

WOODWORKERS NEWS



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May Meeting

Thursday May 10, 2012, 7:00 pm
Shaker Heritage Society Meeting House
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany NY

Identifying Trees

By George Rutledge

The British philosopher A. C. Grayling has been quoted as saying, "If you really want a mind-altering experience, look at a tree." If you want to know what tree you're looking at, come to the May meeting. Our presenter will be Dr. David Hunt, a Conservation Ecologist living and working here in the Capital District. Dr. Hunt did his undergraduate work at Cornell and received a Phd. from the University of Georgia. Among other pursuits, David has worked for the Nature Conservancy identifying habitats to help preserve declining species and often leads field trips for the Capital District Friday Field Group. In his presentation he will show us how to identify trees from samples of leaf and twig as we encounter them in nature. Last fall, I helped Dick Flanders and Ray Gannon to collect a half dozen or so logs that I was told were butternut. Upon sawing they turned out to be basswood. Armed with the knowledge that Dr. Hunt will impart, I will strive to avoid such mistakes in the future.

As always, bring your sweet tooth with you when you come. Our stalwart Hospitality Chair, Lew Hill, hates to take cookies and donuts home with him. And don't forget to bring something for the instant gallery. My thanks and kudos go out to Charlie Goddard for bringing his amazing collection of Japanese Joinery (all cut by Charlie) to the April Meeting as well as to Eric Marczak for his enlightening display of the various kinds of Rosewoods. 🐿

NWA Showcase

By Jack Connell

What a terrific Showcase turnout this year. There were many interesting, educational and beautiful things to see and enjoy. One of the best features each year, for me, is to meet and talk with the many attendees, the NWA volunteers and the various vendors and their variety of tempting wares. This year you might have noticed a tall, distinguished looking,

ramrod straight senior citizen at the carver's station who was displaying his bird carvings as he was burning in the feathers on what looked like a saw-whet owl. This lively 87 year old is George Moline, a resident of Saratoga Springs.



As a lifelong carver myself, what caught my eye immediately about George's carving was, simply, how good they were. The quality of the carving, the accurate anatomical and plumage representation of the birds and the careful and detailed finishing and posing of them were top notch. They were some of the best carvings I have seen in a long time. In fact, they reminded me of that world class bird carver, Floyd Scholz, from Vermont. Turns out, George was in fact familiar with Scholz's work and had two of his DVDs and one of his books. I have been carving for over 50 years and so I assumed that George had also been carving for at least that long. Well, I was wrong. George in fact has been carving for only 7 years! What we have with George is a God given natural talent with which few of us are gifted. George clearly is in

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The Membership (Half) Column

By Joseph Bucci

This is the first in a series of periodic reports on NWA Membership and how to get the most out of it.

Do We Have Your Correct E-Mail Address?

If you have recently changed your e-mail address, but have not updated it with the NWA, you may be missing out on class and other announcements. The best way to do this is to send me an e-mail (josephbucci@nycap.rr.com) to let me know your new address. You could also send me a note c/o the NWA PO Box 246, Rexford, NY, 12148. You could also wait until the next renewal cycle at the end of the summer, but why would you want to wait that long?

If you have an e-mail address, but haven't provided it to the NWA, why not do it now? We do not sell our lists to anyone, and in the past have provided it only to Curtis Lumber in recognition of the many things they do for the NWA. E-mail is now the primary way for information to be distributed to members about the many woodworking classes offered each year, as well as other activities such as bus trips and shop visits. It is also a "green" alternative to hard copy of this Newsletter each month, and that as woodworkers is a topic that should interest us a great deal.

Lumber Discount

Did you know that Curtis Lumber gives NWA members a 10 percent discount on all lumber purchased from their Curious Hardwoods department? Not only do they have a great selection and helpful, knowledgeable staff, they have been a good friend to the NWA for 15 years. Check them out!

Members need to show their *current* membership card to get the discount.

If you have others issues you'd like to have discussed in this column let me know.

