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## ANNUAL WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE 2023 EDITION

### NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
starting at 9:30am  
Woodworker's Challenge

**In Person** in Community Room  
at Belgium Cold Springs Fire,  
7920 River Rd, Baldwinsville

**Wednesday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> @**  
6:30pm

**Bi-Monthly Board Meeting**

**In Person** in Community Room  
at Belgium Cold Springs Fire,  
7920 River Rd, Baldwinsville or  
**Via Zoom**

**Thursday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Carving SIG Workshop**

**Carving a Santa Face** with Dave  
Weir

Gathering Starts @ 5pm  
Workshop Starts @ 6pm  
Open Carving Until 8:15pm

**In Person** at Beaver Lake  
Nature Center, 8477 East Mud  
Lake Road, Baldwinsville

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from**  
9am to 12 noon

**Club Workshop** at Eight Acres  
Event Center, Baldwinsville

**Sunday, December 3rd, 1pm to**  
4pm

**Holiday Party & Annual  
Meeting**

**Bring unwrapped toys for  
underprivileged**

**In Person** in Community Room  
at Belgium Cold Springs Fire,  
7920 River Rd, Baldwinsville

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from**  
9am to 12 noon

**Club Workshop** at Eight Acres  
Event Center, Baldwinsville

**WHAT?** Contest Among Members in 15 Categories

**WHEN?** Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open at 9:30am

All Projects Must be in Place by 10:30am

**WHERE?** Community Room @ Belgium Cold Springs Fire  
Station 1, 7920 River Rd, Baldwinsville

**WHO?** ALL MEMBERS INVITED to submit projects

ALL MEMBERS ENCOURAGED to attend & vote on  
the best in each category

**HMMM ...** Consider bringing a summary of your project that  
can be easily read by voters!

The club sponsors a contest, called the Woodworker's Challenge, on a yearly basis. We are continuing to hold on a Saturday morning so more members can participate and not be concerned with long distance driving after dark. This event replaces November demonstrations for 3 of the 4 Special Interest Groups. Only the Carving SIG will hold a demo in November, on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN?** Members bring their projects to the Community Room. They stop to register each project in one of 15 categories. They are given a number and given information as to where each category is in the room. Members place their project and its number in the designated area. At 10:30am, Charlie LaPrease, the Woodworking SIG Chair, will welcome everyone and provide instructions to attendees. All attendees—everyone then will vote. A group of counters (we need volunteers) will then count the votes.

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## 2023 HOLIDAY PARTY & ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – 1-4PM

### How Does the Club Celebrate the Holidays?

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, members will gather together in the Community Room at Belgium Cold Springs Fire (7920 River Rd, Baldwinsville) to celebrate the holidays. All members –along with their family – are welcome to attend. The room will be decorated so it will be festive.

This is a **Pot Luck** event where the club provides some sort of meat along with punch. We ask that attendees bring something to supplement the meat course – a side dish of any kind, a desert, an appetizer, whatever. However, it is not necessary to do so to attend. We will send out an email before and after Thanksgiving to remind folks and to have you respond to so we have some idea of how many will be attending. Certainly, you can send that email sooner if you choose, using the normal club email address – [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com).

What else will happen at the event?

- ◆ **Woodworking Crossword Puzzle**
- ◆ **Annual Meeting & Elections** – We need to spend about 20 minutes to hold our annual meeting including holding elections and approving the 2024 budget.
- ◆ **Toys for the Underprivileged** – Bring toys you are donating for kids. See page 6.
- ◆ **Conversation with Other Woodworkers** – This is a great time to relax, get to know, and enjoy chatting with other members during this busy time.

We hold this event during the day with the hope that many of our 300+ members can attend. We realize this is a busy time for everyone and understand that other obligations may prohibit you for attending. We offer this up as an opportunity to have some fun and hope you can participate.



## NOVEMBER 2023 EVENTS

### ANNUAL WOODWORKERS CHALLENGE (CONTINUED)

**THEN WHAT?** Charlie will then work around the room and ask members to discuss their projects. Once the counters are finished, he will announce the winners.

**WHAT ELSE?** We will have light refreshments for folks to enjoy during the morning. Attendees may supplement those refreshments with their own.

**WHAT CAN I DO TO SPEED THINGS ALONG?** You can pre-register by 6pm on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> by sending an email to woodcny@gmail.com.

#### THE EMAIL MUST CONTAIN:

1. Your Name (*Do not assume I know you from your email address!*)
2. Category Name (*see list below*)
3. What is the piece you are entering? If there is a title or name for your project, please provide one.
4. What is the wood you used?
5. What is the finish you used?
6. Other information you want to tell about the project.  
(*This info will be used more for the website and newsletter.*)

#### WHAT ARE THE RULES?

1. You **MUST BE PRESENT** and a member of the Woodworkers of Central New York as of October 15<sup>th</sup> to participate.
2. No kit-based projects may be used. You may build from someone else's plans.
3. You may enter only one project per category, built during the past 2 years. **ALL MEMBERS** may enter the Challenge as long as they follow the rules.

#### WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?

**TURN THE PAGE and FIND OUT!**



**ALL  
MEMBERS  
SHOULD  
ATTEND!**

**YOU DON'T  
NEED TO  
ENTER TO  
ATTEND!**

### DEMONSTRATION LOCATION & INFORMATION

The Woodworkers, Turners & Scrollers demonstrations are held In-Person in the [Community Room at the Belgium Cold Springs Fire Dept Station One, 7920 River Road, Baldwinsville.](#) *Directions on page 29.*

When possible, we will also broadcast the demo via [Zoom](#) and distribute the link to members 1-2 days ahead. Our Zoom sessions open by 6pm

**Show & Tell:** Items accepted in-person. If you can't make it, send photos and descriptions of your projects to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com) by 3pm on the day of the demonstration so they can be incorporated into the slideshow.



## Woodworker's Challenge 2023 Categories

### Prizes

**Best in Show—\$50**

Individual Category Prizes

**1st Place \$25**

**2nd Place—\$15**

**3rd Place—\$10**

Prizes awarded in each category

**Remember, You Can Only Enter One Project Per Category**

**Furniture** — Items that typically sit on a floor

**Large Accessories** — Larger Boxes, Wall Hung or Tabletop Mirrors, Clocks, Shelf Items, Frames, & Lamps – Dimensions more than a cubic foot

**Small Accessories** — Smaller Boxes, Wall Hung or Tabletop Mirrors, Clocks, Shelf Items, Frames, & Lamps – Dimensions less than 12" x 12" x 12" (a cubic foot)

**Wearable Accessories** — Jewelry, Hair Pieces, Belts and other wearable items created in any way

**Scrolled** — Items made primarily with a scrollsaw

**Turned Spindles** — Turned items that are primarily created in the spindle style between centers

**Turned Bowls** — Turned items that are primarily created as a bowl

**Turned Boxes** — Boxes that are turned

**Turning Other** — Turned items that don't fit in the other categories

### Toys

**Carved 1** — Carvings of Birds, Animals, Caricatures, and similar items

**Carved 2** — Other carvings that are abstract or artistic and do not fit in Carved 1

**Sculpted** — Items that are sculpted into a form using a combination of techniques that may include electrified rotary tools, sanders, etc. Includes intarsia

**What Not** — Items that don't fit into other categories

**Youth** — Any items made by youth age 8 to 17

### Also Best in Show !

**ANYTHING ELSE?** Explaining your project on a piece of paper can help as attendees vote. Please consider creating one!

**CAN I ATTEND EVEN IF I DON'T ENTER?**

**ABSOLUTELY! WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!**



## CARVING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### SANTA FACE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> — 5-8:30PM

**T**he Carving SIG will meet on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> (*In-person only*) and hold a workshop where attendees will learn to carve a Santa Face with *Dave Weir*.

Gathering will start at 5pm and instruction should start by 6pm. We have the room until 8:30pm. This should be another excellent fun project! Don't forget your *Show & Tell* items also.

The Carvers meet in the large Community Room at the *Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, NY.*

## CLUB WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 9AM–NOON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 9AM–NOON

Charlie will hold workshops in both November and December for those that need some help or just want to turn with other members. Because our Woodworkers Challenge is on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the next club workshop will be held on the **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Because of the cold, these workshops are generally for turners inside the heated area of the garage.

The workshop is held at the large garage at Charlie & Barbara's home, a location affectionately known as the *Eight Acres Event Center*. We welcome all members to attend and participate at workshops, even if just to chat! If a member wishes instruction on other topics, they can request it and if it cannot be handled on the normal workshop day, Charlie will work with them to schedule another time.

During the workshops, you can learn to turn or purchase consumables like sandpaper, Anchor Seal, mini drill bits, etc. that the club purchases in bulk to help the members. You can also purchase wood from Charlie's huge stash. **NOTE THAT** these items can be purchased at *ANY time*. You do not have to wait for a workshop day. Contact Charlie at any time either at [8acreswood@gmail.com](mailto:8acreswood@gmail.com) or 315-720-7151 to arrange a time to purchase whatever you need.

