

# WOODWORKERS NEWS



Northeastern  
Woodworkers  
Association

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## March Meeting

*Thursday, March 12, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Shaker Heritage Society Meeting House  
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany NY*

**Wood Carving.  
You Know It. You Love It. You Can Do It.**

*By George Rutledge*

The NWA monthly meeting on March 12th will be held at the Shaker Meeting House at 7PM. It will feature a presentation by the NWA Wood Carving SIG. You will be treated to a fine display of wood carvings of all varieties. In addition, several members of the SIG will be on hand to discuss the various types of carving that we engage in at a typical meeting.

Expect to learn about relief carving, in the round work, bowl, letter, chip and caricature carving, pyrography and of course the pride of our SIG, The Comfort Bird Project. They will also share their enthusiasm for the craft and you will come away with a sense of what makes the Carvers such a cohesive, friendly and welcoming group within the NWA.



As always refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle to benefit the Fiske fund as well as an instant gallery. So bring something to share even if it's a work in progress.

This will also be our last meeting before Showcase so if you haven't already sent in your entry form bring it with you and put a smile on Pam Curtis's and Charlie Goddard's face. Showcase volunteers are always in short supply and Karen Arkison will be pleased to sign you up. Hope to see you there.

## Participation Raffle for Showcase

*By Pam Curtis*

Our Showcase is different from other woodworking shows in many ways but one of the best is the number of woodworking entries that are on display. From a novice's very first bowl to a professional's Windsor Chair, there is something for everyone and at all skill levels.

Again this year, to encourage more entries, we will be having a Participation Raffle. With every piece that you enter by March 23, you will receive a raffle ticket for several prizes worth over \$500. This raffle has no bearing on the actual judging and is on participation only.

One of the prizes being offered is a FREE Weekend class at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking.

REMEMBER you need to be pre-registered by March 23, and have your pieces on site, Friday, 3-7pm, to be eligible for the raffle. Please read this year's application carefully as some categories and information has changed.

Entries are accepted at the show, but they will be for display only and will not be eligible for Ribbons or the Participation Raffle. If you think you are going to enter, enter early. We can always pull your entry if it doesn't make it to the show!

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# Woodworker's Showcase is Saturday March 28th and Sunday March 29th

*By Karen Arkison*

Anyone who volunteers for at least one shift during the weekend will get in to the show both days for free. However, you must sign up in advance to get in free.

Volunteering with a friend or relative is a fun way to spend time together. Here is a brief run down of the positions.

**Door Host** - Take tickets from paid guests, direct to ticket booths for those who have not paid, hand out programs. (9:45-12:00 12:00-2:30 2:30-5:00)

**Floor Host** - Walk main exhibit hall or feature exhibit hall, answer questions for guests, make sure they don't touch or eat or drink. (9:45-12:00 12:00-2:30 2:30-5:00)

**Raffle Tickets** - Sell raffle tickets for raffle items. (9:45-12:00 12:00-2:30 2:30-5:00)

**Ticket Sales** - Sell tickets to guests. (9:30-11:30 11:30-1:30 1:30-3:30 3:30-5:00)

**Membership Table** - Provide NWA membership information & applications to visitors. Answer questions and accept applications. (9:45-12:00 12:00-2:30 2:30-5:00)

**Lecture Videographer** - Helping lecturer with setup and aids. Point video camera on lecturer so it shows on TV screen (experience not needed). (10:30-12:00 12:00-2:00 2:00-3:30 3:30-5:00)

**Class Assistant** - Assist students and guest instructor during the assigned class. (10:15-1:30 1:45-5:00)

**Setup & Staging** - (Friday 9am to 5pm) This shift is all day.

**Take Down** - (Sunday 5pm until done)

**Truck Assistants** - Moving equipment & materials into trucks from Mustang, out of trucks at Civic Center & back again (Thursday 3:00-8:00, Friday 8:00am-done, Sunday 5:00pm-9:00 and/or Monday 8:00am-10:00am)

When emailing me, please include what position you would like to work, the Day and the Shift. nydivergirl@earthlink.net

You will receive a confirmation email as well as a reminder the week before Showcase.

