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Join Us for Family Night

NOTE: Same Place as the November Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2013 7PM • Clifton Park Senior Center
Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park, NY

**Bring an item to show in the instant gallery
and to be auctioned off for the fiske fund.**
Share you're favorite dessert with you're NWA friends

That's right folks. It's time for our annual Family Night. It's where we all gather for a good time with fellow woodworkers and their families. You can start your holiday shopping when our own Bart Chabot auctions off the fine handcrafted items, (they don't have to be made of wood), donated by everyone. There will be plenty of delicious goodies for all to enjoy. This is a great time for new members to come and introduce themselves and get to know us all. So please bring an item to auction and a dessert to share. We will see you all there.

~ Rich Duval

2013 Fiske Memorial Lecture - Doug Stowe

By Charlie Goddard

Photos by Steve Schoenberg

The Fiske Memorial Lecture was presented at the Clifton Park Senior Center on November 14. Doug Stowe, a woodworker from Eureka Springs, Arkansas had his audience captivated with his discussion on hands-on learning. This was the 18th Fiske Lecture, and one of the best attended with over 100 members.

Doug shared many aspects of teaching with the hands and spoke off the Sloyd Method first introduced in Russia and then adopted in Sweden in the very early 20th century.

For the past few years Doug has provided woodworking instruction at the Cold Spring School, a small private school near where he lives. He meets for an hour each week with each of the 60 children in grades 1 through 12. Through these sessions he is able to expand each child's individual sense of creativity through hands-on woodworking.

When he isn't teaching at the school, Doug is busy in his shop making furniture and boxes. He told us that he had probably made 10,000 boxes, including a recent commission for over 800.

He brought some boxes for display and showed photos of some of his furniture pieces which incorporate small smooth stones. This has become a signature design feature for him.

Doug shared many aspects of box making on Friday and Saturday with full day classes. Everyone in attendance walked away with new found knowledge as well as smiles of satisfaction on each of their faces.

Finally, we have been honored in Doug Stowe's blog which were very complimentary toward us as being a very special club. I'm certain he would appreciate you reading more from him by simple going to: <http://wisdomofhands.blogspot.com/>



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Sharpening Hand-tools Techniques with Bob Van Dyke

By Harmony Water

When someone has been working with wood for many years, teaching what he knows and studying materials and methods of work in order to better himself and pass on what he thinks is best, then that is someone to take a class with. Bob Van Dyke is just this type. A handful of us took his sharpening course this past weekend in Clifton Park.

When I first saw the course in an email I thought, "Sharpening? Heck, I have sharp chisels." Then another voice I've been training spoke up, "Maybe he knows something you don't." This is the theme of this article, as much as I want everyone to know that a sharpening course with Bob is a treasure of knowledge. I learned a way of sharpening that I did not know. I learned why he has gone from one style to another and now use this method. I just might start using this method myself. It uses a simple and inexpensive jig, is completely repeatable and accurate, and gives a truly sharp edge to chisels and hand planes. Bob is wonderful in his approach to teaching as well. He is not dogmatic, doesn't get finicky, and is knowledgeable about all the different methods and explains exactly why he prefers this method.

As to the taking courses offered, I would like to say that the NWA members putting these classes together are picking some very competent woodworkers to come to the woodshop at Clifton Park and pass on a tremendous amount of information. I have been working with wood all my life, but as many of us, I tend to specialize in certain areas. The voice I've been training in my head is the voice that encourages me to put down the idea that I know enough. I don't. Nobody does probably. The joy of taking a course at this stage of my career is that I am beyond the basics in many areas, yet have gaps in my knowledge.

Bob's course was perfect for a beginner, but also perfect for me. I just sort of listened to the basics which are a must in any course of this nature, but when the real information I needed came out, I was taking notes and paying very close attention. Filling the gaps.

To watch Bob sharpen a chisel blade with the motions that come from years of practice is very informative. So informative that it has definitely changed my idea of sharpening even if I don't use his method. How terms he used to explain "sharp" were new for me. It crystallized ideas that I have had and made me look with new eyes.

We ended the course learning how to sharpen a card scraper. He balanced what he was teaching by comparing it to the method Phil Lowe uses. I use the same style scraper Phil uses by chance. I will definitely try this method, which is new for me, as it makes a lot of sense. Now I have two methods. Nothing is better than having more than one way to get a job done. 🐾

Board Meeting Dates

There has been a request to publish the dates for the next year for NWA Board meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, August, September and November. For 2014 the dates will be January 28, March 25, May 27, August 26, September 23 and November 25.