**WHERE?** The exact address for the club workshop is sent to all members by email before the event. It is located near the Northwest YMCA east of Baldwinsville.

**NOTE:** We ask that you register by **5pm on November 17<sup>th</sup>** so we know you are planning attend and what you plan to do during the workshop – email [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com).



## MEMBERSHIP & RENEWALS

The Woodworkers of Central New York (WWCNY) continues to attract members from near and far. Since the New York State Fair, we've received new memberships from 25 people so our total membership is over 300! Within that 25 are 5 youth who we hope will actively attend meetings/demos, learn, and participate in our events.

Membership in the WWCNY runs from January 1 to December 31. Anyone who joins from October 1 forward automatically receives their membership for the following year. We do receive members throughout the year but do no prorate memberships based on when you join. The Board continues to keep the membership price reasonable at just \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families with Junior free (with an adult membership).

The Board realizes that many members used our online with PayPal option to renew/join in the past. Unfortunately, PayPal requires a member's social security number in addition to our Federal Tax ID # for our account. After this discovery, we cancelled that account. We are working on another option.

For now, we ask that you pay with either cash or checks, however, Barbara can use the Square account used for craft show sales if you want to use a credit card.

Renewals can be taken at any of the upcoming meetings, workshops, and other events. Or send a check by mail to the corporate address:

**Woodworkers of CNY, 3405 Patchett Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027**

### **BE SURE TO:**

*Either complete the 2024 membership application (on web) or include a note with your current email and phone number so we can update the records!*

**RENEWALS ARE  
UNDERWAY**

**Due by March  
31, 2024!**

Have a question about  
membership? Email  
[woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com) with  
your question!

## TOYS FOR CHARITY



Yes, the club will donate toys to the St. Rose of Lima Food Bank this holiday season! This will be the 31<sup>st</sup> year the club will donate. More information about our ongoing support of this Food Bank can be found on our website under *Community Support* ([HERE](#)).

**What is this Program?** Members either build or purchase toys that are then distributed by the Food Bank to kids who otherwise would not receive a gift at Christmas. The kids – both boys and girls – are aged 0 -14. Photos of past donations are on our website.

**When & Where?** We encourage you to bring your toys to the holiday celebration on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are not going to make it, please make arrangements to deliver to Eight Acres.

**Questions?** As usual, feel free to ask any Board member and/or send your questions to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com).

Toy Donation 2022



Toy Donation 2021



One of the missions of the Woodworkers of Central New York is to contribute to the community in which we live, practice our craft, and enjoy. The annual **Turn for Troops** project is one of the community projects that helps to fulfill that mission. When you participate in this effort, not only are you enjoying practicing your craft – *in this case turning* – but you also support the men and women who protect us through their military service.

For those new to this project, let's explain. Woodcraft sponsors this national effort where volunteers turn pens. These pens are in turn sent to military personnel serving overseas and in rehabilitation centers. When there is a Woodcraft store nearby, the volunteers go to the store – usually on Veterans Day – to produce the pens. For clubs like ours that don't have a local store, they supply

## TURN FOR TROOPS

pen components and (if needed) bushings for clubs to hold their own *Turn-a-Thon*, whether it is as a group or individually at home. 2023 is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for this program.

For the past 9 years, members of our club participated in the program donating 2500 pens they turned. Photos of completed pens are shown on the website under the tab *Community Support*.

**A few days ago, we received the email below from a soldier who received one of our pens. To fulfill his request, we are pulling pens from those completed and shipping directly to him. We'd love to *fill the gap* with more pens. If you would like to turn more, please contact Larry Prunotto (Prunotto (315-657-5573 or larry0128@outlook.com).**

If you have not sent a photo of your pens to woodcny@gmail.com, please do so ASAP.



### REMINDER

**Please take a photo of your completed pens before packaging up. Whenever possible, photograph on a simple background so the pens show up!**

Mr. Kleege & Woodworkers of Central New York

I was passed one of your hand-crafted pens on my recent deployment in Kuwait and was very delighted. I enjoy crafting many of my own things by hand and this pen has been one of my favorite items to have received on a deployment. Along with the pen I received a business card with these two emails and I wanted to first send a heart felt thank you to whom crafted the pen and ensure you know that your work is greatly enjoyed. I also would like to see how I could go about ordering a few more for my Soldiers currently here that I work with regularly. Can you please provide me

the cost and estimated time it may take to ship? I would only need 40 pens to provide my section with one each. Please do not worry if this is not something you can do, I just felt it was worth asking and again thank you for what you did send, I will enjoy it as it reminds me of my shop and hand crafted projects.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.



**Pen Turning at the Manlius Show**



**Make a Box &  
Bring to ANY SIG  
Meeting or Event**

**Turned, Scrolled,  
Traditional Box,  
Whatever!!**

**The folks at the  
Joslyn Center are  
desperate for  
boxes. Please step  
up and make one  
or two (or more!).**

## BEADS OF COURAGE BOXES

**B**eads of Courage is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them. Children being treated for life-threatening illnesses are given beads as they undergo a variety of treatments. Boxes are one of the vessels in which they keep their beads.

The Syracuse Joslin Diabetes Center contacted the club requesting that our members make boxes for distribution to kids undergoing treatment for diabetes at the Center. They are looking for boxes of any type whether turned, scrolled, carved, or assembled using traditional woodworking. Members are encouraged to build and donate one or more boxes to fill the Center's urgent needs. Doug North, our president is managing our involvement in the program. Bring the completed boxes to meetings/other events or arrange for their receipt by Doug ([dnorth@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dnorth@twcny.rr.com) or 315-753-1121). We want to track and photograph each donated box.

There are some guidelines for size, finish, etc. We recently clarified the sizes so these are revised guidelines.

### **Wood Thickness & Weight:**

- ◆ The boxes should not be heavy or bulky. Wall thicknesses should be ¼" to **not more than ½"**. Please, not super thin and delicate.

### **Dimensions:**

- ◆ **Turned Boxes: Around 6x6" and not larger than 8x8"**
- ◆ **Flatwork Boxes: Not smaller than 6x6x3" and not larger than 8x8x3"**

### **Base & Lids:**

- ◆ Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable & does not tip over easily
- ◆ Lids should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift.
- ◆ Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break

### **Design Consideration:**

- ◆ The boxes should be able to transition with the child into adulthood and be a keepsake for many years as the patients life with the diagnosis for a lifetime.
- ◆ Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged.
- ◆ If possible, incorporate one of the *Beads of Courage* beads into the box. See Barbara at any meeting to obtain one. The club purchased the beads

### **Finishes:**

- ◆ Please use a safe, non-toxic finish.
- ◆ Do not use finishes like linseed oil that take a long time to outgas.
- ◆ Refrain from painting the boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or wood burning.

## CARVING DECEMBER MEETING

**T**he normal date for the Carving SIG meeting is the 3rd Thursday of the month. For December, that would put the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Those at the October meeting asked that the date be moved up to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Gary reports that the room is not available so there will be no December gathering. Instead, he encourages all members to attend the Sunday afternoon, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Party at the fire house. It's a great time to get to know members other than carvers!



## A UNIQUE ORNAMENT CHALLENGE

The club will again participate in the international ornament challenge coordinated by Alan Stratton, the man who runs the website [AsWoodTurns](https://www.aswoodturns.com) and Matt Deighton of Woodturners Worldwide. This will be the second year the club will participate after coming in third in 2022 with 42 entries by 14 members. For our efforts, we received a remote demonstration from Alan in June on *N-Loop Celtic Knots*. For 2023, Doug set the goal of submitting at least [150 different entries](#).

**Why Should We Participate?** For the club, Mr. Stratton provides a remote demonstration (free to us) for the 3 clubs with the most members who enter the contest! For individuals, there are 4 grand prizes from \$100 to \$250. There are also a variety of vendor sponsors offering coupons and discounts to everyone submitting an ornament!

This Challenge is unique in that it embraces our very diverse membership in that **ANY CRAFT** is welcome and **ANY MEDIA** is welcome! We have over 300 members that can create ornaments using a diversity of mediums and methods!

After you enter online, please send the photo to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com) to include on our website and in the newsletter!

### What Are the Rules?

- ◆ Must be in good taste
- ◆ Reflect the spirit of Christmas and/or the Christmas season. Non-Christian ornaments are welcome.
- ◆ [Any craft is welcome.](#)
- ◆ [Any media is welcome.](#)
- ◆ Ornaments must have been made for this season. For example, if you made it years ago, please do not submit it.
- ◆ Anyone can submit ornaments!
- ◆ You may submit up to 5 ornaments!
- ◆ We will highlight your ornament in multiple videos. Your submission is your consent.

**Some Thoughts on Photographing Your Ornament** — Many of our members create 3D ornaments and we want to show all sides to the ornament. The rule is you can only submit 1 photo per ornament. However, you can show multiple views of an ornament by combining multiple pictures into one using photo editing software. Several phones can do this. If you need help, reach out to fellow tech-savvy members. Also, be sure to use a PLAIN background and crop the photo to show just the ornament!