## Lee Valley Work Sessions at Showcase

*By Susan Howe*

This year at our NWA Showcase, Lee Valley will be conducting sessions entitled: "20 Minutes with Veritas".

These sessions will be instructor-led, hands-on demonstrations. In each 20 minute session, Veritas staff will demonstrate and talk about the tool, then demonstrate how and where to use it. Using your own bench space at these sessions, you will take apart, reassemble and practice using the tool so that you can then confidently put it to work in your own workshop. Each session will be followed by a question and answer period. There is no charge to participate in these sessions, however, pre-registration is required. Times and topics will be announced shortly via our email blast system.

Any questions can be directed to Sue Howe, showe@nycap.rr.com



## Segmented Woodturning

By Gary Brady

Have you ever wondered how they make those bowls and vases with the fancy designs in them?

Do you have a segmented bowl pattern that you are having trouble figuring out, or would like to share with other turners?

Have you ever wanted to make a bowl or vase but only have 3/4" thick material?

We are looking for segmented turners, or those interested in segmented turning, who would like to share ideas, troubleshoot design issues, or just learn the process. No experience required. Open to all NWA members. We will meet at the Solar Drive shop on Thursday nights from 6-8pm. At first this will be an informal group to see if there is enough interest. If there is, we will move forward with all the requirements to become a new SIG.

We will talk about everything involved in designing, choosing and processing material, making jigs, turning, and finishing your project.

If you would like more information, contact Gary Brady at [thesegmentedturner@gmail.com](mailto:thesegmentedturner@gmail.com)

# Join Us for Woodworker's Showcase

Saturday March 28th and  
Sunday March 29th

Saratoga Springs City Center  
Saratoga Springs, NY

## WOODWORKERS NEWS

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# The Comfort Bird Presentation

By George Rutledge

The Saturday after Christmas, the NWA Wood Carvers gathered at the Learning Center to package up our first 100 Comfort Birds. We had already determined that we would divide this flock between 2 worthy organizations.

Stride Adaptive Sports ([www.stride.org](http://www.stride.org)) is a local group that “educates and empowers individuals with special needs in life-changing sport and recreation programs.” On March 5th they will be holding their 10th Anniversary Wounded Warriors Snowfest and each Warrior will find a Comfort Bird among the items in the Gift Bag they receive.

The Community Hospice ([www.communityhospice.org](http://www.communityhospice.org)) operates in 8 counties around the Capital District to provide support and care to “seriously ill people and their families during the process of dying and grieving.” They serve over 4000 people a year.

On January 22nd, our Secretary, Diane Balch and I met with Jamie Brough and Mark Moran from Stride and Rob Puglisi and Laurie Mante from Hospice and presented our birds to both organizations. They were received with such heartfelt thanks that it was one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. I am so proud of our Carvers and as a group we are so proud to be part of the wonderful tradition of community service that is an integral part of the NWA.

I would be remiss here if I did not thank our Publicity Chairman John Olenick for his excellent efforts to garner some media coverage for this event. While it did make the Times Union the Sunday before, on the day of our presentation Sheldon Silvers was arrested and that scandal trumped our human interest story and sucked up all media resources.

So it goes. We’ll get ‘em next time John.



# Badge Raffle Winner

By Peter K. Lofrumento

**Congratulations to Ray Puffer!**

**Ray Puffer** was our February Badge Raffle Winner. Ray has been a member since 2012. He is an active Turner who has done demonstrations for AWA and the Mohawk Valley Turners. He is also an accomplished woodworker who is making his 2nd guitar in Bill Sterling’s Guitar Class. He has extended his membership for an additional year, so the next time he will have to pay dues will be in September 2016!



