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Mid-Hudson's Celebration of Woodworking

By Bob Boisvert, MHW Show Coordinator

The Mid-Hudson Woodworkers Chapter of NWA held their 14th annual woodworking show on October 1st in conjunction with the Hudson River Maritime Museum (HRMM). The show, titled "Celebration of Woodworking", was held in the Barn at the Museum on the Rondout Creek and was a well-attended, fun enjoyable event.

The show included displays of the many different aspects of woodworking with over 150 items on display.

- Turnings
- Furniture
- Hand Made Canoes
- Scrolling
- Guitar Making
- Children's Wooden Toy raffle

There were also these demonstrations:

- Logs to Lumber Sawmill
- Chair Caning
- Kumiko Art
- Eco Printing
- Birch Bark Canoe

The Hudson River Maritime Museum sponsored a timed Boat Building

Competition where teams built a small pram then held a Rowing Relay Race on the Rondout Creek.

The show also had a sales table that included members' beautiful craft items. Some of the sale items were: turned bowls, coat racks, cutting boards, handmade ear rings and decorative crafts.

Many members from the Albany area provided assistance during the day, along with their display items and donations to the sales table.



Over 150 fine woodworking items were on display



Allan Bishop demonstrates Kumiko



Alan Hayes demonstrated log sawing

Thanks to all NWA & MHW members that worked together with the Hudson River Maritime Museum to put on a successful show.



Eight teams competed in the Maritime Museum's Boat Building Contest



Lock design by Tim Detweller. Woodworking by our own Pete Chast

President's Message

Dave Mobley to Lead Education

By Irv Stephens

Hello, Woodworkers - I am very happy and excited to report that Dave Mobley, a familiar name to most NWA members, has agreed to serve as Interim Chair for Education. Dave will be focusing primarily on recruiting teachers in order to re-ignite NWA's class offerings. Knowing Dave, I suspect that he probably has already started contacting some members about leading classes. On the other hand, why wait for Dave? If you have been thinking about teaching a class, just contact Dave now - don't wait for him to reach out to you...

While I'm writing about NWA Education, I want to remind everyone that woodworking education really is what the organization is about. Many of us are probably conditioned to equate education with scheduled classes on single topics, but education in NWA really encompasses much more than those specific occasions.

Each SIG and Chapter focus their own programs on skills development; the interactions among members at these meetings also provides learning opportunities - it's not "just asking for advice," and the new Machine Qualified program further reflects

NWA's commitment to helping old and new members alike learn how to use standard power tools safely. Additionally, for members seeking woodworking training outside of NWA, there is the Fiske Fund that offers scholarships to help defray some of those expenses.

NWA's membership fees are kept low in order to keep at least the cost of getting together with other woodworkers affordable. Our tool and lumber sales, participation in craft fairs and, of course, the annual Saratoga Showcase cover a substantial portion of costs like rent, insurance and maintenance.

These activities, combined with the thousands of work hours by members volunteering to repair equipment, organize activities, to present classes and demonstrations, to monitor finances and do all the other records-keeping associated with operating an organization of well over 500 members, are what make NWA unique and keeps all NWA educational activities accessible to all members.

— Stay safe, help others & keep woodworking.

KWA News

By Wally Cook

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We met just prior to the Celebration of Woodworking Show held at the Maritime Museum at Kingston. Members brought in some of the items they planned to display at the show and we discussed the help needed for set up and take down.

Part of our discussion centered around Bill Thiry's experience with applying an epoxy finish. Bill used West System epoxy and the 205 hardener as a means to both fill worm holes in his big leaf maple burl hollow form, as well as provide a surface finish. The tendency for West System to take an amber tint over time was part of his logic for the piece. To start, he blew out the holes with a horse hypodermic needle to disperse any loose material. Bill then used electrical tape to hold the epoxy in the worm holes. Electrical tape does not stick to the epoxy – it peels off quickly and leaves a smooth surface. A final cutting leaves an optic surface perfect for the hollow form, which features a redwood burl ring and a magnolia finial. Bill was very positive about magnolia as material for thin finials: dense grain, but very light.



Bill Thiry's hollow form

Mike Guiliano brought a number of items to the wood show, including a natural edge black birch burl bowl (sure, say that fast several times!). This piece won a ribbon at the Ulster County Fair. The bowl is unique in that it displays an amazing number of spikes. Mike discovered the spikes, which arise from callus tissue in the wood, by chipping off the bark covering. His bowl rests on the spikes which are quite sharp.



Mike Guiliano's bowl- inside

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Pat Stefano also brought a story piece. He acquired a propeller from a WWII drone and decided to replicate the motor mount out of turned parts. Pat turned the motor cylinders, spark plugs et al, cut everything in half and fastened it on a rustic background as a wall hanging.

Paul Phillips has been woodturning for a short time, but has developed a great eye for design. His mulberry shallow bowl shows off the grain to great effect – made better by an initial application of black dye, sanded back to highlight the grain, while maintaining the yellow tint to the wood.