**Entering** — They simplified the entry process for this year! Go <https://www.aswoodturns.com/challenges/>. Below the video (*feel free to watch*), there is a green box with a web address in white. That web address is [HERE](#) but I suggest you link from the webpage noted above. Click on the link and fill out the form then hit SUBMIT. You MUST enter the name of the club so we get credit and that name is **Woodworkers of CNY**. We must get that correct when submitting so all of our ornaments are counted properly!



*The Entry Deadline  
is Midnight on  
November 30th.*

*Don't Forget to Also  
Send Photos of Your  
Ornaments to  
[woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com)*

## CLUB CHARITABLE EFFORTS

The mission of the Woodworkers CNY is both social and educational and includes activities and programs:

- (1) To advance the art and craft of woodworking in all its forms;
- (2) To share knowledge, skill, and experience regarding woodworking;
- (3) To explore new methods and techniques for advancing woodworking as an art and craft; and
- (4) To contribute to the general community through educational programs and community services.

Our support to the community is handled by a variety of projects including toy donations for underprivileged kids for 30 years, crafts for charities since 2004, demonstrations during the NYS Fair for over 20 years, selling tops for charity at the NYS Fair for about 10 years, turning pens for troops for now 10 years, creating Beads of Courage boxes for now 2 years\*, as well as other projects. Many of our charitable work is focused on organizations that help kids with financial donations going to the Golisano Children’s Hospital as it was being built, the Ronald McDonald House as it was built, the Upstate Cancer Center as it was built, and others.

*\* The turners made 20 or so boxes in 2016 but could not find a local organization who would take them. The Joslyn Center contacted Doug in late 2022 and will take any we can make.*

## CRAFTS FOR CHARITIES – MANLIUS EVENT

Our *Crafts for Charity* events provide funds for yearly donations, providing about \$60,000 since its inception in 2004. Last year we donated \$4,646 to two charities from our sales. Our last sale was at the Manlius Historical Society’s Artisan Fair on October 27 and 28. As a result of that sale, our total for 2023 is \$2,137. While about half of our 2022 proceeds because we pulled out of the Harvest Festival due to weather, its still an acceptable donation. The Board will identify the recipients of that money at its November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks to all who helped out with this event, especially Tony Scime who came from Buffalo and cut reindeer both days. Photos are below.

We need to restock the product boxes. See page 25 for more information on what’s needed!



## WOOD EDUCATION — EASTERN REDBUD



Fuchsia flowers in the spring announce the presence of the Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) in the landscape. Also known as the American Judas Tree, this large deciduous shrub or small tree will likely not produce large wood for the woodworker but it sure looks good when it is flowering!

Native to eastern North America, this deciduous, ornamental tree is also the state tree of Oklahoma. In optimum conditions, the tree may grow up to 20-30 feet tall and 20-25 feet wide. It is a smaller tree with a nearly flat or rounded crown that is often found growing beneath taller trees. It generally has a short, often twisted trunk and spreading branches.

The flowers appear in clusters and are light to dark magenta pink in color. The fruit are flattened, dry, brown, pea-like pods that mature in the fall. The leaves are alternate, simple, heart-shaped, 2-5 inches long

The heartwood ranges from a golden brown to a darker reddish brown, sometimes with a streaked appearance. It can have a greenish olive cast when freshly sawn. The colors tend to darken and redden over time. The pale white sapwood is clearly demarcated from the heartwood. The grain is medium to fine texture and straight. It is easy to work, with no characteristic odor.

Janka Hardness: 1,660 lb (estimated)  
 Average Dry Weight: 47.0 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>  
 Specific Gravity: 0.63, 0.75  
 Tangential Movement: *Not Available*  
 Radial Movement: *Not Available*  
 Volumetric Shrinkage: *Not Available*

### Fun Facts:

- ◆ The flowers can be eaten fresh or fried.
- ◆ The green twigs are often used to season wild game such as venison or opossum.
- ◆ Native Americans consumed the flowers raw or boiled and ate roasted seeds.
- ◆ Columbus, WI is known as *Redbud City* and hosts *Redbud Day* recognizing the tree annually on Saturday before Mother's Day.
- ◆ The genus name *Cercis* means weaver's shuttle in Greek, referring to its seed pods that resemble the size and shape of a weaver's shuttle for looms.
- ◆ The early blossoms draw in nectar-seeking insects and many birds.
- ◆ George Washington reported in his diary on many occasions about the beauty of the tree and transplanted seedlings from the nearby forest into his garden



## WOODWORKING TECHNIQUES FIXING COMMON MISTAKES

Every woodworker makes a mistake sooner or later, but the good ones know how to fix them. That's what really matters. And that's what you'll get here: real-world tips for fixing your real-world woodworking problems.

### 1. Removing Router Burn

Hard, light-colored woods such as oak and maple are great to work with in most ways, but there's a problem: both have a tendency to burn when edge-routed. And once the dark brown marks are on these woods, it's surprisingly difficult to sand them off. In fact, it's almost impossible. This is especially true when you're dealing with a complicated routed profile.

You can remove router-burned edges in a matter of seconds with this easy fix. Simply adjust the depth of cut on your router bit a smidgen deeper than the cut that burned your wood in the first place. If you take off about 1/64" to 1/32" of extra wood while moving your workpiece past the bit relatively quickly, you'll mill off all the burned wood without causing further damage.

### 2. Tightening Sloppy Mortise-and-Tenon Joints

Mortises and tenons are mainstays of good woodworking, but they need to fit snugly to perform right. And that doesn't always happen, especially when you're learning. If you cut a mortise-and-tenon joint that wiggles, even a little, don't just glue it up and hope for the best; you'll probably be disappointed. Instead, take the time to cut thin pieces of wood to glue and clamp to the sides of the tenon. If you orient the grain of your patch to match the grain of the undersized tenon, you'll get another shot at cutting the tenon, and the joint will still be strong.

### 3. Eliminating Gaps in Face Frame Joints

Face frames are the narrow pieces of wood that cap the front edges of cabinet bodies, and it's easy to miss-cut face frame rails so they don't fit tightly with their neighboring stiles. If the gap is 1/32" or less, don't toss the piece of wood into the scrap heap. Instead, get your pipe clamps out. You'd be surprised how far you can pull in a set of stiles so they fit tight and gap-free against the ends of an otherwise loose rail between them. As added insurance that these joints stay together after the clamps come off, reinforce them with 1/4" dowels. Drill a hole down the middle of the joint, swab in some glue, then tap the dowel into place. The result is an easily cut, simple tenon that helps keep rails and stiles united, even if you did need to draw them together under a bit of pressure. It's an easy way to create a kind of tiny mortise-and-tenon joint.



- pipe clamp pressure eliminates rail-to-stile gaps
- drill 1/4" hole and insert glue and dowel





## SHOP TIME!

Shop Time is our column that brings you techniques that you can use in the shop. If you have some tips to share, please send to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com).

### Fume Extractor for Woodburning, Carving, etc.!

When we woodburn, carve, and sand, fumes and dust are created. We also may be in tight surroundings. At the Midwest Scrollsaw Trade Show, one of the demonstrators was using the unit shown right while woodburning.

What's great about it? It has a small footprint, the suction tube is bendable, it is variable speed, and the carbon and HEPA filters can be washed.

It can be purchased from Amazon for about \$80. Who makes it? Kotto and it is listed as a *fume extractor*.



### First Aid Kit for Woodworkers

It can happen. You cut yourself. You get a splinter. Anything can happen in the shop. We need to make sure that the proper materials are available nearby. Why not create a shop first aid kit? What's needed?

- ◆ Various Bandages in a variety of sizes and shapes. Knuckle and finger-tip bandages are great for the shop.
- ◆ Butterfly Strips and Steri-Strips hold wounds closed.
- ◆ Gauze Pads should be included for larger wounds.
- ◆ Gauze Roll will hold pads on.
- ◆ Medical Tape will also hold the gauze pads in place.
- ◆ CA Glue can be used to “stitch a wound closed!
- ◆ Quick Clot stops bleeding fast.
- ◆ Antibiotic Ointment should be applied to wounds even after cleaning.
- ◆ Alcohol Wipes are great to clean areas when water is not available.
- ◆ Tweezers are great for digging out splinters—heavy duty and very sharp ones
- ◆ Magnifying Headset when you need to see better!
- ◆ Splinters for fingers especially although you might have wood!
- ◆ Tourniquets help to apply pressure at an amputation site (let's hope not!)
- ◆ Instant Cold Packs and a Zip-Lock Bag can be used for amputations
- ◆ An formal Eyewash Station may not be possible but add a bottle of sterile saline solution to help flush debris out of the eye.