The winners of the Badge Raffle have the option to pay this year’s dues if they haven’t done so, apply the free membership prize to next year’s dues or transfer the membership prize to a friend.

We have new clips for your badges. We have *earth magnet clips* that will keep your badge tight to your shirt...great for working in the Learning Center Workshop...and we have *two styles of Alligator clips*, also used to keep your badge from twisting and turning. We can change your clips at any of the meetings.

Let us know if you need your badge replaced. Send an email to [nwamembers1@gmail.com](mailto:nwamembers1@gmail.com) with “Need Badge” in the title and we will make you a new badge and mail it out before the next meeting.

**Remember, always wear your Badge...so everyone knows your name!**



# KWA News

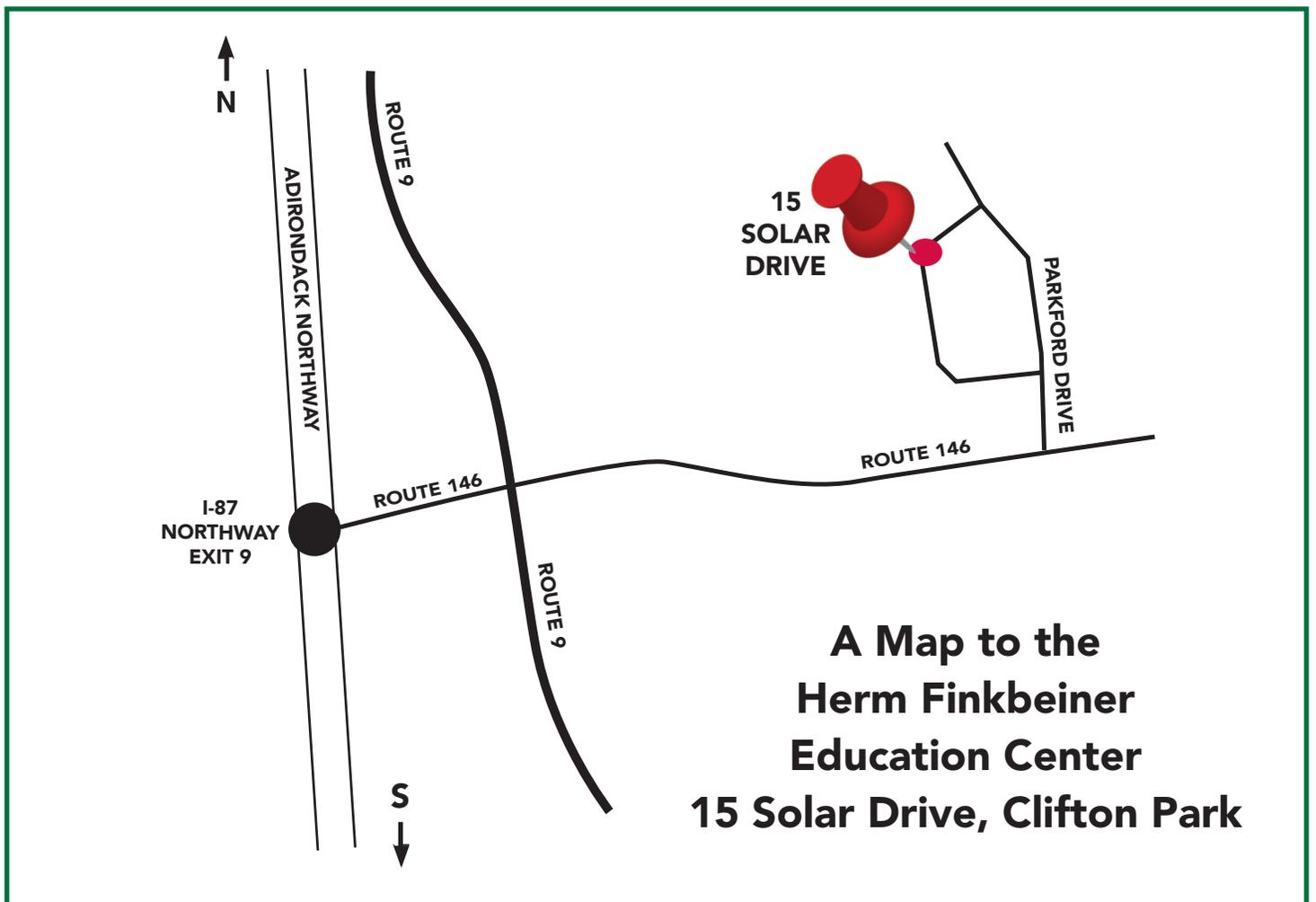
By Wally Cook

**Gearing Up:** The Kaatskill Woodturners are getting ready to start the 2015 series of meetings in March. On March 11, Keith Tompkins will present *Drunken Bottlestoppers*. Keith's bottlestoppers have been a runaway hit. The whimsical martini glasses with multi-axis stems demonstrate his design sense, as well as his turning ability. This demo will be held at the Opdahl building at 7:30PM – show and tell at 6:30PM.

On Saturday, March 14, Wally Cook will host the first learn-n-turn session: *Tool Genealogy* – tool selection and sharpening strategies. The first ten sign-ups will be able to customize round skewers. The session is meant for newer turners or more experienced turners with opinions to share about favorite tools. The learn-n-turn will begin at 10AM at the Opdahl building, concluding at 1PM.

Look for our schedule at <http://www.carlford.us/kwa>

Although we had no formal meetings in December, January and February, the winter season has been active. Steve Sherman and Joe Gaddis hosted Liam O'Neill during a visit to the US for a commission. Many of the group shared their experiences with new pieces.



See Pages 7 and 8 of this Newsletter  
for Showcase Entry Forms

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Mid-Hudson Chapter News

