

# WOODWORKERS NEWS



Northeastern  
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## October Meeting

*Thursday, October 9, 2008, 7:00 pm  
Shaker Heritage Society Meetinghouse  
Albany-Shaker Road, Albany*

## Fiske Scholarship Fund Presentations

*By Joe Kennedy*

The October meeting should be both entertaining and informative. We have had a large number of awardees this year who took classes in many different areas. We hope to have the following members talk about the things they have learned:

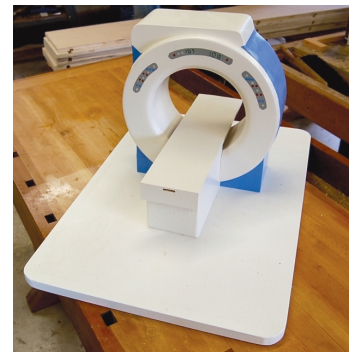
Kurt Herzog	Turning with David Ellsworth
Carl B. Ford	Two turning classes at Brookfield, including shaping aluminum vessels
Michael Chrobot	Comprehensive guitar making at the Galloup School
Guy Garrett	Making a Hunt Board with Garrett Hack
Chris Knite	Making a Hunt Board with Garrett Hack
Austin Spang	Sculptural Furniture at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
Tom Osborne	Sculptural Furniture at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
David Bird	Three turning classes at Brookfield
Bill Reynolds	The Intarsia Experience – Beginners Class
Jack Collumb	The Intarsia Experience – Beginners Class
Bob Boisvert	The Intarsia Experience – Beginners Class
Camilo Marquez	Basic Woodworking at the Banner Hill School
Joe Benkert	Two week class on Finishing with Teri Masaschi at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
John Hodgson	One week class on Finishing with Teri Masaschi at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship.

We will use the informal "Show and Tell" approach again. This seems to work well and gives all of us sufficient time to talk to each presenter. I hope to see you all there.

## NWA Makes Models of Diagnostic Machines

*By Herm Finkbeiner*

Last year the Northeastern Woodworkers Association (NWA) was approached by Eileen Minder who wondered if the organization would make wooden models of Cat Scan and MRI machines for the children's ward at Albany Medical Center. Eileen was for many years the person in charge of the craft activity at Double H Ranch (a camp created by Paul Newman in Lake Luzerne, NY for kids with serious illnesses) and through NWA and its members helping at the camp was well acquainted with NWA woodworking skills. Eileen's daughter was a nurse at Albany Medical Center and aware that if kids were able to play with the models of these machines, they would be less frightened when they needed to encounter a real CT or MRI machine.



*Machine Model*

NWA agreed to make the models, Owen and Karen Arkison went to the hospital, took pictures of the machines, made drawings from the pictures and brought them to the NWA group that meets at Jim Kennedy's shop every Saturday morning. The body and parts of the model are made of maple the base is 3/4" plywood. Among those who worked on the models in addition to Karen and Owen were, Bill Van Brunt, Ken Evans, Dick Flanders, Dave Mobley, Tom Osborne and Darrell Welch.

The distribution plan is that two of each will be given to Albany Medical Center and the third set will be given to St. Peters Hospital.

This project is another example of the contribution that the members of the Northeastern Woodworkers Association routinely make to the community through the woodworking skills of its members. 🙌

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## Double H Ranch Thank You!

*Provided by Peter Howe*

## Thank You!

I wanted to thank you for your continued support of the woodworking program at the Double H Ranch. The children that we serve are so thankful for all of the projects that you create and allow the children to make. Our Arts and Crafts staff benefits greatly from the products you provide and children and families look forward to work with the materials you create. We appreciate your support of the Double H Ranch and we are so thankful for all that you do. Thank You!!

Gratefully,  
Kate Walsh and the kids of Double H!

