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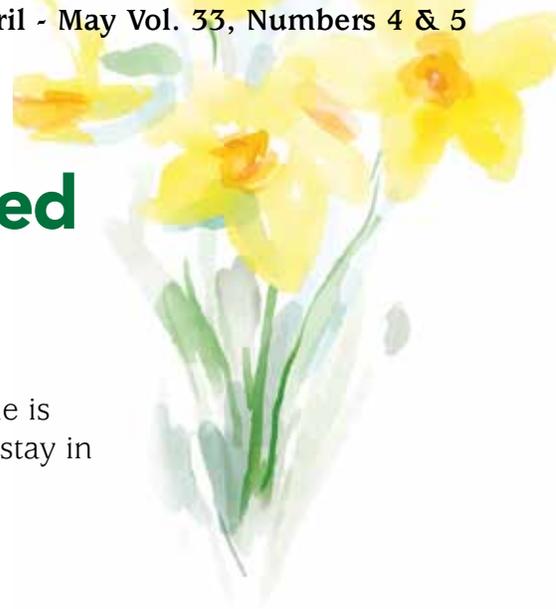
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Mauricio Kolenc Invited by Todd Gunter to be the Featured Presented for Totally Turning

Mauricio identifies himself as an artist, a professional instructor of wood turning, and an international demonstrator of turning. His home is Montevideo, Uruguay. Todd brought him to Showcase and hosted his stay in Todd's home.

Examples of Mauricio's can be found here on his Instagram
[@grata_madera](https://www.instagram.com/mauricio_kolenc/) and https://www.instagram.com/mauricio_kolenc/



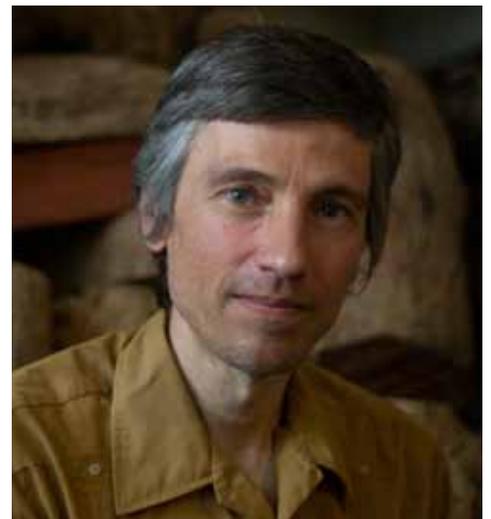
Mauricio turning



Chess pieces



Work in process



Mauricio

Carvers at Showcase

By Diane Balch

The Carving SIG (Special Interest Group) had a great time at Showcase 2024. There were fifteen carvers, from fairly new carvers to long experienced, all displaying and demonstrating a variety of carving techniques. Tony Lisosky displayed his 18" tall Teddy Roosevelt and Quantum Parker and a Buffalo. Bonnie Lisosky displayed some of her beautiful chip carvings.



Tony's Americana



Bonnie's chip carving

Jack Connell displayed two native African Tribal masks. Al Doty displayed a variety of birds, caricatures, and animals. Suzie Usher had a clever display of small animals and caricatures. Scott Hunter was busy carving a bird. Pat Jenkins was busy chip carving golf balls. After removing the outer covering, she chip-carved an intricate design, making an ornament. Diane Balch was carving fur on her large eared donkey.

Several of us were carving "Comfort Birds"



Jack's tribal mask



Al's assorted birds, caricatures, and animals

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which is the Carving Group's community service project. We give them to people who are sick, grieving, or homeless veterans and those under a lot of distress. Jacquie Donahoe spearheaded our biggest Comfort Bird project. She had our group and two other carving clubs carve 500 birds which were sent to Uvaldi, Texas shortly after the school shooting.