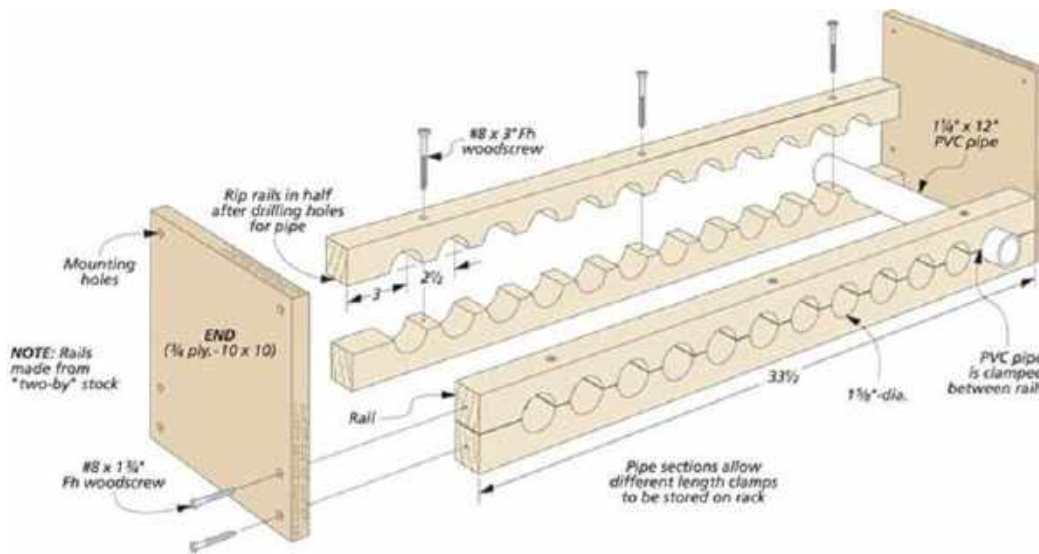
Everything should be in a wall-mounted and labeled box. Periodically, check the contents of the box, being sure to verify that the bandages still are *sticky!*



## MORE SHOP TIME!

### Better Clamp Storage

Are you looking for a better way to store your clamps? Do you have rafters in your shop on which you could attach this type of rack and still reach the clamps when you need them? It's a good project that is pretty cheap to make. Just remember, if you have higher ceilings in your shop area, you will need to adjust the size of the end panels that attach the clamp unit to your rafter so you can reach the clamps.



### Attaching Scrolling Patterns to Wood

There are several methods scrollers use to attach their patterns to wood. Some use the removable spray adhesive. Some use rubber cement. Some use glue sticks (*not the cheap kids version!*). Some use the Xyron system but the removable adhesive cartridges are not available.

Whatever the method, scrollers also use a variety of methods to prepare their blanks to add “glue” as a lubricator for the blades to operate better. If using the Xyron system, nothing additional is needed. Many use blue tape to cover the wood and then apply the pattern to the wood. Another option? Cover the surface with clear, removable shelf liner. The best product is Duck brand. There are 2 sizes of this product – 12 inch and 18 inch. Some stores carry it. You can purchase 6 12 inch rolls on Amazon with the name *EasyLiner Adhesive Shelf Liner for Cabinets & Cupboards* for about \$42. The 18” roll at Walmart is about \$6 if you can find it. One advantage of the clear shelf liner? You can see the grain of the wood when applying patterns.





## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

You may have heard mention that the Board of Directors was developing a *Train the Trainer Scholarship Program*. At their September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the scholarship form was finalized and we are ready to start rolling it out.

**What Is It?** It is a way for members in good standing to receive money to support their attendance at a training program of their choosing as long as they agree to return and provide club training. The member becomes a “subject-matter expert”.

**What Do I Need to Do Once I Return?** In order to receive the scholarship, you must present a club demonstration and/or workshop training others on what you learned. Additionally, you must provide a summary of the training that can be used in the newsletter.

**How Much Money is Available?** Upon review of the application, the Board will decide how much to fund for the course.

**How Do I Apply?** The draft scholarship form is available on the website under “Home/About/Forms”. There will be a notice on the homepage and link to the form.

**Then What?** The completed form MUST be submitted to the club email account – [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com) – at least 90 days before scheduled training. It will then be distributed to the Board of Directors for review. The Board will review at its next meeting. It is suggested that you submit well in advance of the training to ensure the review occurs.

**How Do I Get Paid?** You will be required to submit your payment request to the treasurer using the club’s *Reimbursement Form* (also on the website).

## TOPS NEEDED!

Looking ahead to the 2024 NYS Fair, each year the club sells tops to the attendees as a fundraiser for a couple local charities. We sell enough that we need a stockpile of **600-700 tops!**

Tops can be turned, scrolled, or even made on a laser!

Don’t know how to make a top? Come to a turning workshop to learn! Charlie and others will be happy to show you! Here are three YouTube videos to check out: [Making a Top](#)

[Wood Magazine](#)

[Jason Geiser](#)

[Gwinnett Woodturners](#)

Mike Vecellio provides some great instructions for making tops in two of his past columns – [August 2020 & March 2023](#). Check those out!

Yes, tops can be scrolled also. Interested in patterns? Send a request to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com) and Barbara will send you some.

**Finishing?** The buyers love it when you add color to plain tops. Magic markers work fine! Please no glitter!

**What Do I Do With Them?** Bring to any meeting or event. If you can’t make one, you can always drop them off at Eight Acres, just let us know you are stopping by!

**CHARITIES  
RECEIVING  
PROCEEDS OF  
2023 TOPS SALES**

*Sleep in Heavenly  
Peace Syracuse*

*Make-a-Wish CNY*

# OCTOBER SHOW & TELL



**Arlene Schlueter**  
Pair of Cardinals / Owl / Santa  
Basswood with Acrylics  
Woven Basket

**Jim Yonkers**  
Mechanical Blue Jay



**Charlie LaPrease**  
Platter  
Ash w/Osmo Finish



**Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**  
Butterfly "Bowls"  
Walnut

**Dave Abell**  
Hollow Form  
White Ash &  
Wipe-On Poly





# OCTOBER SHOW & TELL, PAGE 2



**Ray Smith**  
Cherry  
Cup with Ack's  
Polishing Paste



**Rich Bulak**  
Small Bowls  
Ash



**Fred Stoddard**  
Gnome & 4 Knives  
Cottonwood Bark & Various



**Dave Weir**  
Fisherman, Mushroom, Ghosts  
Basswood & Cottonwood Bark



**Elaine Negrotto**  
Basswood Turtle



**Gary Morison**  
Pumpkin Witch &  
Gnome Hotels  
Basswood



**Mike Bloomquist**  
Mythical Whale  
(In Progress)

# MONTHLY CHALLENGE—TURNING SIG

Each month the Woodturning Special Interest Group holds a **Monthly Challenge**. The Turners are challenged to make a project based on the previous month’s demonstration or a topic chosen by the SIG Chair, Mark Anastas. They complete an entry form that has their name on the back and display their projects with a number. During the break attendees vote on the *People’s Choice*. Votes are counted and the member winning the most votes is given a gift card. A *Participant* drawing is also held and that person also receives a gift card.

For the October, the Challenge was an **Ogee Bowl** based on Ed Siegel’s September demo. We encourage everyone to participate as this is a chance you will receive the participant gift card.

The January 2024 Challenge will be a lamp based on the October demonstration by Jim Yonkers. It will be great to see what everyone creates after Jim showed us so many variations!

## TRADITIONAL OGEE FORMS



*Note: Photos of the bowls from the top and side are provided for each bowl entered.*



**Jim & Shelli Kent**  
Maple Basket Illusion Style Ogee Bowl w/India Ink & Poly Finish  
21,600 Beads on Bowl

**People’s Choice – Jim & Shelli Kent**  
**Participant Award – Rick Kiehl**



**Rick Kiehl**  
Hickory  
Osmo Oil



# MONTHLY CHALLENGE—TURNING SIG, P. 2



**Scott Davis**  
Cherry  
Friction Polish



**Doug North**  
Ash  
Walnut Oil



**Rich Bulak**  
Olive Ash  
Minwax Antique Oil



**Paul Depew**  
Ash  
Polyurethane mixed  
with Red Mahogany  
Stain



**Ray Smith**  
Cherry  
Ack's Polishing  
Paste  
Worm Hole in  
Rim



**Robert Love**  
Mahogany  
Amr-r-Seal & Lacquer  
Rim Textured & Gilding Cream



# MONTHLY CHALLENGE—TURNING SIG, P. 3



**Mark Lockwood**  
Cherry  
Friction Polish



**Jim Yonkers**  
Cherry  
Homemade Wax



**Jim Yonkers**  
Mahogany  
Homemade Wax



**Charlie LaPrease**  
Top Left—Walnut  
Bottom Left—Cherry  
Above—Ash with Inverted Rim  
All Finished with Osmo Oil

All Tips from *Wood Magazine*  
Online Shop Tips

## SHOP TIME BONUS—TIPS FOR THE TURNERS

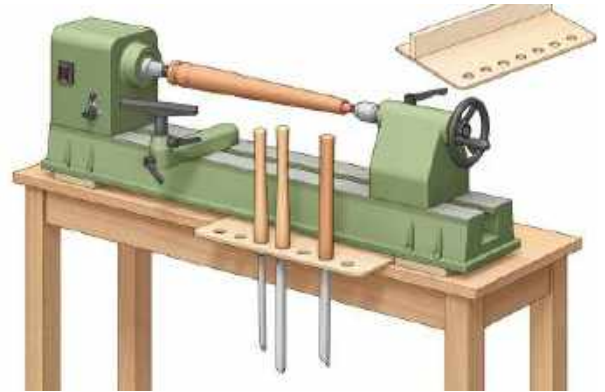
### LATHE TOOL RACK: KEEP TRACK OF TURNING TOOLS

When I'm turning a piece on the lathe, I don't want to have to hunt for the right tool. With a few pieces of scrap and a little effort, I made a simple accessory for keeping them close to the work.