The Nominations Are In

By George Rutledge

In accordance with the By-laws of the NWA, we will elect new officers during the Annual Meeting on May 10th. A duly formed Nominations Committee has asked Karen Arkison to stand for the Office of Vice President/President Elect. I'm happy to report that Karen has graciously accepted the nomination and that Kitty Scharl has consented to run again for a two year term as Secretary. Additional candidates may be nominated by the membership prior to the election, as long as said candidates have agreed to serve if elected. The By-laws also provide that the current Vice President, yours truly, will become the President for the coming year at the end of the May meeting. Our President, Dan Tipton will become the immediate Past President and as such will serve as a special advisor to the NWA Board of Directors. 🐾

**There is no better feeling in the world
than a warm pizza box on your lap.**

Kevin James

NWA Showcase

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the same category as Floyd Scholz. Given another 7 years and Floyd might start getting nervous about the competition from George!

So, the question that might be asked is why did it take George so long to start carving and why at age 80 and not sooner? Well, the answer is both complicated and simple. George was born to a poor Minnesota family in a small farming town in February 1925. Both parents came from solid Swedish Lutheran stock. They were both exceptionally hard workers with an unshakable faith in God and their own abilities. They managed throughout the very tough times of the Depression era to raise their two children and to pass on these values of faith and self reliance to their children. Throughout his long life, George has been a faithful embodiment of these values. In 1941, when he was a 16 year old high school student, he met and fell in love with a beautiful and exciting 18 year old, Jean, whom he knew, even then, was to become his future wife. And she did, in 1946, and they had 64 wonderful years together until she passed on in 2010. George and Jean's life together have all the tracings of a real love story and a marvelous life resulting in four terrific children and several wonderful grandchildren and great grandchildren.

George has always known what he wanted and how to go about achieving his goal. He volunteered for the Army Air Corps in 1943 straight out of high school and eventually was involved as a navigator-bombardier-radar operator in B-29's as a member of the 382nd Bomb Group VH in the 464th Bomb Squadron until his discharge in 1946 as a 2nd Lieutenant. Through the G.I. Bill, George went on to the Univ. of Minn. where he earned a Mechanical Engineering degree and, starting in 1949, worked for GE in a wide variety of increasingly responsible positions for the next 35 years. George has that intellectual curiosity about how things work and he has the interest and energy to try his hand at all of them. He is an avid reader, leatherworker, model builder, plumber, auto mechanic, stone mason and woodworker; he enjoys travel and fishing, and has even been granted two US patents, one for energy conversion and the other for industrial building design. There are few things he cannot do!

George has always thought it was important for people to try new things and to constantly add to their knowledge base. Thus, we come back to the reason why he taught himself to carve at the youthful age of 80 and the real reason why I am writing this about George. He believes that as we grow older it is critically important for us to keep our minds active and to challenge ourselves with something new in a proactive effort to hold off or prevent dementia and Alzheimer's disease. And that is why he began carving. He wanted something challenging and difficult for him to do and to exercise this muscle, called the brain. So, like everything else in George's life, he set his mind to it, put in the hard work necessary to learn a new task, and boy, has he mastered this medium. Let me tell you, George is as clear thinking and as sharp as any 40 year old would wish to be. He is an inspiration and a role model to us at so many levels. He has been a real pleasure to know. Look for him next year at the carving table and meet this pleasant individual who is someone we all should hope to be like at age 87. 🐾

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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

Sacandaga Chapter

By Gary Spencer

Our April 11th meeting was devoted to fishing rods. Our presenter was Glen Flagler of Schenectady who made an exciting program of making your own fly rod or casting rod.

Glen was specific about what materials were best for each rod, the type of rod material, line material, types of finishing and how to make a complete and personalized fishing rod. Glen also gave us very good information on selecting rod kits from sportsman companies.

Glen was so interesting that time ran short and some questions kept coming up after Glen had finished his presentation. An excellent program thanks to Glen Flagler. We hope to ask him back again in the near future!

Our May 9th program will be a demonstration/ presentation by an excellent craftsman and turner, Lou DeMola, whose topic will be "New Dimensions and Ideas for Turning Bottle Stoppers". This should be a great program. Everyone should come!