Diane's large-eared donkey



Don Reiss with work in progress



Susie's display



Nancy Bunker



Jan McEnery's two-sided carving

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Showcase Raffle

By Marilou Pudiak-Town

The Raffle Table had a very good year in spite of the weather. It is always a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. There were a lot of smiling faces throughout Showcase, but the best ones were on the children's faces. They seemed more involved this year with the Toy Factory, the Scavenger Hunt, and the magician. As for raffle items, tools and musical instruments were big draws, but the donated variety of boards was probably the biggest draw of our tabletop items. The canoe always draws attention to our corner, so I hope we get one again

next year. The Union College black walnut table brought plenty of ooohs and aaahs. (See photos on page 6) The bowls and hexagonal table rounded out the options for ticket buyers.

People were very happy with the door prizes which were gift certificates to Lee Valley and cans of poly finish. These were gifts everyone could use, even those not dedicated to woodworking.

We also had a scavenger hunt for the first time. It was a hit. The little ones loved the game, and this kept their parents not only in the Vendor Area but had them visiting all the vendors. Two parents said the game allowed them more time at Showcase. While the children looked for Wedgie, the parents had time to talk with the vendors.



Black Walnut Table made by NWA Crafters (left to right, front row) Ron Wagner, Don Cooke, Juliana Shei, Ray Puffer (back row L to R) Dave Mobley, Glen Pfeleiderer, Rick Bird (missing Eric Marczak)



Other raffle items

Toy Factory at Showcase

by Andy Moss, Mid-Hudson Woodworkers Toy Factory Chair

The Toy Factory, which is run by the Mid-Hudson Woodworkers chapter, has been in existence for over 20 years. During the year, our members regularly get together at a member's shop to construct parts for wooden toys that we help kids put together at Showcase. All toys are given to the children for free. This year's toys included planes, helicopters, totes, bird houses, tanks, cars, boats, tractors, and trucks.

We bring the parts to Showcase and set up our five custom-built workbenches. A member sits at each station and guides the children in putting together their toys. These toys are unfinished and predrilled by us for nails, axles, or other components.

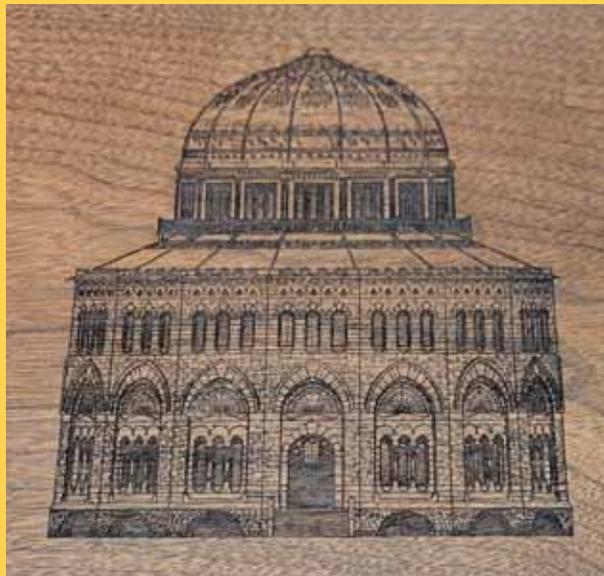
This year we brought parts for 476 toys. As you all know, the snowstorm on Saturday severely limited attendance so we did bring back more than usual. That said, both days saw kids standing in line to make the toy(s) that they wanted. If desired, they could build and take home more than one toy. There is nothing more fun than helping kids put together a toy. They really are excited to be able to hammer nails or axles and make something themselves. For us, it is loads of fun helping the kids...what a rewarding experience.

In addition to the toys, we set up several power tools (drill press, band saw and sander) to make repairs or adjustments in case a toy part needs a tweak. This also lends a "workshop" look to our factory. We also have a scroll saw which is used for demonstrations and to make small giveaways for the kids.

I want to thank the many volunteers, both from the Mid-Hudson Woodworkers chapter and from the NWA membership that donated their time to help fill our workstations. We could not have done it without you. We hope all those that volunteered will consider returning to Toy Factory in 2025, and we welcome other members to join us as well.