The reason for the odd summer schedule is to have a meeting just before the new fiscal year which starts in September, to establish a new budget. A meeting in July would be too soon.

C L A S S I F I E D S

For Sale

Delta 6" Jointer in excellent operating condition. Motor has been re-built and bearings replaced. Knives recently sharpened, and comes with spare set of knives, manual, and mobile base. Upgrading to 8", must sell. \$250 OBO
John Olenik - 587-0306

KWA Chapter News

By Wally Cook

Starting a Woodworking Business: Have you ever thought of starting a woodworking business? That was the focus of a KWA roundtable discussion. The NYS Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a great resource for assistance and information on this subject (www.nyssbdc.org). At a recent class: **Have a Hobby – Turn a Profit**, the center suggested the following steps:

- 1. Choose a legal entity to register your business:** From a simple 'Doing Business As' (DBA) sole proprietorship to Limited Liability Company (LLC), there are multiple options for a new business. It is generally prudent to discuss options with an accountant – or even seek legal advice for complicated partnerships and larger organizations. Your local county clerk's office will have all the forms you need.
- 2. Create a business plan:** Lending institutions will require a formal business plan if you apply for a loan. However, even if you aim to start small, a business plan will focus your actions. Elements of a three year business plan include: Statement of Purpose and Business Description, Business Location, Market Analysis, Competition, Marketing Strategy, Pricing Strategy, Management and Personnel, First Year Financial Goals, and Long Term Financial Goals. The SBDC has a detailed business plan workbook to help guide a person through this process.
- 3. Obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and register to collect NYS Sales Tax:** An EIN is necessary if you plan to hire, but is a good idea even if you start a one-person operation (submit IRS form SS4, obtainable at www.irs.gov). The EIN can be used to register to collect NYS Sales Tax, although you can alternately use your social security number. Collecting sales tax is a legal requirement no matter how little you sell – unless you sell wholesale to retail outlets that are then responsible to collect sales tax. NYS Sales Tax is initially payable on a quarterly basis: March 20, June 20, Sept. 20, and Dec. 20. Forms must be submitted, even if you have not had a transaction requiring you to collect sales tax. It is a good idea to keep your collected sales tax in a separate account and not co-mingle funds. After a period of submitting NYS tax forms, you may be eligible to report on an annual, rather than quarterly basis.
- 4. Be aware of additional tax implications:** Self employment tax for Social Security and Medicare is paid on annual income meeting or exceeding \$400. Check the income implications particularly if you are already collecting social security retirement payments (see www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10022.pdf). Form 1040 Schedule C is used to report income from sole proprietorships.
- 5. Keep track of your expenses:** Both Cost of Goods Sold and Operating expenses in a variety of categories are deductible from your profit line. You are allowed three years to become a profitable business.

The roundtable discussion also brought up the points that if you have not set up tax exempt accounts with various suppliers, you are liable to pay NYS sales tax – or Use Tax, if the supplier does not charge sales tax for the transaction. In addition, bartering is also liable for taxation as a result of code change in 2011.

We Need Your Help

By Rich Duval

After many years of faithful service, Lew Hill has to step down as Hospitality Chair. We are in need of someone to replace him. Lew will handle the duties for family night but that will be his last time. He will teach you all you need to know about keeping thirsty, hungry woodworkers happy. If you can volunteer to take on this job I've been told we can double what we paid Lew to do this. (Notice I said volunteer so we really don't pay you anything but the appreciation of a job well done.)

I would like to take this time to thank Lew for all his great refreshments provided at all NWA events. Anyone interested may contact me by email at rduval@nycap.rr.com or by phone at 783-8774. 🐾

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Mid Hudson Chapter

By Wally Cook

Mid-Hudson Show: The fourth annual NWA Mid-Hudson Woodworking Show was held at the Hurley Reformed Church on October 19. The show featured works by chapter members, as well as raffle items and door prizes. Demonstrations included hand planning, scrollsaw work, and woodturning projects. Volunteers guided attendees in making their own pens. A pole lathe demonstration was performed by Onrust volunteers.

The Onrust Project set up a display area to portray the building of the replica Dutch trading ship from the 1600's. The original ship, the Onrust, was built by Adriaen Block in 1614. Block had been the first European to chart the Connecticut coastline and to circumnavigate Manhattan and Long Island. Block Island is named after this Dutch entrepreneur.

George Norton once again showed how raw timber is transformed into dimensional lumber by using his Woodmizer portable sawmill in a section of the parking lot. The demo attracted a sizable number of attendees.