By Wally Cook

**Battery Back-Up:** In a bit of a diversion from woodworking topics, Fred Roe shared his project to come up with a battery back-up that could be used in emergency situations. Fred's application could be used to operate a sump pump, electric light, or for electric start for a snowblower.

Of course, using a battery requires adaptations for direct current (DC). Since most appliances are geared for alternating current (AC), an inverter is needed. Fred explained that not all inverters are created equal: many of the cheaper inverters do not provide a full sine wave of alternating current – the Harbor Freight product used in his prototype is an example of an inverter that produces a ragged sine wave. Some appliances require a full sine wave (and therefore steady wattage) to operate, like computers, TV's and motors. A full sine wave inverter may output 1500 watts.

However, there are a number of DC applications which are practical: light bulbs, auto adapters, winch, RV (e.g., pump, etc). It is also relatively easy to convert laptops to DC, because they already use a converter, but voltage is the key. On the other hand, DC is not a good application to generate heat (too much draw).

Fred demonstrated a number of components for his project, including battery and solar panel from Harbor Freight, as well as a DC light bulb. His outfit can also power a CFC bulb, but it needs to be wired to a car adapter and 10 amps the maximum that can be drawn. Fred is continuing to experiment with his battery back-up and will keep the group updated.

**Read to Zoey:** Jim and Debbie Lee collaborated to supply pet-themed Bookmarks for a reading program they sponsor. The bookmarks were scrolled from a



*Some of the items used in Fred's battery back-up projects*

pack of 50-60 sheets of holiday themed cardstock. The name of the program is 'Read to Zoey' (the Lee's poodle).

Zoey is a certified therapy dog through Therapy Dogs International. She is a "Tail Waggin' Tutor" at the Town of Ulster Library and the Saugerties Public Library. She even has her own Facebook page in that name!