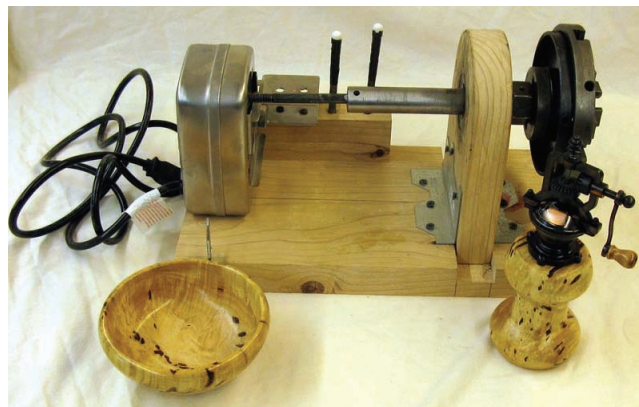
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## Drying Device for Turners

*By Louie Demola*

Attached is a photo of a drying device that I made, copying one that Jan Panek had made. The bowl and pepper mill are pieces that were finished on the device using one coat of wipe-on poly. You put a coat of finish on thick and the device rotates at 10 rpm to keep it from running. The pieces that were finished on the device have a thick deep finish. They look as if I have 25 coats of finish on them.



*Drying Device*

Needed to make the device are as follows:

1. Slow speed motor. I use a bar-b-que rotisserie motor.
2. A chuck.
3. A large bolt with a 1" 8 thread and nut. That is the thread the chuck I has.
4. Two 1" bearings.
5. Two brackets
6. A 3/8" bolt, with the end squared to fit the motor.

I drilled into the end of the 1" bolt so the 3/8" bolt set 3/4" into it. Then drilled and tapped the side of the 1" bolt to hold the 3/8" bolt with a setscrew and to loosen when applying finish. The 1" nut is a stop for the chuck, which is also drilled and tapped.

*Thanks for this great Tip! - editor*

# Safety Message

By Ray Gannon

**Part I** -- Respirator selection process for wood dust -- plus.

\*\* We all must consider our safety and health as our top priority.

\*\* The first step of course to controlling our shop atmosphere is to install a dust collection system. There are several systems & price ranges to consider. Many systems are over the top for many of us. But we will need to choose one suited to our personal preference as well. Talk to fellow woodworkers that have systems to find out what is working and the things to avoid including systems that simply are not suited for your wood working style. Many of us can protect ourselves and our helpers with simple systems. Then there are a few of us that will have elaborate needs.

\*\* Next we will need to consider personal respirator protection. No respirator is capable of preventing all airborne contaminants from entering our breathing zone. Respirators help protect against certain airborne contaminant concentrations in the breathing zone. Misuse of respirators may result in overexposure. Proper respirator selection, training and use are strongly recommended in order for us to be properly protected. Use respirators only for those specific compounds for which they have been approved or recommended for. Many of these substances can cause serious health effects, including sickness and death. Misuse of a respirator may result in sickness or death.

Misuse example -- Fact -- Factual hair will not allow for a proper fit for the respirator to work properly.

OK

As we know I have been leading into this subject all summer. Now (Oct. 08) we are moving inside again starting or finishing projects in an enclosed atmosphere. We now must start taking measures for controlling the wood dust and fumes that we generate (particulate in technical terms).

**1st** We must consider our current state of health and the health of every one of our helpers and family. Many of us are living in close proximity to our shops. If you have not used a respirator before please contact your Doctor and schedule a lung function test/check up to assure yourself that you are not at risk. Respirators place a heavier load on your breathing. Thus complications associated with lung function or your heart function may arise. This is a simple test that will give you the assurances each of us need prior to respirator usage. We will cover many respirators that have one way valves to assist your exhale.

**Make sure that you can use a respirator** remember while using a respirator you are placing extra exertion onto your lungs, this may cause chest discomfort.

**2nd** If you have allergies you will need to consider Allergy Controls first then consider special precautions to prevent an allergic reaction to wood dust. Again don't overlook our family and helpers. Just a whiff of many wood dusts may trigger an allergy reaction.

- **Fine wood dusts**, even if they have no chemical toxicity, can pose a health risk. Dust can act as an irritant to the skin and particularly to the respiratory tract of people that have a natural sensitivity in this area. **Western Red Cedar** and **Rose Wood** have an extremely small dust particle size, prone to penetrate deeply into the lungs and cause severe reactions in asthma sensitive people. Wear a dust mask! Have good dust extraction equipment working in your shop.

**3rd** What woods are you using? Each wood or wood finish will require us to rethink our respirator selection! Take a few min. to think back and identify the woods that you have had a reaction with or you have built up sensitivity to.

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operates continuously.  
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to our membership.  
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and carries specific  
information about SHOWCASE.