Union College Black Walnut Table



NWA Store

By Linda Reiss

Even a crazy snowstorm didn't deter shoppers at the 2024 Showcase Store. In fact, we had higher sales during the storm than on the fair-weather Sunday! Members showed their support and woodworking chops again this year with

a beautiful selection of small, useful items like shoehorns and dough scrapers, as well as beautiful creations like bowls and cutting boards.

The store also displayed items on consignment from members and the ever-popular selection of excess library books which we offer at bargain-basement prices.

Sales this year, over \$3,000, topped last year which was a tough act to follow. A very big thank you to everyone who donated items for sale and to the many volunteers who managed pricing, store set-up and sale transactions.



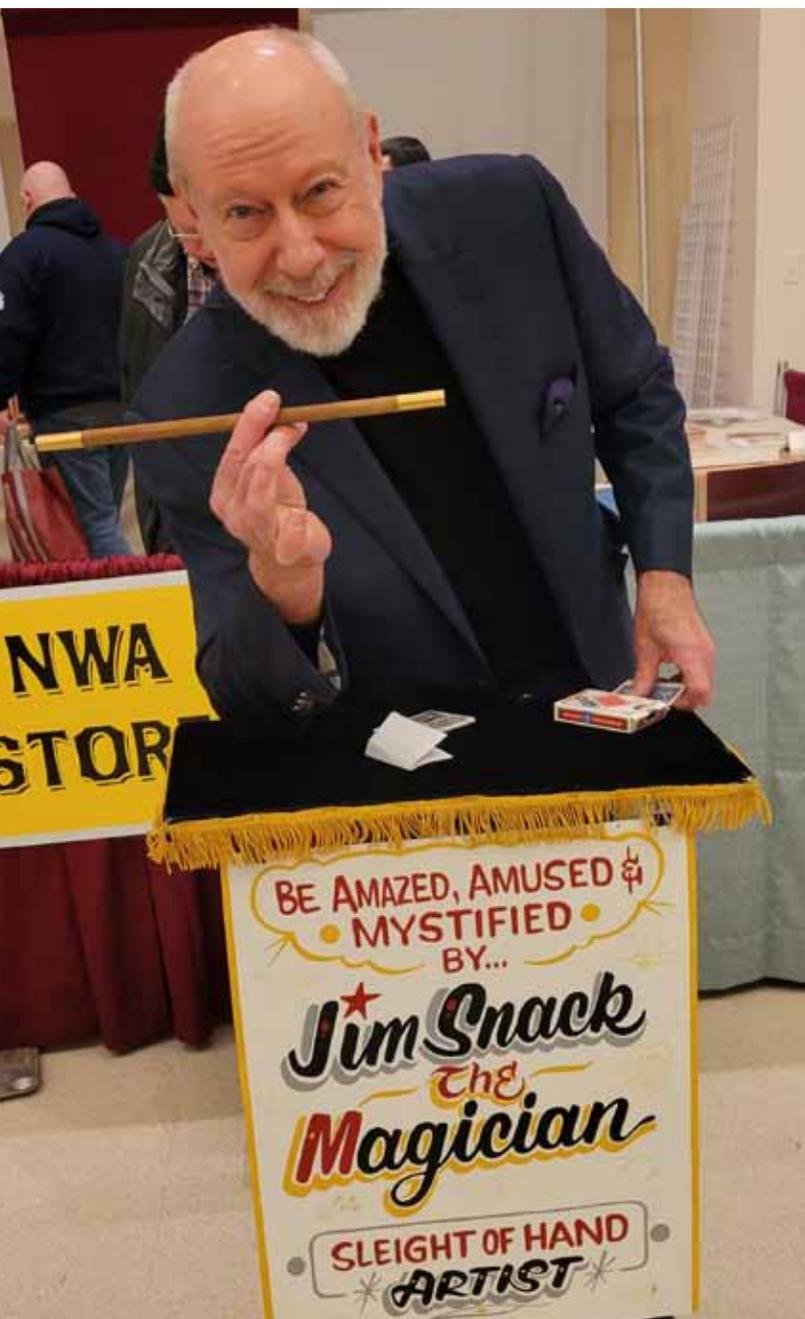
Jon Hedman's popular mice



TOTALLY TURNING and SHOWCASE

Photographer Chris Stolicky









Best in Show and People's Choice
 Diane Niznik





Turning: One way to Discover the Joy

By *Walt Pazderski*

I have been an NWA member for some time. I never thought I would EVER take part in the turning of wood. Then I came across “the chunk”. It was a very large section of indeterminate wood. I wanted to make it into a countertop caddy to hold kitchen utensils.