Remember, our regular monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 P.M. at 55 2nd Avenue Mayfield, NY. Our next meeting there will be May 9th.

Remember we have door prizes and refreshments are served.

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We're Moving: For Sale New and Used Equipment

Description	Brand	New or Used	Price
Router combo kit	Porter Cable 895 PK	New	\$200.00
Overhead Dust Filter	Jet AFS 1000B	New	\$250.00
Mortiser	Delta 14-651	New	\$200.00
Canister Filter	Wooden Concepts 05445	New	\$175.00
Biscuit Joiner	Cable Porter 557	New	\$150.00
R&R Clamp Starter Kit	24"	New	\$150.00
Clamps	Jorgensen 48"	New	\$30.00
Clamps	Jorgensen 30"	New	\$30.00
Table Saw with extension	Delta Contractors 10"	Used	\$360.00
Band Saw	American Machine & Foundary	Used	\$175.00
Dust Collector	Delta 50-850	Used	\$300.00
Jointer	Jet JJ6CSX	Used	\$375.00
Drill Press	Alltrade 5 speed 1960-D513N	Used	\$175.00
Delta Drum Sander	18" wide belt	Used	\$450.00

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*There are three things worth doing in life: making something new,
caring for something old, and finding something lost.*

Anon

Showcase 2012

By Ken Evans

Can you believe it, Showcase is over! How can this be possible! We work so hard for so long to make the show happen and we work so hard over the two days of the show, and it is over in just a few days. I find it sad to see the show come down on Sunday, knowing all the hard work so many people have put into making it happen. There were tears shed by one of our members on Sunday evening in the NWA office as the trucks pulled in to load out.

Sad as it is, I am always overjoyed by the event, have been in the past, and will continue to be in the future. Mostly I am amazed by the hundreds of NWA volunteers who come out for the weekend and help put the show together. Without these members, the show would not be possible. The NWA Board, the NWA Showcase Committee, the NWA membership, and I thank you very much for your time and effort in making Showcase happen.

I am also sometimes overwhelmed by the members and non members who enter items of woodwork of all kinds in the show. Just in case anyone asks, you do NOT NEED to be an NWA member to enter items in the show. Also, there is NO FEE for entering items in the show. Items do not need to be judged, they can be entered for display only. And one last point, items do not need to be finished to be entered. There, I have answered most of the questions that get answered regarding the entry of pieces in the show. These pieces, entered in the show for display and for judging are the HEART of our show. They are the real reason we exist as a show. The show is NWA's education of the public with regard to fine woodworking. And, what an education you can get at WOODWORKERS SHOWCASE each spring in Saratoga. We had just under 600 pieces entered in the show this year. Our belief is the more the better! Thank you to all who entered pieces. Time to begin your piece for next year.

The show did well in all respects. Paid attendance was around 3800. Total attendance was way over 4000. We made a handsome profit. Feed back from visitors was all very positive.

Totally Turning, the woodturning symposium produced by our woodturning SIG the Adirondack Woodturners was also very successful. Attendance was about 235 paid registrants and total attendance was close to 300. It too was quite successful by all accounts.

It is (IMSBO) "in my somewhat biased opinion" an event overall which we as an organization can be VERY PROUD. WE ARE the BIGGEST and BEST event of this type in all of North America.

Thank you all for helping to make it happen. 🐾

Tapping Holes for Wood Screws

By Ken Miller

When I use brass screws to install hinges, I use a sacrificial steel screw to prepare a threaded hole. The screw can be installed more easily and without damaging the machined head. Recently I had to install the insulator posts into 25 white oak stakes.

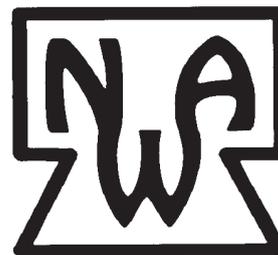
To speed up the process I cut off the head of a steel screw to make a crude "tap" for wood, and used a reversible drill (or screw gun) to insert and remove this prepared "tap" into pre drilled holes. Rubbing wax on the screw and inserting a shaving into the hole helps in the installation and future removal. These eyes were put in very easily by hand.