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# CHAPTER NEWS

## *Sacandaga Chapter*

*By Gary Spencer*

Our first program of our new season was September 10th. Our program highlighted the activities and skills of Charlie Kested at the Scroll saw. Charlie brought many ideas and completed scrollsaw projects. He did a marvelous job and gave us all food for thought and stimulus for projects of our own. Kudos to Charlie for a job well done!

Our upcoming meeting scheduled for October 8th will again feature NWA's Paul Petrie of Gloversville. As many of you may recall Paul has presented programs to our group almost annually. We have seen examples every year of his expertise as a master woodworker. He borrows on his experience as an elite contractor of custom homes, a great cabinet maker, a fantastic wood turner and a exquisite design capability to complete outstanding projects no matter what they entail. Thus we have little doubt that we will experience a fascinating program. In short Paul can do it all! This year Paul will present a surprise program. You have to come on October 8th to see what it is, you won't be disappointed! Our elected Chapter officers for the year are: Co-presidents are Clyde Cheney and Ray Laubenstein, The Treasurer is Arnold Jaffee, our Board Representative is Mike Kratky and our Liason person with NWA is Gary Spencer. With the Chapter in these hands we look forward to an excellent and productive year.

Our regular monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 P.M. at Mayfield High School woodshop.

Our next regular meeting will be Oct 8th, 2008. Come on out! Remember we have door prizes and light refreshments are served.

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## *Mid-Hudson Woodworkers News*

*By Chuck Walker*

Although we do not usually have a meeting in August, it was felt necessary to get together to double check plans for our woodworking show. The show is scheduled for September 27 and time is short. Plans are in good shape and moving forward and we are expecting another good show.

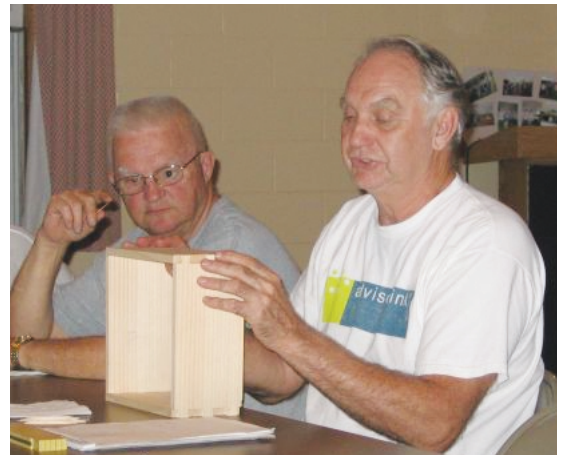
Any Mid-Hudson meeting is an opportunity for show and tell and we were not disappointed. Among several unusual items, George Norton showed dovetails made with a router and the Leigh Dovetail Jig. This jig is capable of both blind and through dovetails. A particularly clever fretwork vase with scroll saw flowers was by Dick Dillon. One of our newer members Camilo

Marquez had been to a class at Windham and built a nice end table. For a first project, this was quite an achievement.

The annual picnic for Mid-Hudson was at the Opdahl farm Saturday Sept. 13. It had been postponed from the previous week due to winds and rain from Hurricane Hanna. We had the usual fine pot luck dishes brought by everyone and hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage and peppers cooked by Bobby Doran and crew. A good raffle (hallmark of Mid-Hudson) pleased everyone and helped put the budget in the black for this event. The Opdahl farm is a historic place and Vi Opdahl guided tours through the house, parts of which date to the 17th Century. We are fortunate to have these fine people welcome us to their place.



*Camilo Marquez end table.*



*George Norton shows dovetails made with Leigh jig.*



*Mid-Hudson picnic at Opdahl farm.*



*Fretwork vase and flowers.*

# Kaatskill Woodturners Meeting

By Chuck Walker

The Kaatskill Woodturners opened the fall season with a good meeting at the Opdahl building. There was a good attendance to hear the plans for next years

*Totally Turning Symposium* to be held concurrently with *Showcase 2009*.

Ken Evans and Peter Case were on hand to describe the program and solicit volunteers to work at the show. It's a good deal as the volunteers get free admission to the symposium and Showcase too. Any profit from the venture will be shared between Adirondack Woodturners and Kaatskill.

