe Piccolino each applied for courses given at the Conover Workshops in Parkman, Ohio.

Tom Osborne attended courses in veneering and advanced joinery. Joe Tann and Joe Piccolino took the bowl turning course and Joe Piccolo followed that with a short course in finishing.

The next application period ends April 30, 2005. There are many courses available and information about many of them may be obtained from Bob Kehn at bobkwila@yahoo.com or 861-6423. The Internet is also an excellent source of information (see page 8).

Thanks to successful lumber and tool auctions over the last 3 years the Fund is able to support a number of grants. So don't hesitate to apply! 🐾

## Showcase 2005 April 2 & 3, Saratoga Springs City Center

Planning for the next show is moving right along.

The special exhibit this year will be Women in Woodworking. The number of women who have taken up woodworking has increased greatly in recent years, and we hope that this next show will give them the recognition they deserve.

The NWA membership includes many women woodworkers and hopefully most of them will enter at least one item for this special exhibit. In addition, we will ask nationally known women woodworkers to exhibit their work.

Another special exhibit will be measuring equipment of all kinds. It will be in the commercial area where last year's hand plane exhibit was located.

As of this writing we have two hired lecturers signed up. Ernie Conover will be back and Garrett Hack will return after a few years absence.

There are still a few jobs on the committee which need to be filled. If you want to have more involvement with Showcase give me a call, 370-0388, or email cgodd@aol.com.

Don't forget to get your entry items built. If you have not exhibited before please consider making something for this next show. The large number of items displayed by our members is what makes our show unique. 🐾

## Membership Renewals - Last Chance

- *Austin Spang*

Thanks to the many members who responded to my letter and have already sent in their membership renewal dues for the 2004-2005 year. For those who have not sent in dues, please look at the address label of this newsletter. If it says "Aug 2004", please send in your dues if you haven't already done so. **If we don't receive your renewal this month, you won't get the newsletter in January.** If it says "Aug 2005", you have already renewed your membership and should have received a membership card. If you have any questions about your membership, contact me at (518) 393-2859 or at spang@nycap.rr.com. 🐾

Never estimate a woman's age by the date of her birth.

J. W. Babcock

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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

## Mid Hudson Chapter News

### - Wally Cook

#### The Opdahl Building

The renovation of the Opdahl Building is nearing completion. The insulation, sheetrock, suspended ceiling, painting and lighting are complete. Other than building materials, the only thing needed by George Norton and his crew to keep busy for the last four months was a lot of coffee and donuts. Thanks to all of you for your time and donations.

#### The Hudson Valley Woodturners

Our newly formed Special Interest Group, the Hudson Valley Woodturners, used the Opdahl Building for their first meeting and presentation on November 10, 2004.

Keith Tompkins, a Mid-Hudson member was the presenter and turned a goblet with a detail gouge. Keith

captivated the audience of thirty-five for an hour and a half with his woodturning skills. At the end of the session, Keith challenged those present by saying "go home and try it, it's easy, anybody can do it and bring your finished goblet to the next meeting". One comment overheard from a member as he was leaving the meeting was "it's only easy if someone else is doing it".

We will have more information on the Hudson Valley Woodturners next month. Our program director Stan Rosenberg is putting together a calendar of future events.

#### Open House

Yes, we are proud of our accomplishments here in the Mid-Hudson, and to "show off" the Opdahl Building renovations we will have an open house on Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We are extending an open invitation to all NWA members and their friends to join us here in Hurley for a cup of coffee and of course donuts.

## Open for Business!

### - Wally Cook

The Mid-Hudson Turners held its first program on November 10 at the recently renovated Opdahl center. Keith Tompkins provided a review of woodturning tools and techniques to kick off the series of programs planned for every second Wednesday of the month.

Interest in woodturning has grown rapidly within the NWA Mid-Hudson chapter. In September, Stan Rosenberg led a subcommittee to determine if there would be enough interest to form a regional SIG ... and the response was strong. The next steps are now being completed to finalize formal recognition of a Mid-Hudson Valley Turning SIG.

Serving as interim officers for the Mid-Hudson Turners are:

President: George Norton  
Vice President: Joe Mikesh  
Secretary: Joe Benkert  
Treasurer: John Grossbohlin

The board of directors includes Stan Rosenberg, Joe Kennedy, Ron Mower, Bernie O'Malley, Chuck Walker and Wally Cook. Stan Rosenberg will act as the program director, as more hands-on demonstrations are planned.