After thinking about how to fabricate what I wanted without using a lathe, two things became very obvious. #1 - using a lathe was the best way to achieve what I wanted and #2 - I had no idea how to properly use a lathe

It turned out my NWA membership carries many benefits. One benefit: there are a large number of instructional offerings on a large number of topics. One is a “Turning for Beginners” class. The class, taught by Stanley Blanchard, was outstanding. Stanley is knowledgeable, patient, and passionate. I learned a LOT in a very short time.

My NWA membership combined with the successful completion of the class enabled me to use club equipment to fabricate my piece (the wood turned out to be elm). If you have any thought to try turning, I highly recommend Stanley’s class. It sure turned me around!



Shaping this mysterious log under the careful watch of Stan



Use Walt’s imagination



The Vase Emerges!



Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

KWA and Mid-Hudson Woodworkers to Build a Common Workshop

By Wally Cook

It has taken years in the making, but the stars have finally aligned to go forward with an NWA outpost in the Mid-Hudson Vally. A common workshop will augment outreach for those members who live too far from the LCOC activities.

Up to this point, various interest groups have met at different locations: The Kaatskill Woodturners (KWA) have gathered at the Opdahl property in Hurley in a reconfigured four-bay garage, while the Mid-Hudson Woodworkers (MHW) have had limited access to space at the Hudson River Boat Building school.



Jim Lee Sr. gathering up the brush

Work is now underway to clear and level the site; construct a driveway and parking lot; and lay out electric connection to the proposed building. A contractor has been selected to lay a concrete slab and begin construction in July. Equipment residing at the Opdahl building will be moved in June and temporarily stored in the container on site.

It's an exciting time and an exacting schedule. Most of the funds have been raised, but a last fund-raising drive will put us over the top. Many thanks to the individuals who have helped to support this effort!



Ron Roberts, Jim Lee Jr. and Hal Hahn felling trees at the proposed site

The KWA was informed that the Opdahl space needed to be vacated in 2024, while repeated flooding events have interrupted MHW dedicated time. As a consequence, a search was commenced to find other venues for hands-on work. A solution was found that allows the MHW and KWA to relocate together at the Jim Lee property in the Town of Ulster.

Jim and Debby Lee have guaranteed a 25-year lease for part of their property adjacent to the NYS Thruway. The proposed site would locate a 20'x40' building on a concrete slab, along with a commercial storage container to house lumber and materials.



An example of the builder's work in progress for another customer. The concrete slab is poured after the poles have been set.

**Watch for the Constant Contact
announcement of the
NWA General Meeting, Thursday, May 9
for a presentation of the
Musical Instruments SIG
and the election of officers.**

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:** Steve Vanderzee, 518-727-6511 or stevevdz@msn.com

Spindle and Pen Turners plus Introduction to Woodworking - Meets Mondays 9:00 AM to noon and Mondays 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM, including holidays except Christmas. Contact: Pam Bucci at 518-429-6440 or woolglass2@gmail.com
Wednesday “Learn and Turn” sessions occur on alternate Wednesdays at the NWA Learning Center. These sessions run 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM. www.adirondackwoodturners.com Contact: Pam Bucci at 518-429-6440 or woolglass2@gmail.com

Kaatskill Woodturners - Also an AAW Chapter. Meets on the second Saturday of the month at the Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St. Hurley, NY 12443. Contact Wally Cook at 845-338-2193 or 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 dbalch1@nycap.rr.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 stevevdz@msn.com

CHAPTERS

NWA Mid-Hudson - Presently The chapter meets on Zoom and at in-person meetings on the fourth 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