The program was to bring a piece turned over the summer and tell about it. There was a good variety of items and it is obvious that Kaatskill turners are developing new skills quickly. Karen Aune brought an elm bowl and pendant watches. Randy Myerson had a pierced turned box inspired by our class with Kurt Herzog last spring. Carl Ford shoed spun metal forms, other hollow forms, candle holders from spalted maple, tops, dish, and a canary wood vase. He's been busy this summer! John Franklin had some very nice hollow form vases of silver maple that had bark areas included. He had stabilized the bark with epoxy resin, a material he has successfully experimented with for some time. This is a technique that could be used more to make useful and attractive turnings from wood that otherwise would not be usable. Matt Clarke has been trying his hand at southwestern native American pottery forms using wood to make the olla form. This form has a natural simple beauty when it is hollowed out, a big challenge in itself! 🙏



Ken Evans and Peter Case explain the upcoming *Totally Turning Symposium*.



John Franklin shows silver maple hollow forms.



Matt Clarke and a southwest olla pottery form turned in wood.

# NWA Woodworking Classes at the Stillwater Shop

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

## Lamination, the Basics and Beyond

Garrett Hack

Sat. & Sun. October 18 & 19

9 AM to 4:30 PM

Cost: \$150

## Hand Plane Tune-up Clinic

Tom Osborne & Bill VanBrunt

Sat. & Sun. October 18 & 19

1 PM to 4 PM

This session will be held at the Kennedy Shop in Halfmoon

Cost: \$25

## Toymaking

Warren Stoker

Wednesdays, Oct. 8, 15 & 22

10 AM – 1 PM

Cost: \$60 plus materials

## Flatboarder's Holiday Ornaments

Warren Stoker

Thursday, Oct. 23

6 PM to 9 PM

Cost: \$25

## Carved Holiday Ornaments

Ray Gannon

Saturday, Oct. 25

9 AM to 3 PM

Cost: \$30

## Turning for Furniture

Ernie Conover

Fri. & Sat. November 14 & 15

9AM – 4:30 PM

Cost \$140 plus material

Registration for this Session Opens on October 5th

## Hollow Forms and Boxes

Ernie Conover

Sun. & Mon. November 16 & 17

9AM – 4:30 PM

Cost \$140 plus material

Registration for this Session Opens on October 5th

## Turned Holiday Ornaments

(Intermediate to Advanced Turners)

George Gurtler

Saturday, Nov. 8

9 AM to Noon

Cost: \$25 plus materials

## The Tablesaw

Ken Evans

Tuesday, November 18

6:30 PM

Cost: \$20

Please Note the New Date

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



## Safety message

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- Example of a Sensitizer Wood that frequently trigger reactions, include Allergy-type Rash
  1. You first must be allergy-prone
  2. Repeated contact (latency period) 5 > days up to 8 Mos.
  3. Looks like Poison ivy – red with small, individual, itchy bumps.
  4. Eye and nose irritation are common as well

Many woods are toxic to a few individuals. It has been reported that 5% to 8% of us wood workers will have a reaction to the toxins found in many woods. If you're one of these individuals then you will need to take special precautions. This depends entirely upon each one of us! Discomfort, irritation and allergic reactions are all associated to a reaction or building up sensitivity to a particular wood. Don't forget that if you're also a smoker you have a 40% higher probability of having cancer than the smoker that is not a woodworker.

**What respirator will protect me from the wood dust that I generate?** For those of us using a computer can visit [www.3M.com](http://www.3M.com) open **3M Select Software (Version: 17.0)** at [3M.com/OCCSafety](http://3M.com/OCCSafety) this program runs' you through a process that will recommend the correct respirator. Also select a respirator that fits your work habits. An example-- if your face perspires, you have hot breath and your safety glasses are fogging up you can pick a respirator that will allow you to exhale easily with an exhale valve built in. This will reduce the humidity from your breath.

I'll cover respirator selection further next month. But the above 3M site will provide many of us with a basic start in the selection process. There other Respirator Mfg. to choose from. Please don't limit oneself to just 3M. I'm not promoting any one respirator company over another.