Onrust Shipbuilding Project

By Greta Wagle

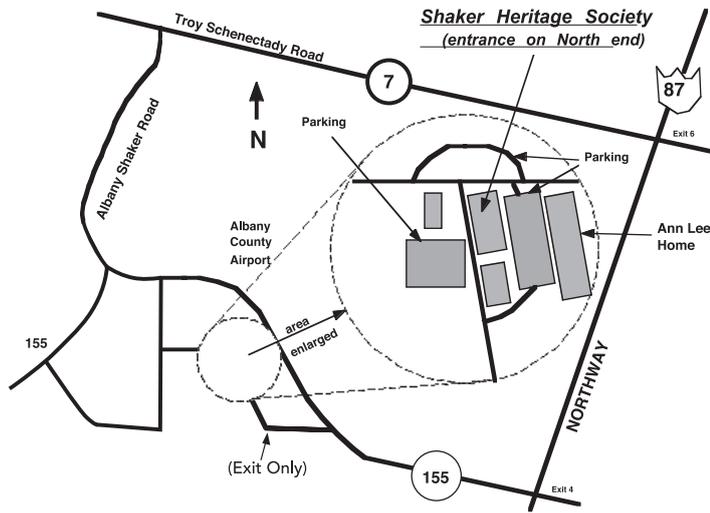
You may recall the Onrust being built under a big tent at the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam. This is a reproduction of the first yacht built in America, in 1614. The hull has been completed and the ship is now at Scarano's Boatyard in Albany.

Much work remains to be done to finish the interior and the decks. Needed are woodworkers, carvers, plumbers and electricians. If you are willing to volunteer some of your time, please contact Greta Wagle at ghwagle@nycap.rr.com or 518-248-1395.





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GENERAL MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL EVENTS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Adirondack Woodturners Association - The AWA is active throughout the year. Meetings are every first Wednesday of the month (except in January and July when it is the second Wednesday), and are held at the NWA Learning Center located at 1 Mustang Drive, Cohoes, NY (This is just off Rte 9 at the light at Fonda Road) from 6:30 PM to 9:00PM. Wednesday "Learn and Turn" sessions occur on all other Wednesdays at the NWA shop, 1 Mustang Dr. These sessions run 6pm-9pm except on AWA member meeting nights as described above.
www.adirondackwoodturners.com Contact Ken Evans, 518-753-7759 or keevans1@nycap.rr.com

Scroller's Guild - Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at The New Shop on Mustang Drive, Latham. A beginner's session starts at 6:30 PM followed by a general meeting at 7:00 PM. Contact: Jeanne Aldous at AMJAMtat2 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. Contact Matt Clark, (845) 454-9387.

NWA Crafters - Meets every Saturday and Tuesday, from 9:00 am until noon at NWA Shop at 1 Mustang Dr. Our general purpose is public service work for various charitable organizations, including the Double H Hole in the Woods camp for children and recently the GE Elfuns toy mods group. We strive to foster a learning environment for our members through the projects we work on and the informal training/learning sessions given by and for our members. Sharing fellowship and relating experiences are a major part of our sessions. Contact Dave Axton (518) 237-6992, 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 learning ctr. Our programs are determined at the previous weekly sessions, discussions start at 7PM. Our goals are to promote the art of Wood Carving. We assist with all carving matters. Individual private sessions are available Wednesday evenings by appointment only. All beginners are encouraged to attend often, as we will assist with 100% of your needs. We offer the wood, tools, patterns and the how to carve training as you need it. NWA WC operates a carving tool crib for all to borrow tools.
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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 Pete Chast, pchast@francomm.com.

NWA Sacandaga - The chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the Second Wednesday of each month at 55 Second Avenue Mayfield, NY (our workshop) If you are in Mayfield at Stewarts on RT. 30, just go two blocks toward Gloversville and turn left one block to first road on right. That's It! Contact Gary Spencer, 863-6433