The Celebration in Woodworking Show was a successful event, thanks to the hard work of the committee, but most notably, Bob Boisvert the team leader. Many thanks to the Maritime Museum for allowing the use of their spacious barn... and for having neat events such as the build-a-boat competition, where contestants constructed a pram within 3 and a half hours, then raced them in the Roundout creek: great fun!



Mike's bowl - outside



Pat Stefano's WWII drone motor



Paul Phillip's bowl

NWA Lumber & Tool Auction 2022 Returns

By Lee Hilt and Juliana Shei, Lumber & Tool Auction Co-Chairs

The return of our Lumber and Tool Auction after a two year hiatus was a great time and a resounding success in many ways. In addition to having a perfect fall weather day, the event's proceeds were on par with the 2019 auction. This in spite of our bidding attendees being at half what they were for 2019.

Our larger than usual Cash & Carry section accounted for approximately 25% of the overall sales for the day. This section was comprised of not only tools and equipment, but several racks of both exotic and domestic woods and burls.

We were able to accept credit card payments for the first time which accounted for over 45% of overall sales. And the live auction saw 40-pieces of equipment and tools, dozens of boxes (shorts) of exotic and domestic woods, live edge slabs, and over 3,000BF of rough-cut lumber sold.

A big Thank You to not only the dozens of members who helped with the setup, running, and take down of the auction, but to the many, many more who helped over the last two years with dozens of donors' shop clean-outs we've done. Without these shop clean-outs, we wouldn't have had the inventory of tools & equipment, as well as numerous pieces of lumber in the barn that made up a large part of auction sales.

Proceeds from the auction go 50% to the Fiske Fund, an educational grant fund used to defray costs of woodworkers' education and 50% to the NWA general fund.



Pre-auction floor



Cash & Carry section of the auction floor



Auction floor (L to R) Steve VanDerZee, Rich Duval (seated) Auctioneer Bob Williams, Bob Diehl, Todd Gunter



Check Out Table. Seated (L to R) Sue McDermott, Dale Lombardo, Wally and Celia Carpenter

New Drum Sander in the Learning Center

By Steve Schoenberg, LCOC Chair

We have to first thank the Crafters for keeping our old drum sander running for so long, but there comes a time when you just can't get parts and when the motor keeps popping the circuit breaker...

After a search and comparison of available drum sanders, the Learning Center Operations Committee (LCOC) selected and purchased a SuperMax 16-32. The drum is 16 inches wide and is open on the right side (the side closest to Steve Vanderzee in the photo). So, you can sand a work piece as wide as 32 inches by turning it around and running it through again. The drum sander is really great at putting a flat, uniform surface on work pieces that have been glued up from multiple pieces of wood. And, you can surface sand work pieces that are too small to run through a planer. A drum sander also a is a good choice when you are concerned about tear out on a planer.

This purchase was made possible by earmarked donations by our members. This tool is in the sanding area of the NWA Learning Center on Railroad Avenue. We invite all NWA members to stop in during Crafter sessions and try it out.



Crafters SIG Teams with Curtis Lumber

By Dave Mobley

Our friends at Curtis Lumber have started an effort to bring awareness to careers in the trades, because there's a dire need for trades workers. One activity they offer is going into schools and talking to students. For younger students (2nd to 5th grades) they engage students in building a tool tote. They bring pre-cut wooden pieces for tool totes and lead the class in assembling them. Each student has a completed tool tote to take home, and Curtis Lumber also gives them a kid's tool apron and a tape measure.

The NWA Crafters SIG has worked with Curtis Lumber to produce 250 tool tote kits and our friends at WWAARC have assisted with packaging the kits. Curtis Lumber supplied the lumber and hardware for the kits and LeChase Construction Services of Schenectady is making a generous contribution to support NWA for projects such as this.



Tool tote kits



Tool tote kits ready for delivery

NWA Crafters Make Car Show Trophies

*A letter from Jennifer Stickney,
Curtis Lumber Marketing Coordinator*

I'm happy to announce that Curtis Lumber's annual Car and Truck Show was another HUGE success! I wanted to take a moment to THANK YOU and all the members of the Northeastern Woodworkers Association that put in the hard work getting the shifter awards and two trophies completed for our show on 9/11/22. As always, the shifter awards were just beautiful, and they are so sought after. I keep my eye on the award display as I'm afraid someone is going to walk away with one of them or damage them. Guests have gotten to know me as the "award police" and not to mess with them!

This year's trophies were AMAZING! We heard so many comments and I wish you could have



Car Show trophies

all seen one the Spectator's Choice trophy winner's face. He looked at the trophy like it was PURE GOLD....well, which it is!!! He was so shocked and SO excited to win such a piece of art. Again, you all do an incredible job year after year, and we appreciate your efforts so much. Feel free to stop in anytime to obtain wood and supplies for next year's awards and trophies if you would still like to produce them for us. Your work is what makes our show so unique. I've attached some pictures of the awards and trophies for you as I know you like to share them with the association. Here is a wrap-up of the day:

- 364 show vehicles rolled into the parking lot and joined us for the day.
- Thousands of spectators came in and enjoyed the vehicles, food, music, and fun shenanigans from our employees.
- Our 50/50 Raffle Ticket Ladies (all Curtis employees) pulled in a total of \$1,982.00
 - \$991 raised for the WTEN Pet Connection
 - \$991 take home for our 50/50 Winner

Amazon Smile - A Way to Help NWA

By Irv Stephens, NWA President

The holiday season is upon us again, and it's time to remind you that NWA, as a qualified 501(c) cultural and educational organization, participates in Amazon's Smile program and receives donations from Amazon based on your individual purchases.