**I have attempted to personally purchase respirators at many stores through out the Capital Region and all have given me the wrong information. When I pressured them they simply were not prepared or trained to assist us with proper respirator selection. Many local stores have simply removed all safety related items from their shelves. (Personal Protective Equipment or PPE technically speaking.)**

- Steps for Respirator selection are: General Hazards, Contaminants Exposure, Environmental Questions, and Solutions. Wood dusts use 5mg/M3.
- Use 2 mg/M3 for Western Red Cedar dust from this wood is finer.

I hope that this safety message will trigger some personal thought and move each of us to take the precautions that will help us protect ourselves and our helpers.

**Have fun while being safe, but be healthy!  
Think about it -- your safety is your  
individual responsibility.**

## Woodworking show in October

*By John Grossbohlin*

*If you could spread the announcement to other woodworking groups I'd appreciate it so much.*

The Thirteenth annual WOODWORKING & FURNITURE SHOW for the New York Metropolitan area will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 25th & 26th at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge in Greenlawn, NY from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This annual event, sponsored by the members of The Long Island Woodworkers, is an opportunity for artisans to display their work in hand made furniture, wood turning, carving, scroll sawing, & many other areas. The Long Island Woodworkers are a dedicated group of nearly 300 men and women who advance the arts and crafts of fine wood-working through education, programs, and activities.

Attendees are welcome to participate in free seminars presented by talented woodworkers and local artisans. There is a juried competition for prize ribbons for participating exhibitors. Continuous live demonstrations of woodworking techniques and methods of work are shown. An annual favorite is the Tool Garage Sale. In addition, there are hourly door prizes, and tool vendors. Toys made by members of the group are distributed to attending children.

The WOODWORKING & FURNITURE SHOW is managed and produced totally by volunteers. Our twelve annual show in 2007 attracted attendees from throughout New York State and New England. Admission is \$7.00 for adults; children under 12 are free. See <http://www.liwoodworkers.org> for more details.

For further information and a discount coupon please see our website. 🐾

## Renew Your Membership!!

*By Susan Howe – Membership chair*

NWA annual memberships expired on August 31st.

Letters were sent out in September as reminders that it's time to renew. At the September meeting we had a table set up for renewals. So many members took advantage to renew at our first meeting that we ran out of ID cards. Oops!

Joe Bucci (always a willing volunteer) and I will be at the October 9th meeting as well with plenty of ID cards.

If you are unsure of your status please check your address label on this NWA newsletter. The line just above your name shows the month and year your membership expires. The November newsletter will be the last one received by anyone who has not renewed their membership by the end of November. But...there is still plenty of time before the December newsletter is printed to renew your membership.

Many volunteers are working hard to educate and assist members who love woodworking and want to learn more about woods or techniques. There are classes, lectures and meetings to attend. So...don't be left behind. Renew today!

Send your check (\$25.00 for single, \$30.00 for family) to:

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Any questions please call me at (518) 885-9331 or email at [showe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:showe@nycap.rr.com)



# Family Night Auction and Ornament Sale

By Herm Finkbeiner

## Help Support the Stillwater Classes

Items are needed for the auction and the ornament tree!

This year at Family Night (Dec. 4) there will again be an auction of items made and donated by NWA members to help support the shop and wood-working classes at Stillwater. The funds raised allow us to bring in expert teachers like Garrett Hack and Ernie Conover at affordable prices.

A new addition to the fun will be the ornament tree. The turners, the carvers and the scroll sawyers have the skill and the history of making tree ornaments and should be able to easily contribute outstanding pieces for the tree. **But certainly flat boarders can also be a part of this? Or will their contribution be limited to consumerism at the dessert tables?**

We are especially looking for toys, boxes, turnings, clocks, donated wood, woodworking tools and other treasures made by or useful to members. **This is your opportunity to get truly unique high quality items for the people on your gift list.** The auctioneer will again be our own Bart Charbot, who runs an auction where the only thing which exceeded the number of bids is the number of laughs. (The auction also gives Bart a chance to poked good natured fun at those who donated items as well as those who bid.)

It all works because members make and donate marvelous items. For those who want to try something new there are classes scheduled at Stillwater on making wooden toys, turning ornaments and carving. Consult the blog on the web <http://woodworkerorg.blogspot.com/> or the latest newsletter for details and to sign up.

So start making those auction items and tree ornaments NOW!

**PS Even if flat boarders can't make ornaments they surely can build better boxes and trucks than turners could ever make! 🐼**



Ken Evans, Could it be ?