For the past year, children read aloud to Zoey -- it's a wonderful chance for children to increase their confidence in reading in a relaxing, stress-free environment. With dogs, you can't make a mistake because they don't care if you do or judge. The kids either bring a favorite book or can pick one out at the library.

The participants are given a bookmark after they read to Zoey. Jim and Debbie decided to fashion paw print styled bookmarks which Jim scroll-sawed. The children all seem to think it's Zoey's little foot that



*Zoey and her bookmarks*

was traced for their bookmark! It's a great way for them to remember their reading time with Zoey and perfect for marking their place in their book until the next time!

**Chapter Dinner:** The dinner will be held on Friday, April 17 at Twin Lakes in Hurley. As usual, a great time is predicted as we celebrate the Chapter Member of the Year and participate in the raffle. Tickets are \$30 per person. Checks should be made out to NWA Mid-Hudson and given to Ron Roberts or sent to NWA Mid-Hudson, PO Box 36, Hurley, NY 12443.

## Showcase

**Saturday March 28th and Sunday March 29th**

**Springs City Center • Saratoga Springs, NY**

# NWA SHOWCASE & TOTALLY TURNING 2015 EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

Saratoga Springs City Center & The Saratoga Hilton

Saturday and Sunday, March 28 & March 29, 2015, 10 AM – 5 PM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Professional\*: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Professionals: You are a professional if half or more of your livelihood is derived from woodworking. You may submit an entry in any category except Novice and Youth.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Display labels are made in advance using the information provided. The labels will be waiting at the Showcase Office when you bring your entry on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Labels for Judged Exhibit items must be picked up by 6:45. PLEASE only pick up labels for showpieces that you have with you, this helps the Judges.

## ENTRY DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

**Any entry received after that date will not be entered for judging, but for display only.**

Each entry, submitted by March 23, 2015, judged or non-judged, will receive a ticket to our participation raffle. Check out the [NWA newsletter](#) for more details.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM  
AND SEND IT TO:  
NORTHEASTERN WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 246, Rexford, NY 12148**

## Please Print.

Check here if you would like above information to be available for inquires about your work.

JUDGED (only 1 per category)	NON-JUDGED DISPLAY ONLY	PREVIOUS WINNER	CATEGORY	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	LIST OF WOODS	FINISH USED

## ENTRY CATEGORIES

<p>ADIRONDAK - Furniture and Accessories</p> <p>FURNITURE 1 - Tables, Beds</p> <p>FURNITURE 2 - Cases, Cabinets, Desks</p> <p>FURNITURE 3 - Chairs</p> <p>SHOP EQUIPMENT</p> <p>TOYS AND PLAY THINGS</p> <p>ACCESSORIES 1 - Desktop Pieces, Clocks, Picture Frames</p> <p>ACCESSORIES 2 - Boxes</p> <p>BOATS</p> <p>NOVICE FLAT BOARDER -age 17 &amp; up, new to wood working in the last 12 mo.</p>	<p>TURNING 1 - Segmented</p> <p>TURNING 2 - Bowls, Platters, Plates,</p> <p>TURNING 3 - Vessels</p> <p>TURNING 4 - Pens</p> <p>TURNING 5 - Spindles &amp; Ornaments</p> <p>NOVICE TURNER -age 17 and up, new to turning in the last 12 mo.</p> <p>WOODEN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 1 - String</p> <p>WOODEN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 2 - Non-String</p> <p>JEWELRY</p> <p>YOUTH - age 16 and under</p>	<p>CARVING 1 - Chip</p> <p>CARVING 2 - Relief</p> <p>CARVING 3 - CNC &amp; Laser</p> <p>CARVING 4 - 3D in the round</p> <p>CARVING 5 - Birds, Fish, Animals, People</p> <p>NOVICE CARVING -age 17 and up, new to carving in the last 12 mo.</p> <p>INTARSIA</p> <p>MARQUETRY</p> <p>SCROLL SAWING</p> <p>ALTERNATE MATERIALS &amp; MISCELLANEOUS Non-Wood, using woodworking tools and any piece not fitting into any of above categories</p>
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### **ENTRY RULES**