George Norton introduced the first program and discussed the status of the

by-laws, stressing the need for close coordination with the NWA Mid-Hudson Chapter.

Keith presented a review of woodturning form and technique, using a goblet to demonstrate both spindle turning and end-grain hollowing. The suitability and use of a variety of tools was discussed and practiced. Keith's command of the medium and his easy teaching style encouraged the attendees to come forward to watch his handling of the tools; it was a very interactive session. Keith challenged the audience to create some practice pieces and bring a goblet to the next session to share with the group.

Of course the meeting would not have been in character without a door prize donated by Dap Cole. The lucky winner of the 'turning skirt' was Kathy Powell, who models this functional garment in the inset photo. The group also raffled off Keith's goblet, which was won by Richard Shoulkin. Those familiar with Mid-Hudson Valley raffles will appreciate that Keith was fortunate to leave before his car was raffled as well.

Those interested in the Mid-Hudson Turners should contact George Norton at (845) 331-1705. Those interested in the turning skirt should contact Dap. 🐾



# Totally Turning 2004

- Ken Evans

WOW! WOW! WOW!  
By all accounts, Totally Turning 2004, the second turning symposium by the Adirondack Woodturners Association, was just simply WOW! There were 42 demonstrations that were varied in topic, interesting in scope and very well attended. The Instant Gallery created from turnings brought for display by attendees was just outstanding for a symposium of this size. The vendor's trade area had a very good mix of woodturning-related products from wood to lathes of all sizes. The dinner cruise aboard the Captain JP II was a huge success. The food was great, the desert bar was a BIG WOW, and the presentation by Giles Gilson was very well received. All feedback from attendees was extremely positive.

Needless to say, planning is well underway for next year's event --Totally Turning 2005. The plan at this time is to hold the event at the same venue with the addition of the entire convention center for our use. This event grew from its first outing at Sage College and we expect it will grow even more next year. See you at the convention center next October 15 and 16, 2005. 🐾

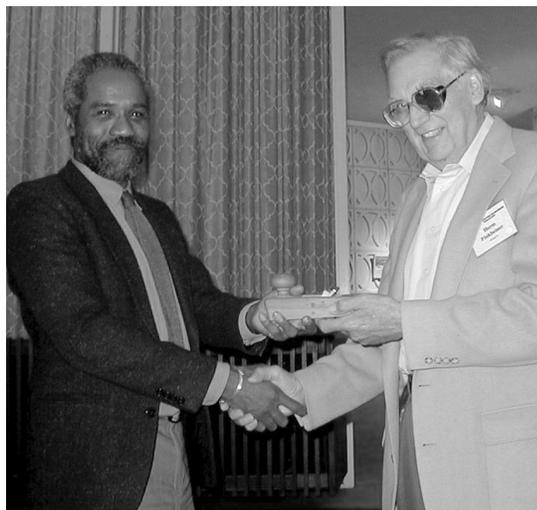


# Michael Puryear Gives Fiske Memorial Lecture

- Herm Finkbeiner

On November 11 Michael Puryear gave the 9th annual Fiske Memorial Lecture at the Unitarian Church in Schenectady. Michael's topic was art as a part of the craft of furniture building, and how using an artistic theme in a piece can help to make it serve the purpose for which it was intended and simultaneously be so pleasing to the eye that it is clearly a work of art.

Michael illustrated his lecture with many of the pieces he has built and how he has incorporated curves into items that normally would be straight lines only. The question and answer session was lively, with many NWA members clearly intrigued by the idea of getting away from using just straight lines. He did not go so far as to suggest that the curved pieces could be made on a lathe! 🐾



Michael Puryear receives the Fiske Memorial Lecture Award. The wooden plane used as the award trophy was designed and built by Jack Norray.

## Woodcraft Classes

January, 2005

- Jan. 8 - Turning 101 with Bill Cherry.
- Jan. 6 & 13 - Book-matched Mirror Frame with Eric Marczak.
- Jan. 11 & 18 - Double bevel marquetry with Clark Pell.
- Jan. 15 & 16 - Build a Cherry Shaker Clock with Jeff Carrig.
- Jan. 22 - Make Raised Panel Doors with Earl Liberty.
- Jan. 23 - Finishing 101 with Eric Marczak.