The rack starts with a base made from 1/4" plywood. I sized it for the number of tools I have while allowing it to overhang the front of the lathe stand or benchtop. I used a Forstner bit to drill the holes.

A strip of 3/4" pine fastened to the back edge of the base butts against the lathe bed, preventing the rack from falling out when loaded with tools.

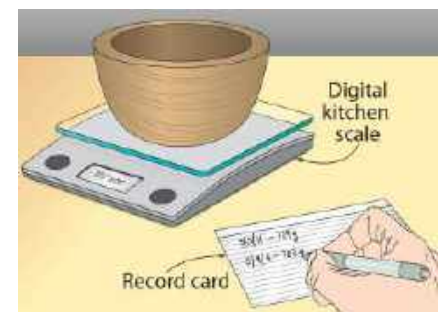
The rack easily slides under the bed and out of the way when not needed. On my benchtop model, the tool rack fits nicely on top of the bench and under the lathe bed. If your lathe is freestanding, the rack can easily be modified to fit the lathe stand.



### THE WEIGH-EASY WAY TO MEASURE MOISTURE CONTENT

I enjoy turning bowls from green stock, but knowing when the wood has reached equilibrium moisture content (the point where it neither gains nor loses moisture dramatically) requires a pricey moisture meter. Try this instead: Weigh each bowl on a simple and affordable digital kitchen scale after rough turning, note the date and weight on a card, and toss the card into the bowl. Periodically weigh each bowl, making note of the date and weight on the card each time. When the bowl stops losing weight, it's ready for final turning and finish application.

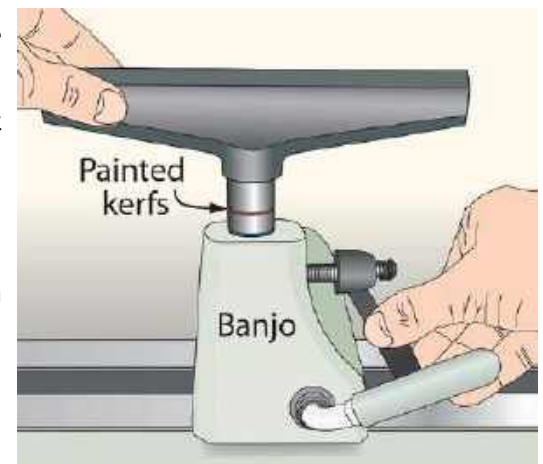
*Pete Stacy, Kansas City, Mo.*



### CUT KERFS FOR EASY TOOL-REST ADJUSTMENT

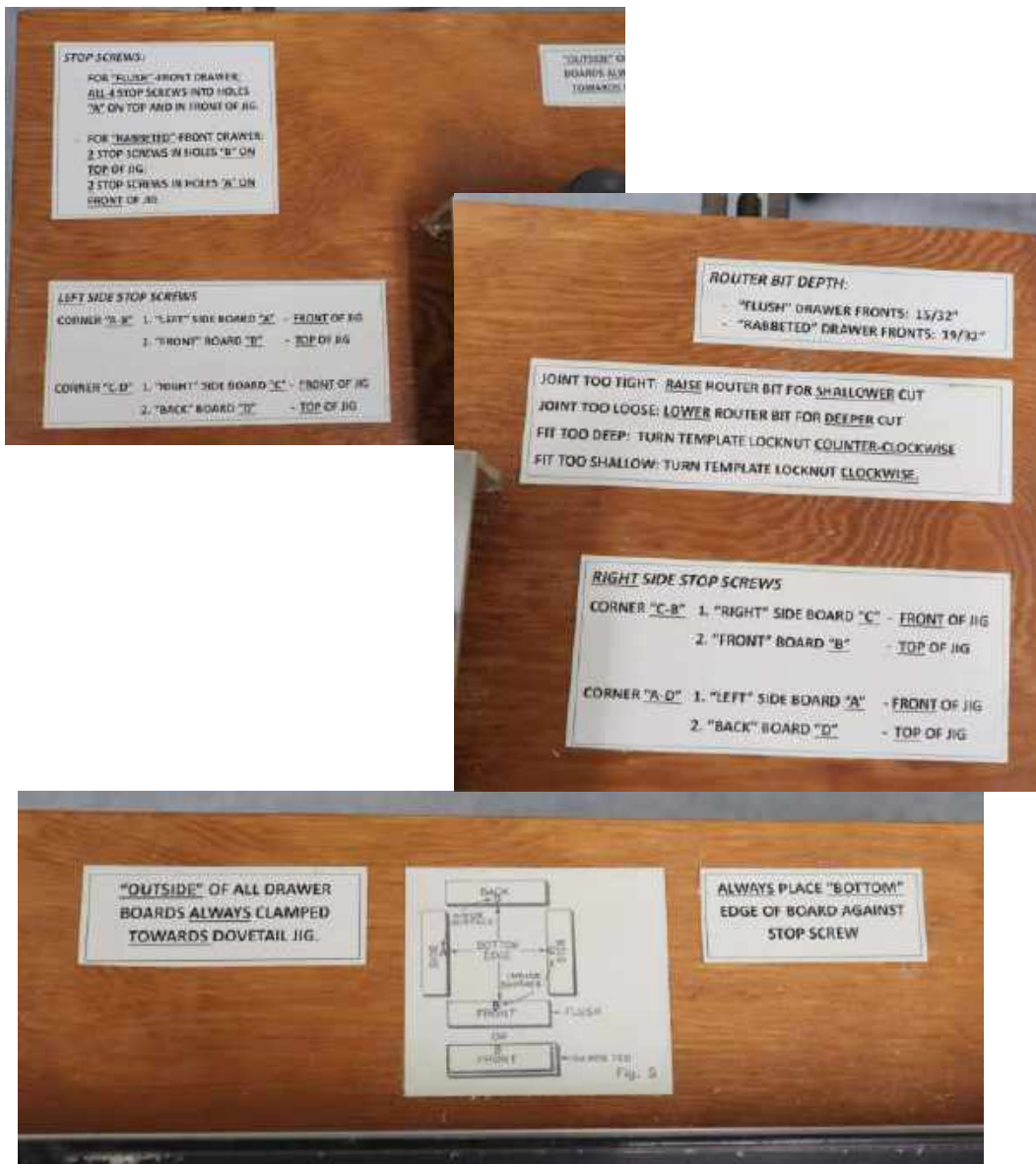
When turning, almost every tool change requires resetting a lathe's tool-rest height. To make switching between common heights simpler, lock the tool rest to the desired height, and then cut a shallow kerf around the tool post, resting your hacksaw on the lathe's banjo to keep the cut straight. De-burr the kerf, mask it off with tape, and paint the kerf. Apply a different color paint or nail polish for each ring to make coordinating tools with their corresponding heights a breeze.

*Michael Cyr, Westport, Mass.*



## DOVETAIL JIG DEMO

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, *Den Bunger* walked the audience through the process he uses to create dovetail joints. Den spent several hours perfecting the process, reading instructions that explain how to use the Craftsman jig he owns. To facilitate repeated use of the jig, Den added instructions to the Black & Decker Workmate that holds the jig. Several other members own dovetail jigs and have struggled with their use. The club also owns a jig thanks to the generosity of Marianne Lee. That jig will be demonstrated in 2024. In the meantime, below are photos of the instructions Den created as a reference. Note that the video from the demo is available in the Member-Only section of the website should you wish to view it. Remember, you need the password to access the Member-Only section.





## YOUR HELP STILL NEEDED!

The June 2023 newsletter presented a strong request for help from the members to help keep our great organization going. We had some great response, especially from many of our newer members. Thank you for stepping forward to offer help. It is great to see so many members helping at each of the meetings since our request. Thank you. And, the emails of support and concern were lovely also.