Overall, attendance doubled from last year, no doubt assisted by the nice weather. Brad Conklin won the popular vote for his manta ray sculpture, Schooled. Winners of the Door prizes and Raffle items were:

Door Prizes

- 1 USA Map Puzzle - Roxann Blanchard
- 2 Scrollsaw Art, Flying Witch - Jean Wolfersty
- 3 Turned Shoe Horn - Ron Tritschler
- 4 Wine Glass Holder w/2 Glasses- Krystle Curtis
- 5 Wine Glass Holder w/2 Glasses - Mark Long

Raffle Items

- 1 Sculpture - Steve Schoenberg
- 2 USA Map Puzzle - Krystle Curtis
- 3 Jewelry Box - Bill Westfield
- 4 Step Stool - J Chast
- 5 American Gothic Fretwork - Scott Skidmore
- 6 Plant Stand - Jane Sexton
- 7 Turned Hickory Shoe Horn - Joan Tenuto
- 8 Gavel w/Clock - Frank Large
- 9 Pepper Mill - Jim Lee
- 10 End Table - Bernie O'Malley
- 11 Garden Bench - Debbie Lee
- 12 Octagon Box - Chuck Walker
- 13 Bench - George Fischer



Ron Mower help a young pen turner



Onrust Project volunteer makes belying pin on pole lathe



Kids enjoy the Hurley Show. A family votes for Popular Choice



Learning to scroll.
Jack Collumb shows an attendee how to use a scrollsaw



George Norton and Ron Roberts process a log

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Sacandaga Chapter

By Gary Spencer

The November meeting for the Sacandaga Chapter featured our own Paul Petrie back once more to enlighten us on making twists in wood. These twists are a beautiful way to make a candle holder or to create rope trim on wood furniture. Paul also demonstrated a simple way to layout guide lines on a round piece of stock, how to use two kinds of wood to create multi color twists, how to glue two pieces of wood together with a paper divider, then make your twist and finally split the twist to make two decorative rope pieces. As you can see a grand time was had by all and Paul still delivers knowledge we all can use, Thanks Paul!

Our December 11th program also features a return by Jim Schreiner who is a master craftsman of Adirondack style furniture. Jim was asked by our late NWA leader Herm Finkbeiner to make up a sequential framing project to present to NWA. This presentation will be Jim's creation of that request. It should be a dramatic presentation. Don't miss it.

We will have show and tell and 50/50 as usual, so let's have a good turnout for a very interesting topic.

Our regular monthly Chapter meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 P.M. Our next regular meeting will be December 11th, 2013. We will meet at our shop at 55 2nd Avenue, Mayfield, NY.

Come visit.

Directions or Information contact:

Jim Hopkins - 725-7322 • Don Wilson - 883-3698

Gary Spencer - 863-6433

Oh Dovetail, My Dovetail

Mark Juliana, Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, Rockport, Maine

*Oh dovetail my dovetail, you're so strengthly and good
you're my absolute favorite, to cut in to wood
I'll cut out the tails, and then on to the pins
for the other way round, 'tis a capital sin*

*The tails are all cut, but some are not square
I'll fix them right up, with a chisel I'll pare
they're now mostly square, I'll call good enough
This dovetail joint thing, who said it's so tough*

*When sawing the pins, the line do preserve
good golly I'm sunk, my saw it did swerve
the line is all gone, it's a major mishap
perhaps now some sawdust, to fill in the gap*

*This is taking too long, to Lie Nielsen I go (1)
to by lots of tools, to banish the slow
these tools are not ready? I'm so mad I'll spit
don't give me that line, they're only a kit (2)*

*I've finished the thing, it's time to glue up
dry clamping's for kids, I never screw up
I'm only half clamped, there's tons to do yet
but it's 8 minutes later, and the glue it has set*

*I need the persuader, to get this joint sweet
ten mallet whacks later, both sides of it meet
but a fissure has formed, some call it a crack
of course the solution, is to paint the thing black!*

*Oh dovetail my dovetail, your depths have I plumbed
you've kicked my behind, and you've made me look dumb
I've struggled the struggle, I've seen highs and lows
but next time for sure, I'll use dominoes*

Calling All Woodworkers - Get Those Showcase Projects Going

By Pam Curtis

It won't be long before Showcase and Totally Turning 2014 is upon us. We are rolling out several changes for 2014, including changes in the Judging Categories. Also, we will be running a raffle with some really nice prizes totaling over \$800, just for displaying your work. You will get a raffle ticket for every pre-registered piece you bring in. These participation prizes are completely separate from the judging. Check out our next newsletter for more info.