Contact Woodcraft for specific information.

## New Members

- Austin Spang

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

- David & David R. Burch, Voorheesville NY
- Michael & Eileen Easterly, Amsterdam, NY
- John & Maeghan Mac Dougall, Milan, NY
- Dave Marx, Averill Park, NY
- Larry Morton, Hurley, NY
- Tim Proctor, Mechanicville, NY

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

# NWA WOODWORKING WEEKEND

## Registration

January 29th and 30th, 2005

Empire State Plaza Convention center

Albany, New York

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Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and email required to contact you if there are any questions regarding your registration.

### FEE SCHEDULE

General Registration		\$95	( )
			( )
One-day lunch Ticket		\$12.50	SAT ( )
		\$12.50	SUN ( )

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse tickets only required if spouse is attending seminar sessions. Instant Gallery and Vendor's Area available at no charge.

### Cancellations and Refunds

Refunds will be granted up December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please make checks payable to Northeastern Woodworkers Association and send to:

Gerry O'Brien 557 Albany Shaker Road Loudonville, New York 12211

I will bring up to three examples of my work for display in the Instant Gallery.

Instant Gallery submissions will be accepted on Saturday from 8:00AM to 9:30AM.

Instant Gallery Items should not be removed from the gallery floor until 5:00PM on Sunday.

Questions can be addressed to Ken Evans at 518 753 7759 or kevans1@nycap.rr.com

### Questionnaire

Please provide the following information

Please return this short questionnaire with your registration form and check

Do you belong to a woodworking club of some kind? yes  no

If yes, please specify the club to which you belong \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Woodworking weekend? (please check all that apply)

- Attended Last year
- Mailing
- Club Announcement
- Internet Newsgroup
- A trade Vendor
- Magazine
- Internet Site
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

thank you!



# Web Sites Worth Visiting

- *Herm Finkbeiner*

One of the great advantages of the Internet is the ease of getting all sorts of information. One of the disadvantages is finding the information among the millions of choices. To help NWA members find interesting sites we plan to periodically publish a list of those sites that members might find interesting, helpful or just fun. As you run across woodworking related sites that fit those objectives send the web address to [tohfinkbei@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tohfinkbei@nycap.rr.com) and we'll add them to the list.

Other NWA members have found these websites to be useful and interesting to woodworkers, and as such are offered for your consideration. NWA does not endorse any content found on these sites.

## Woodworking Organizations

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers	<a href="http://www.gnhw.org">www.gnhw.org</a>
Long Island Woodworkers Club	<a href="http://www.liwoodworkers.org">www.liwoodworkers.org</a>
The Triangle Woodworkers Association	<a href="http://www.trianglewoodworkers.org">www.trianglewoodworkers.org</a>
San Diego Woodworkers Association	<a href="http://www.sdfwa.org">www.sdfwa.org</a>
Minnesota Woodworkers Guild	<a href="http://www.minnesotawoodworkersguild.com">www.minnesotawoodworkersguild.com</a>
Woodworker's Guild of Georgia	<a href="http://www.woodworkersguildofga.org/index.shtml">www.woodworkersguildofga.org/index.shtml</a>
New Hampshire Furniture Masters	<a href="http://www.furnituremasters.org">www.furnituremasters.org</a>
Fox Valley Woodworkers Club	<a href="http://www.fvwwc.org/index.htm">www.fvwwc.org/index.htm</a>
Outaouais Wood Carvers	<a href="http://www.comnet.ca/~owcarvers">www.comnet.ca/~owcarvers</a>
Berkshire Woodworkers Guild	<a href="http://www.berkshirewoodworkers.org">www.berkshirewoodworkers.org</a>

## Museums and Shows

Philadelphia Furniture & Furnishings Show	<a href="http://www.pffshow.com">www.pffshow.com</a>
TheWharton Esherick Museum	<a href="http://www.levins.com/esh3.html">www.levins.com/esh3.html</a>
The Mercer Museum	<a href="http://www.mercermuseum.org">www.mercermuseum.org</a>
The Museum of Woodworking Tools	<a href="http://www.antiquetools.com">www.antiquetools.com</a>
Fine Furnishings Providence	<a href="http://www.finefurnishingsshow.com">www.finefurnishingsshow.com</a>