Was that enough? **NOT REALLY**. We still need more members to come forward to help with not only the video system but also with many other tasks that happen in the club. The goal remains – **have a great club where everyone learns, has a good time, and the work is shared among many, not just a few!**

### What can you do? *Step Up to Help*

- ◆ **First & Foremost** ... Before you make derogatory comments or criticize something, think about what you did to help and think about what others have done to provide you with regular programs, activities, and a great local woodworking club where you can learn and interact with fellow woodworkers.
- ◆ Offer to help with the audiovisual system at meetings.
- ◆ Come early to meetings to help with room setup and/or stay after a meeting to help with clean-up.
- ◆ Offer to help with or even lead projects or other events.
- ◆ Offer to demonstrate on a topic. Not sure? Team up with someone else. All of the SIG Chairs are looking to fill their demo schedule! Here are their names and contact info:

[Gary Morison](#), Carvers — (315) 327-9157

[Robert Ward](#), Scrollers — (315) 506-8305

[Mark Anastas](#), Turners — (315) 863-4483

[Charlie LaPrease](#), Woodworkers — (315) 720-7151

- ◆ Help locate demonstrators and coordinate their demo for the club. Remember, there are 4 different Special Interest Groups and demos can be at any of them!
- ◆ Make tops for the Fair – Each year we need at least 500, preferably 600 or more. While we had enough for 2023, it is never too late to start on your tops for 2024. (*see page 15*)
- ◆ Make a Beads of Courage box for kids being helped at the Joslyn Diabetes Center. (*see page 8*)
- ◆ Make & donate product for the *Crafts for Charity* events (*page 25*).
- ◆ Help out at future *Crafts for Charity* event—setup, selling, demoing when appropriate, pack-up, etc.
- ◆ Provide content – articles, tips, etc. for the newsletter.
- ◆ Offer to be on the Board of Directors as an At-Large member or step up to be a SIG Leader or Officer.
- ◆ Offer to demonstrate at the NYS Farm Show (February 22-24) or at Maker Fair 2024 on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## WOODWORKERS OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

Membership in the Woodworkers of Central New York, Inc. is open to anyone interested in all genres of woodworking.



Membership covers all Special Interest Groups – Carvers, Scrollers, Turners, & Woodworkers. No additional fee is needed to participate in these Committees unless there is a workshop fee.

There are several types of members:

- ◆ Individual Membership: \$25
- ◆ Family Membership (all living at the same address): \$35
- ◆ Junior Membership (Ages 8-17): Free with adult membership
- ◆ One Day Membership: \$5
- ◆ Honorary Membership: Board Selection

Membership applications are available on the website [www.woodcny.org](http://www.woodcny.org).

Badges are an additional \$9 per person with a \$2 charge to mail the badge.

The Corporation leadership, with contact information, is listed right as a reference. Feel free to contact any club leader to ask questions, suggest programs, or deal with issues.

You should have an active email address if you are a member as the leadership sends many member communications via email as well as this newsletter. To read the newsletter you need to have a PDF reader product such as [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) installed on your computer.

Adobe Reader is free. Due to its size, we prefer not to send newsletters by mail unless specifically requested.

The Woodworkers of CNY was formed in September 2017, to combine the three existing woodworking groups in Central New York into one consolidated entity. Four Committees of the Corporation (aka Special Interest Groups) focus member's attention on three specific genres—carving, scrolling, & turning—as well as the broader, all-encompassing general woodworking area. Members may attend any of the meetings at no additional charge (unless there is a project or speaker charge).

The Woodworkers of CNY was reaccepted as a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) in May 2018. We encourage you to join AAW as it is an excellent organization with great resources as a member. Membership in AAW costs either \$56 for an online only or \$68 for a paper-based membership. Each membership includes the 6 issues of the journal, *American Woodturner*, with the online membership receiving it only online. You also have access to a large collection of online resources such as the publication *AAW Fundamentals* which is published on the off months from the journal.



AAW is an international organization of over 14,000 members of varying woodturning skills. In addition to receiving current issues of the journal, *American Woodturner*, membership also provides online access to all past issues of the Journal from 1986 forward. Access to a Resource Directory is also available only to members. Members of AAW also receive savings of up to 50% on AAW merchandise, including project books, DVDs, logo apparel, and more. Members can apply for an educational opportunity grant whereby an individual can receive compensation toward woodturning education for expenses such as tuition, registration, travel, lodging, meals, etc. They can also apply for professional outreach program fellowship grants to encourage creative growth or research, or to provide inspiration for new directions in turned wood art. The AAW Forum is also available to members as are other restricted articles and resources on the AAW website. Members receive a discount on registration for the annual Symposium which is in Louisville, Kentucky in 2023. Check out the AAW website - [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

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**WE ESPECIALLY NEED**

- Needle Boxes
- Whistles
- Pens
- Sea Urchin Ornaments
- Bird Houses
- Kitchenware inc.
- Ice Cream Scoops
- Screwdrivers
- Music Boxes
- Letter Openers
- Small Clocks

**REMEMBER**

We have small eye hooks available to purchase!  
100 in Brass or Silver for \$1.00

**CRAFTS FOR CHARITIES – DONATIONS NEEDED**

As stated earlier in the newsletter, the club supports local children’s charities by donating money made from the sale of crafts donated by its members at 3-5 locations yearly.

People ask what they can donate. Most anything is happily accepted. We received 4 music boxes before the Manlius Show and they were gone by noon on Saturday. Here are some of the typical items we are looking for in non-ornaments, scrolled, and turned. Carved? Always looking for items. Woodworkers ... Small boxes are one idea and I know there are others!

**Non-Ornament Items:**

Small Cars/Trucks/Planes, etc.	Small Vases/Weed Pots	Candlestick/Tea Light Holders	Ice Cream Scoops	Small Cutting Boards
Small Puzzles	Pens	Rattles	Wizard Wands	Magnets
Small Boxes	Small Clocks	Seam Rippers	Letter Openers	Screw Drivers
Light Pulls	Keychains	Ring Holders	Magnets	Yo-Yos
Small Bowls	Various Kitchen Ware	Magnifiers	Kaleidoscopes	Snowmen

**Scrolled Ornaments:** Most any ornaments are welcome. We have plenty of smaller flat crosses. We need a variety of flat scrolled ornaments like:

Angels, Santas, Elves, Snowmen, & Other Holiday Related	Transportation Images like Trains, Planes, Cars	Service Groups like Firemen, Policemen, EMS, & All Military Branches
Birds like Hummingbirds, Cardinals, Eagles, Owls, Penguins, Chickadees, etc.	Fish, Bugs, Ladybugs, Butterflies, Flowers, Trees (Palm Tree), Other Flora, Whales, Shark, Octopus, etc.	Animals like Horses, Dogs, Cats, Elephants, Lions, Bears, Koala Bears, Hedgehogs, Dinosaurs, Dragons, Tigers
Sports esp. <i>non-standard</i> ones like Lacrosse, Snowboarding, Cycling, Wrestling, Volleyball, Ballet, Dance, Fencing, Sailing, Field Hockey, Crew, but also Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Field Hockey, Cycling, Hockey, Skiing, Running, Golf, Gymnastics, etc.		

**Turned Ornaments – Here are a few ideas:**

Sea Urchins	Hollow Balls with Finials	Bird Houses <i>You Turn We Will Add the Bird!</i>
Angels	Light Bulbs of Multiple Sizes	Small Lighthouses
Drums, Bells	Trains	Snowmen of All Types & Shapes <i>Can Stand Alone or Hang as an Ornament</i>
Lollipops	Ice Cream Cones	Acorns, Mushrooms
Gnomes/Gonks	Trees—regular & windswept	Sleds with People On

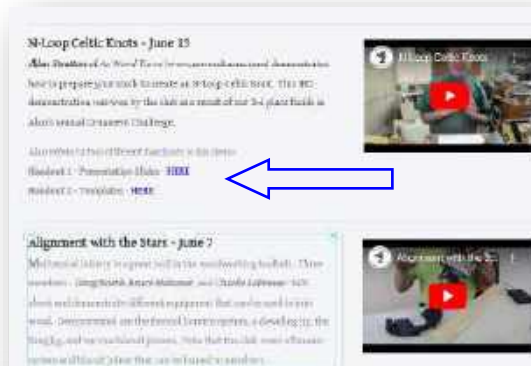
**Holiday-Related Items –** We need multi-piece nativity scenes. We need larger crosses (6-12”) and have plenty of smaller ones. We need angels. We could use items depicting the 12 days of Christmas, esp. *Partridge in a Pear Tree*. We only have dreidels for patrons of the Jewish faith.

**Making Small Toys?** Consider leaving them unfinished and providing a cheap paint set or crayons for the kids to decorate their own!

## VIDEOS OF PAST DEMONSTRATIONS

One of the benefits of your membership being able to access videos of past demonstrations. While they are housed on YouTube, you can only access these videos from the *Member Only* section of the website using a password that changes yearly on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The videos are arranged by year and month with a page for each year and links from year to year. A brief summary of the video is provided and any documents related to the video are linked right on the page (see sample right).



How can you find a past video? On the *Member Only—Videos* landing page, there is a table that identifies the available videos (see right). It is organized by month and Special Interest Group

September 2020	Marbling & Milk Paint with Barbara Raymond-Lafuze [Video Currently Unavailable]	Small Covered Boxes with Embellishments with Chad Duvost	none
October 2020	Turning an Antique Peppermill with Rod Currie	German Ring Turning with Bob Mader	Scrolling Basics with Barbara Raymond-Lafuze
November	Power Tool Safety - The Table Saw & Miter Saw	Turning a Small Hat	Scrolling Next Steps

sponsoring the demonstration. It is fully searchable within your web browser! With the page open, press the key combination of **CTRL F**. A box will open along the top of the page and you can type in the topic.