- Any woodworker may exhibit his/her work. You do not need to be a NWA member. There is no entry fee.
- Entry forms must be received by March 23, 2015 to be eligible for judging. Late entries will be entered for display only.
- All Showcase exhibit items must be brought to the City Center between 3:00 pm and 6:45 pm, Friday March 27, 2015.
- Exhibits are not to be removed from the floor before 5 pm Sunday.
- You may exhibit any number of pieces in more than one category, but only one piece per category for judging.
- Award winning pieces from a previous Showcase event are not eligible for competition, but may be entered for display and will be acknowledged as previous winners.

### **Judges have the right to re-categorize entries.**

- Only pieces entered in one of the Turning Categories will be displayed in the Turner's Gallery. Ex., if a turned piece is entered in the Accessories Category, it will not be in the Turners Gallery but in the Main Gallery.
- In order to be fair to everyone, if the judges deem that an entry from Miscellaneous should be in another category they will make the change. If the woodworker already has a judged entry in that category, the changed entry will no longer be judged.
- The exhibit hall is not a commercial area. Price tags or literature other than small business cards are not allowed and will be removed and disposed of.
- The decisions of the judges are final. At the discretion of the judges, some awards may not be given.

### **AWARDS**

**BEST IN SHOW:** One from any entry

**PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE:** One each category except for Novice and Youth categories

**FIRST PLACE:** One each category

**SECOND PLACE:** One each category

**THIRD PLACE:** One each category

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

**RICHARD PAGANO MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TURNING**

**CARVERS SIG BEST IN SHOW:** one from any carving entry

### **QUESTIONS?**

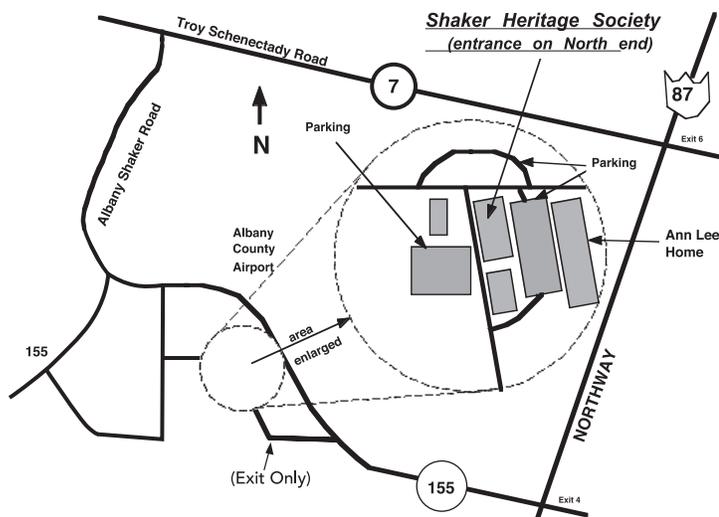
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GENERAL MEETINGS  
AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

NWA Program Schedule 2014-2015

April 9th, 2015  
To be Determined

May 14th, 2015  
Scrollers Program

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](http://www.adirondackwoodturners.com) **Contact:** Ken Evans, 518-753-7759 or [kevans1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kevans1@nycap.rr.com)

**Scroller's Guild** - Meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month (Starting Nov. 19) 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 [AMJAMtat2@aol.com](mailto:AMJAMtat2@aol.com) or Barbara Nottke at [scroller87@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:daxton@nycap.rr.com), Wayne Distin (518) 674-4171, [wdistin@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wdistin@nycap.rr.com) Steve Schoenberg (518-371-1260), [sschoen1@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:LoRayG@Gmail.com)

## CHAPTERS

**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:** Pete Chast, [pchastnow@gmail.com](mailto:pchastnow@gmail.com).

**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.