Bill VanBrunt sharing some vast knowledge

# Schaghticoke Fairs

by Betty Andrews

It's been another year of fabulous fun filled days at the fairs. A huge attendance of children and adults made the days go by all too fast. This year there were many teen really interested in watching the turning and asking questions. Also, many adults inquired about AWA. As usual, our turners did a wonderful job interacting with the children. Sometimes it was hard to know who was having the most fun! Many thanks go to our volunteer turners who made this another successful event.



Celia turning at the fair

## And by Ken Miller

Lou Andrews, Lou DeMola, Dave Jerosé, Ken Evans, and Ken Miller turned tops, Harry Potter wands and a few pens at the Schaghticoke fair August 29. We had only a reasonable audience, probably because the excellent

weather kept the crowds outside the buildings. As usual a few adults asked for wands. To get one they have to claim they are under 10 years of age. Well, Ken asked one lady. She said

"over 25". Ken asked again and finally after several rounds she finally said "I'm really 35." Ken said, "That's still not the right answer". She realized what the game was and said 8 years old. Well, he got her correct age without getting into trouble. Her father enjoyed every minute of it. We did get few inquiries about out organizations, Everything was returned to Stillwater and the storage place in Balston Spa. Special thanks go to Lou Andrews for his patience driving all over. We, especially he and Betty, were exhausted after this and the Washington County Fair. 🐼



George turning at the fair



# Adirondack Woodturners Association Monthly News

*By Wally Carpenter*

September's meeting was centered on training in safety and knowledge in working with woods by Ray Gannon. Ray discussed several areas of interest with a specific focus on types of wood related issues which could be affected by our less than positive reaction to them.

We learned about western red cedar's negative side effects as well as thoughts shared by many others in attendance. Many more members have allergic reactions to various species than expected. Many thanks to Ray for his broad and insightful views of this topic.

**The Stillwater Wednesday night Turning  
will start again Oct 8. See you there starting at 6pm!**

Our regular events included some excellent turnings which are included for your viewing pleasure.



*More turnings*



*Various turnings*



*Louie Demola with mill using new finish technique*



*Bill's latest carving*

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and  
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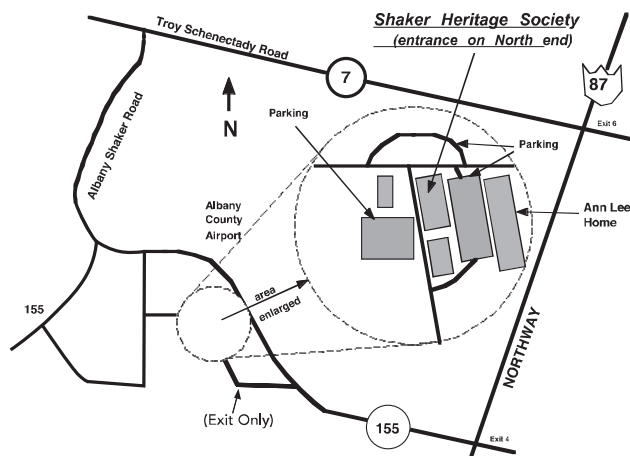


# Wood Auction 2008





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### GENERAL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

#### NWA Program Schedule 2008-2009

October 9, 2008  
Fiske Fund Recipients

November 13, 2008  
Fiske Memorial Lecture  
Ernie Conover

December 4, 2008  
Family Night

January 8, 2009  
Jim's Hole in the Wood Gang

February 12, 2009  
Solid Wood Case  
and Drawer Construction  
Bill MacTiernan

March 12, 2009  
Shaker Boxes  
John Wilson

April 10, 2009  
Sacandaga Chapter

May 14, 2009  
Jigs & Fixtures  
(Mid Hudson)

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

### 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 Curtis Lumber conference room on Route 67, Ballston Spa. Beginners' sessions begin at 6 pm; the main program at 6:30 pm. Wednesday "Learn and Turn" sessions in Stillwater are also scheduled from 6 pm - 9 pm except on AWA member meeting nights. [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 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 [dlphill@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dlphill@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](mailto:rflander@nycap.rr.com)) or Darrell Welch, (518) 477-8431 ([ydwelch@taconic.net](mailto:ydwelch@taconic.net)) for more information.

#### 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 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.