Remember, you must have the current password to access the *Members Only* area. It's been sent out with the "News" items in the past. If you don't have it, send a request to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com) for the current password.

## SENDING PHOTOS

We love photos of your projects! We use them for this newsletter, for the online *Show & Tell*, for our website, and for our club slide show.

### HOW DO YOU SEND PHOTOS? HERE ARE THREE (3) WAYS:

Send the Photo by **Email** to the club email: [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com). Add any additional information in the email that tells others about your project.

**Text the Photo** to Barbara's cell (315-345-5381) along with information. Remember, be sure to identify yourself!

**Got Lots of Photos?** Use a free product called **WeTransfer** [here](#) to send multiple photos. You can also use the *WeTransfer* app from your phone.

### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I SEND WITH PHOTOS?

With your photos, please send information about the projects shown in the photos – a brief description that should include wood used, finish, and any other information that makes it unique, even stories about the photos.



## CORPORATION SUPPLIES, LOANS, & SALES

### CONSUMABLES FOR SALE:

- ◆ ~~Ikea Ice Cream Scoops~~—\$5 each **OOS**
- ◆ **White Abrasive Pads** (1200-1600 grit) [for applying finishes like Osmo] \$2 each
- ◆ **4 x ¼" Pan Head Screws**—perfect for use with sawtooth hangers—Bag of 20 for \$1.25
- ◆ **Sawtooth Hanger**—9/16"x5/16" or 7/8"x5/16"
  - ◆ Bag of 10 for \$0.50
- ◆ **Miniature Drill Bits**
  - ◆ 1/16" (#52), 3/64" (#56), & 1/32" (#68)
  - ◆ 10 per package—\$6.50 per package
- ◆ **Drill Chuck Adapter for Miniature Bits**
  - ◆ \$11 each
- ◆ **Screw Eyes**—bag of 100 is \$1
- ◆ **Carborundum Sandpaper Sheets**
  - ◆ 80, 100, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400, 600, 800, and 1000 grit
  - ◆ \$1 per sheet or 6 sheets for \$5
- ◆ **Carborundum Sanding Pads—\$2 per pad**
  - ◆ Grits – medium (120-180), fine (320-400), superfine (500-600), ultrafine (800-1000), & microfine (1200-1500)
- ◆ **Sanding Discs from Woodturners Wonders**—bags priced
  - ◆ **Purple in 1", 2" or 3"**
  - ◆ **Wonder Weave in 2" or 3"**
  - ◆ **Green Wave Oversized in 2"**
  - ◆ Packaged in bags or 5 of lower grits: 60, 80, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400, & 600 or higher: 800, 1200, 1500, 2000, & 3000
- ◆ **Sanding Pad Holder Kits & Rolac Kits**
  - ◆ 2" & 3" sizes—bags priced
- ◆ **Anchor Seal**
  - ◆ Seals end grain of green wood to encourage slower drying
  - ◆ **\$12 per gallon jug** **New Price 4/1/2023**

### Need Sandpaper or Other Supplies?

Call Charlie to Schedule a Time to Visit Eight Acres to Purchase or Come on Workshop Days



- ◆ Available at meetings if you call Charlie LaPrease (315-720-7151) one day ahead
- ◆ Also available at Eight Acres by apmt.

NOTE: All prices include sales tax which the Corporation pays on an annual basis to New York State.

### TOOL LOAN PROGRAM

The Corporation owns a variety of equipment that members can borrow of a **maximum of one (1) month** at a time. This program is a way for beginners—or even seasoned woodworkers—to experiment with tools before purchasing. Some tools are stored at the Eight Acres Workshop while others, like the carving tools, are not. If you have an interest in borrowing tools, please send an email to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com). Your request will be directed and answered as appropriate.

With recent donations by members, we are expanding our collection of traditional tools and will be making more of those available for loan or even use at Eight Acres during both workshops and times scheduled with Charlie. Need something? Please ask!

### BOOK LOAN PROGRAM

The club has a mini-library with these and other titles:

- ◆ *Hogbin on Woodturning* by Stephen Hogbin
- ◆ *Woodburning with Style* by Simon Easton
- ◆ *Learn to Turn* by Barry Gross
- ◆ *O'Donnell's Woodturning Techniques* by Michael O'Donnell
- ◆ *Pen Turner's Workbook* by Barry Gross
- ◆ *Woodturning Chessmen* by Mike Darlow
- ◆ *Woodturning Methods* by Mike Darlow
- ◆ *Woodworker's Guide to Turning* (Back to Basics)

Do you have books you want to donate? Bring them to Michelle at any Turners meeting.

## SHARPENING SERVICES

Where can you get table saw blades and other tools sharpened?

**Ken of All Around Sharpening Services** is located in Jordan but you can drop off your items for sharpening at the Baldwinsville Supply which is at 82 East Genesee St (aka Rt 31, just east of the railroad tracks). Ken's cell phone is (315) 689-3184.

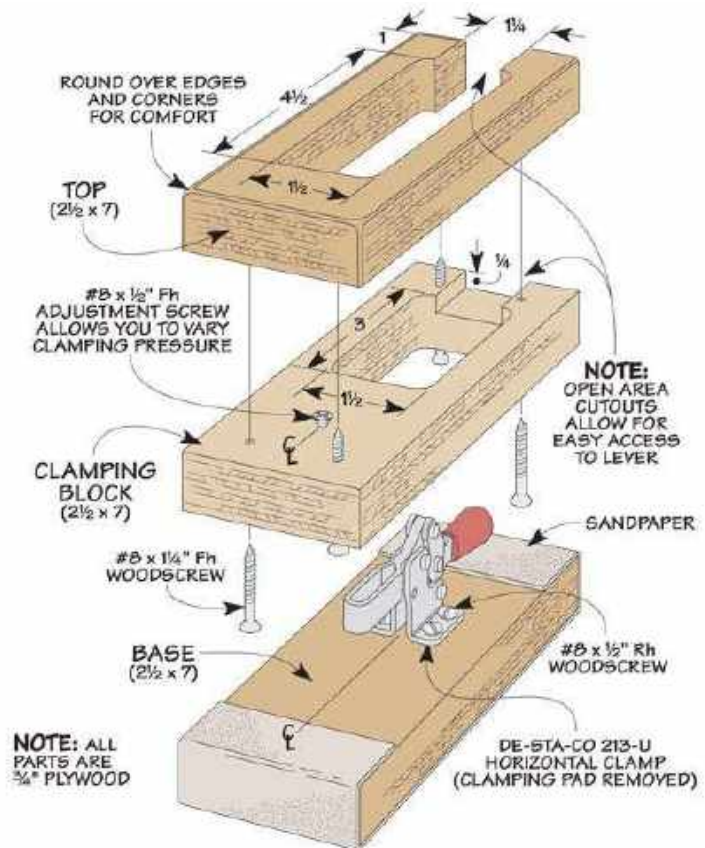
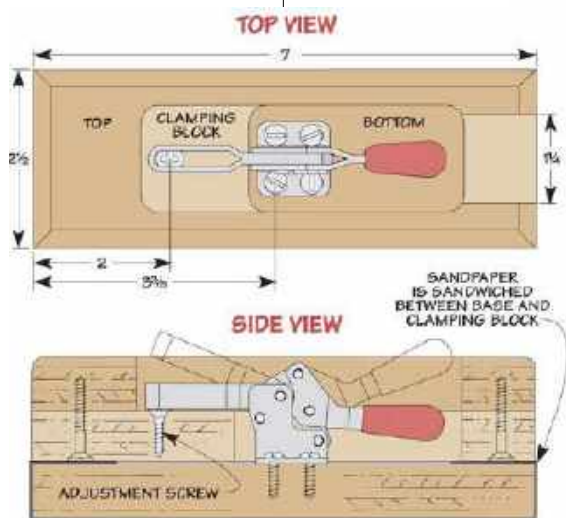
Email is [sharpeningguy@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sharpeningguy@twcny.rr.com).

**Paul E. Hart** runs a service at 118 Fish Road, Mexico, NY 13114. The phone number is (315) 936-1880. Drop box at new address but picks up blades, etc. at Wiley Lumber & Doow Lumber in East Syracuse as well as Tracy Lumber & Ace Hardware in Fayetteville.

## SHOP TIME BONUS: THE ULTIMATE SANDING BLOCK

Sanding blocks are ideal for smoothing out rough areas of a workpiece. However, most sanding blocks are too small and changing sandpaper can be difficult. Here is a sanding block that fits comfortably in your hand and uses a toggle clamp to sandwich the sandpaper tight in the block.

The sanding block is made from 3 layers of plywood. The base holds the sandpaper and the toggle clamp. The middle clamping block and top piece that form the hand grip are joined together with screws. They each have a cutout in the center for the toggle clamp. And, the clamping block has a shelf area for the head of the clamp to provide adequate pressure. Shape the top as needed to fit your hand and make a comfortable grip



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

### WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

You enjoy woodturning and want more. Your club, the Woodworkers of Central New York, is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners – AAW. What does that mean for you as a member of our club?