Below is the new list of Judging Categories for 2014. Hope to see you and your wood pieces in March.

Entry Categories

Adirondack - furniture and access.
Furniture 1 - tables, beds
Furniture 2 - cases, cabinets, desks
Furniture 3 - chairs
Miniatures & Models
Novice Flat Boarder - age 17 & up,
new to wood working in the last 12 mo.
Accessories - clocks, boxes,
desktop pieces, picture frames
Toys and Play Things

Boats
Shop Equipment

Youth - age 16 and under

Turning 1 - segmented
Turning 2 - bowls, platters, plates,
Turning 3 - vessels
Turning 4 - pens
Turning 5 - spindles & ornaments
Novice Turner - age 17 and up,
new to turning in the last 12 mo.
Wooden Musical Instruments 1
- string
Wooden Musical Instruments 2
- non-string
Jewelry
Alternate Materials - non-wood,
using woodworking tools

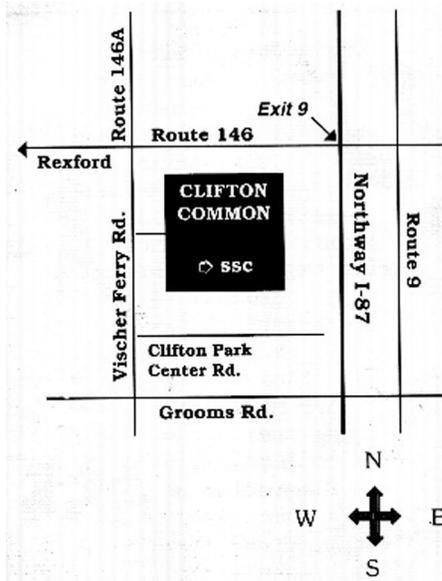
Carving 1 - chip
Carving 2 - relief
Carving 3 - CNC
Carving 4 - 3D in the round
Carving 5 - bird and fish
Novice Carvier - age 17 and up,
new to carving in the last 12 mo.
Intarsia
Marquetry

Scroll Sawing
Miscellaneous - any piece
not fitting into above categories

No NWA Members Challenge for 2014. Coming Back for 2015!



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GENERAL MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

December 12, 2013

Family Night at the Clifton Park Senior Center

January 9, 2014

Norton Industries "Stone Sharpening"

February 13, 2014

"Men with Musical Instruments who know how to make them"

March 13, 2014

Ben Barrett "Berkshire Veneer"

April 10, 2014

Garrett Hack "TBA"

May 8, 2014

Mid Hudson "TBA"
Election of Officers

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Adirondack Woodturners Association (AWA) - The AWA is active throughout the year. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month (except in January and July when it is the second Wednesday), and are held at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY from 6:30 PM to 9:00PM.

Wednesday "Learn and Turn" sessions occur on all other Wednesdays at the NWA Learning Center. These sessions run 6pm-9pm. www.adirondackwoodturners.com **Contact:** Ken Evans, 518-753-7759 or kevans1@nycap.rr.com

Scroller's Guild - Meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY. A beginner's session starts at 6:30 PM followed by a general meeting at 7:00 PM. **Contact:** Jeanne Aldous at AMJAMt2@aol.com or Barbara Nottke at scroller87@aol.com or 869-6268.

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

NWA Crafters - Meets every Saturday and Tuesday, from 9:00 am until noon at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY. The Crafters provide public service woodworking for various charitable organizations, including the Double H Hole in the Woods camp for children and the GE Elfuns toy modifications group, and the Make A Wish Foundation. Sharing information, fellowship, and relating experiences are a major part of these sessions. **Contact:** Dave Axton (518) 237-6942, daxton@nycap.rr.com, Wayne Distin (518) 674-4171, wdistin@nycap.rr.com Steve Schoenberg (518-371-1260), sschoen1@nycap.rr.com for more information.

The NWA Wood Carvers SIG - Meet each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. all year except the 2nd Thursday of each month at the NWA Learning Center located at 15 Solar Drive, Clifton Park, NY. Programs are determined at the previous weekly sessions. Discussions start at 7PM. The goal is to promote the art of Wood Carving. Individual private sessions are available Wednesday evenings by appointment. Wood, tools, and patterns are available. **Contact:** Ray Gannon. LoRayG@Gmail.com

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NWA Sacandaga - The chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the Second Wednesday of each month at 55 Second Avenue, Mayfield, NY. **Contact:** Gary Spencer, 518-863-6433.