Although I recognize that in these times there are many deserving organizations, I hope you will consider specifying NWA as your designated charity and will also tell your friends and family members about it too. **[So far, over 20 members have elected to designate NWA as their designated charity.]**

To use **Amazon Smile**, you need to have either a regular Amazon or an Amazon Prime account and then use the **Amazon Smile** website to shop. The prices and goods available via **Amazon Smile** are exactly the same as those offered via the familiar amazon.com website.

To get to **Amazon Smile** from your desktop computer,

1. Sign on to your regular Amazon account and open the menu labeled, "Hello, Sign in ACCOUNT & LISTS, and click on the link, "Amazon Smile Charity Lists." This will take you to the **Amazon Smile** website.

More detailed information about **Amazon Smile** is also available from this Amazon Site:

<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

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Do not be tempted to enter a search for "NWA" in the search box appearing in the center of your display and labeled "Amazon Smile Charity Lists" because NWA does not appear in these lists.

2. Look for the "**Amazon Smile**" label next to the "**All**" label located on the left-hand side of the menu bar running across the top of the display. Open this link and enter "**Northeastern Woodworkers Association**" in the search box, then check the box to select it.

That's all you have to do. Amazon will send you an email confirming your selection. To change your designated charity or to opt out of the program, just go to the **Amazon Smile** via your ACCOUNT & LISTS menu and update your preferences.

*Note that some mobile devices provide apps that will let you go to **Amazon Smile** directly.*

Special Discount for NWA Members

Every October Curtis Lumber holds their Halloween sale. In appreciation for the many projects that the NWA has done to support Curtis Lumber events they are offering a special 20% discount to NWA members. Just bring your membership card to Curtis Lumber on Route 67 in Ballston Spa any time between October 24 – 31 to receive this big discount.

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*Card-Carrying Northeast Woodworkers Association Members will receive 20% off their total purchase.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs): Please note meetings will commence at our new location at 97 Railroad Avenue.

Adirondack Woodturners Association (AWA) - The AWA is active throughout the year. **General** Meetings and Bowl Turning are held the first Wednesday of the month (except in January and July when it is the second Wednesday), at the NWA Learning Center located at 97 Railroad Avenue, Colonie, NY from 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM. **Contact:** Maxwell Ferris at maxwellferris@yahoo.com

Spindle and Pen Turners - Meets Mondays 5:30 PM - 8:45 PM. Contact: Pam Bucci at 518-429-6440 or woolglass2@gmail.com Wednesday "Learn and Turn" sessions occur on all other Wednesdays at the NWA Learning Center. These sessions run 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM. www.adirondackwoodturners.com **Contact:** Kevin Ramsey Cell 518-769-9665 or kmrammer@yahoo.com

Kaatskill Woodturners - KWA SIG no longer meets the second Saturday of the month. KWA plans a January meeting to establish a schedule for 2022 and to hold elections for officers. Contact: Wally Cook at wally.cook@gmail.com

NWA Crafters - Meet Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00 AM to noon. They provide public service woodworking for various charitable organizations, including the Double H Hole in the Woods camp for children and the GE Toy Modifications Group, and the Make A Wish Foundation. Sharing information, fellowship, and relating experiences are a major part of these sessions. **Contact:** Wayne Distin at 518-674-4171 or wdistin@nycap.rr.com for more information.

The NWA Wood Carvers SIG – Meet Thursdays 5:00-8:30 PM all year at the NWA Learning Center located at 97 Railroad Avenue, Colonie, NY. The goal is to promote the art of wood carving and to have a good time doing it. The only prerequisite is a desire to carve while making new friends. Wood, tools, and patterns are available. **Contact:** Diane Balch at 518-885-9899 or signs@balchsigns.com

Hand Tool SIG – Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00-9:00 PM in the Herm Finkbeiner Education Center at 97 Railroad Avenue, Colonie, NY. **Contact:** Dave Parkis at 518-429-6581 for further details: dparkis@nycap.rr.com

Scrollers SIG – Meets every Monday and Wednesday 6 to 8:30 PM. **Contact:** Steve VanDerZee stevedz@msn.com

CHAPTERS

NWA Mid-Hudson - Presently The chapter meets on Zoom and at in-person meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except the month of July. Meetings are at the Hudson River Maritime Museum located at 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston NY 12401. **Contact:** midhudsonwoodworkers.org Bill Sterling, President - 845-532-3754 wster1156@aol.com