## Classes, Courses and Workshops

American Woodcarving School	<a href="http://www.americanwoodcarving.com/homepage.htm">www.americanwoodcarving.com/homepage.htm</a>
American Woodworking Academy	<a href="http://www.awacademy.com/">www.awacademy.com/</a>
Conover Workshops	<a href="http://www.conoverworkshops.com">www.conoverworkshops.com</a>
Country Workshops	<a href="http://www.countryworkshops.org">www.countryworkshops.org</a>
Homecraft Woodworks	<a href="http://www.handcraftwoodworks.com/classes.html">www.handcraftwoodworks.com/classes.html</a>
Homestead Heritage	<a href="http://www.homesteadheritage.com">www.homesteadheritage.com</a>
Lamar Crafts Woodturning	<a href="http://www.laymar-crafts.co.uk/index.htm">www.laymar-crafts.co.uk/index.htm</a>
Marc Adams School of Woodworking	<a href="http://www.marcadams.com/site/index.html">www.marcadams.com/site/index.html</a>
North Bennett Street School	<a href="http://www.nbss.org">www.nbss.org</a>
Rosewood Studio	<a href="http://www.rosewoodstudio.com/index.html">www.rosewoodstudio.com/index.html</a>
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Prairie Tool (metal working tools)	<a href="http://www.prairietool.com">www.prairietool.com</a>
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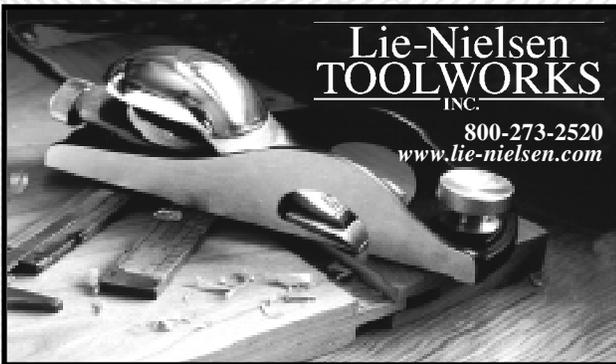
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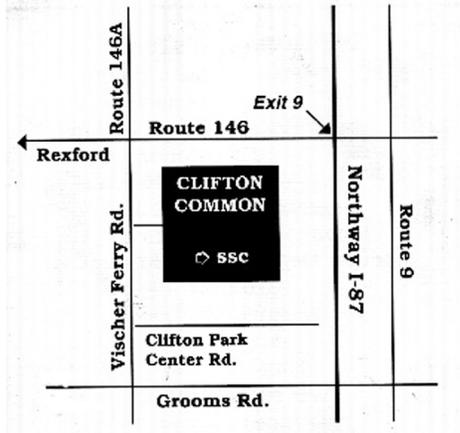
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## NEXT MEETING: **Family Night**

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### GENERAL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

#### NWA Program Schedule - 2004-2005

Dec. 9, 2004	Family Night Shenendehowa Senior Citizens Center
Jan. 13, 2005	"Post and Beam Construction" Shaker Meeting House
Jan. 29-30, 2005	Woodworking Weekend
Feb. 10, 2005	Mid-Hudson NWA Program Shaker Meeting House
March 10, 2005	"Finishing" with Jeff Jewett Shaker Meeting House
March 11-12, 2005	Jeff Jewett Workshop
April 2-3, 2005	NWA Showcase 2005 Saratoga Springs City Center
April 21, 2005	"Turning" Shaker Meeting House
April, 2005	Workshop Tours Dates and Locations to be Announced
May 12, 2005	"Double Bevel Marquetry" - Clark Pell Shaker Meeting House
May 14, 2005	Marquetry Workshop - Clark Pell Sears

### 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](http://www.adirondackwoodturners.org)  
Contact: Ken Evans, 753-7759 or [Kevans1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Kevans1@nycap.rr.com)

**Carver's Guild** - meets every Tuesday evening 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](mailto:wcharbol@nycap.rr.com)

#### CHAPTERS

**NWA Mid-Hudson** - The chapter meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday, except July and August, at the 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.