AAW offers the club officers access to a variety of resources from the AAW to help manage the club, including a negotiated reduced price for our corporation's liability insurance. We pay nothing else to AAW to be a chapter.

So what's in it for you? There are many great tools available to you as a member of AAW. You can explore the AAW website to learn about all

the resources you receive with your membership. Two of the biggest is the bi-monthly journal, *American Woodturner*, and the online only product, four issues of *Woodturning FUNDamentals*.

**What's the Cost? \$68 per year**

That's the cost if you want to receive a physical journal. If not, pay \$56 per year.

For each family member (associate), you pay an additional \$5.

Students aged 10-25 pay just \$34 annually for their membership

Join Today [here!](#)



## IN-PERSON WOODWORKING CLASSES

We are listed a few of the "local" craft/woodworking schools that hold classes on a variety of topics. As usual, checking a organization's website and/or calling the is the best way to verify class availability.

### Adirondack Folk School

Lake Luzerne, New York

[www.adirondackfolkschool.org](http://www.adirondackfolkschool.org)

### Appalachian Center for Craft

Smithville, Tennessee

[www.tntech.edu/fine-arts/craftcenter](http://www.tntech.edu/fine-arts/craftcenter)

### Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

[www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org)

### Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking

Manchester, Connecticut

[schoolofwoodworking.com](http://schoolofwoodworking.com)

### Florida School of Woodwork

Tampa, Florida

[schoolofwoodwork.com](http://schoolofwoodwork.com)

### John C. Campbell Folk School

Brasstown, North Carolina

[folkschool.org](http://folkschool.org)

### Marc Adams School of Woodworking

North Franklin, Indiana

[www.marcadams.com](http://www.marcadams.com)

### Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft

Columbia, North Carolina

[pocosinarts.org](http://pocosinarts.org)

### Snow Farm / The NE Craft Program

Williamsburg, Massachusetts

[www.snowfarm.org](http://www.snowfarm.org)

### The Woodright's School

Roy Underhill's school

Pittsboro, North Carolina

[www.woodwrightschool.com](http://www.woodwrightschool.com)

### The Woodworking School at Pine Croft

Connected with Berea College; the former Kelly Mehler school

Berea, Kentucky

[pinecroftwoodschool.com](http://pinecroftwoodschool.com)

Do you know of other schools?

Please send the information to [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com).

## CLASSES, EVENTS, & SYMPOSIUMS

### REGIONAL CLUB ACTIVITIES



#### Finger Lakes Woodturners

Meetings of the Finger Lakes Woodturners are a combination of in-person and remote demonstrations. They generally hold their meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and events are held in the shop space at **St. Michael's Workshop, 691 St. Paul St, Rochester**. Their website is: [Here](#).

Their next event is **November 16** when **David Gilbert** will be at their demonstration shop space demonstrating how he cores out bowls and then processes them. Both coring systems he owns—the Oneway Easy-Core System and the Kelton McNaughton Bowl Saver System—will be demonstrated and discussed. He will also discuss the use of a vacuum system.

Coming up in 2024—January 18th an IRD with Mike Peace on Turning a Chess Set. March 22-26, an in-person demo and workshops with Laurent Niclot.



#### Rochester Woodworkers Society

The Rochester Woodworkers Society host a variety of events on an ongoing basis with their national meetings held in the auditorium of Basil Hall at St. John Fisher University. Go to their website [RWS Website](#) has more info.

Their next *national meeting* is a talk by **Andrew Hunter** on *Far Eastern Woodworking in a Western Shop*. The session will be held on **November 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm There is a workshop on Saturday but no details on their website.



#### Genesee Valley Woodcarvers

The Genesee Valley Woodcarvers meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at the 40 & 8 Club, 933 University Ave, Rochester. Their next meeting is November 13th when Adam Bierton will talk about and demonstrate 3D design for carving. Check their website for more information and to join, etc. — [GVW website](#)



### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### Tennessee Assoc. of Woodturner's 35th Anniversary Symposium

January 26-27, Marriott Hotel, Franklin, TN

Website: [here](#)

#### Florida Woodturning Symposium

February 16-18, RP Funding Center, Lakeland, FL

Website: [here](#)

#### Wonders in Wood, Woodcarving Show, Sale & Competition

March 9-10, 2024, Millersville University, Millersville, PA

Website: [here](#)

#### Northeastern Woodworkers Association Showcase & Totally Turning

March 23-25, 2024, Saratoga Springs City Center

Website: [here](#)

#### American Association of Woodturners (AAW) 2024 Symposium

May 23-26, 2024, Portland, OR

Website: [here](#)

#### Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup

July 19-24, Cherry Ridge Campsite, Honesdale, PA

Website: [here](#)

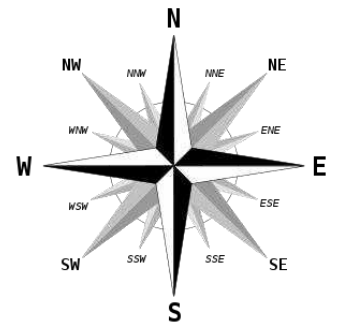
#### Mid-Atlantic Woodturners Symposium

September 20-22, 2024, Marriott, Lancaster, PA

Website: [here](#)

## DIRECTIONS TO EVENT LOCATIONS

Always check the website to identify the location of events. It has the latest information. Club Workshops are held at the *Eight Acres Event Center*, a private home near the North Area YMCA, east of Baldwinsville, NY. The address is available by request: [woodcny@gmail.com](mailto:woodcny@gmail.com)



## CARVERS DEMONSTRATIONS/EVENTS

The Carvers meet in the large Community Room at the [Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, NY.](#)

The Nature Center is located west of the Village of Baldwinsville and west of Route 690 North. Mud Lake Road is about 1 3/4 miles west from the 690 exit ramp for Route 370. There is an animal hospital just past Mud Lake Road across the street. The entrance to the park is about 1/3 of a mile from your turn onto Mud Lake Road.

The entrance is on the left. Follow the roadway in, wait for the traffic arm to raise and park in either of the lots. Walk to the main building, enter, turn right, and then right again into the large room.

After meetings end, your will exit by the same roadway. If the traffic arm is down, buzz the desk and tell who answers you are with the carvers. They will lift the gate for you to drive through. There is no charge for parking.

## WOODWORKING, TURNING, & SCROLLING, ETC. DEMONSTRATIONS/EVENTS

For any demonstrations and/or events held in the [Community Room at Station 1 of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire Department, 7920 River Road, Baldwinsville, NY...](#)

The **fire station** is located southeast of Baldwinsville just south of the intersection of three roads—River Road, Hicks Road, and Patchett Rd.— off River Rd.

If you take Rt 370 north from John Glenn Blvd, River Rd is the first right after going across the bridge. The firehouse is 2 miles from that turn. You can also go to the traffic light on Rt 370 which is Hicks Rd, and make a turn onto Hicks (head up the hill).

If you are coming from Rt. 31, take a left onto River Rd (on the west side of Belgium Bridge), and head south about 2 miles past the new YMCA.

**Please be aware that when attending meetings or events at the firehouse, DO NOT park on the grass or in front of the firehouse bay doors, or park such that others cannot enter the parking lot.** If there is an alarm, the firefighters will drive right over your vehicle if it is in the way. The septic system is in the grassy areas. There is plenty of street parking. The Community Room entrance is on the **north** side of the building.

**Do Not Drive or  
Park on the Grass!**

*Schedules subject  
to change*

## MEETINGS SCHEDULES

### WOODWORKERS SIG SPONSORED DEMOS—2023

Date	Topic	Demonstrator/Speaker
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dust Collection	Oneida Air
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Air Brushing, the Basics	Jackie Yonkers
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kumiko, the Basics	David Wheat & Tom Clooney
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	CPR: What You Need to Know	Janelle Melchior
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Photographing Your Projects	Dan Ware
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	“Alignment with the Stars”	Bruce Meissner, Doug North & Charlie LaPrease
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	What is Creativity	Jim Yonkers
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	History of the Mountain Dulcimer	Bernd Krause
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to Routers	Charlie LaPrease
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mechanical Dovetail Jigs	Den Bunger
Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Woodworkers Challenge <i>All Members Plan to Participate in this Annual Competition!</i>	
Sunday,	<i>Holiday Event — One Party for All Members</i>	

### TURNERS SIG SPONSORED DEMOS—2023

Date	Topic	Demonstrator	Workshop
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Turning a Snowman & Tree	Ray Smith	January 14
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tool Fundamentals	Robert Love, etc.	February 18
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Turning a Bowl	Charlie LaPrease	March 18
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Turning a Whiskey Cup	Dave Grant	April 15
May 9 <sup>d</sup>	Turning Boxes with Threaded Lids	Jim Kent	May 13
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	N-Loop Celtic Knots IRD	Alan Stratton	June 17
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Making a Paper Towel Holder	Mark Anastas	July 15
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Turning a Hollow Ball Ornament	Mike Malecki	August 12
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Turning an Ogee Bowls	Ed Siegel	September 16
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Turning a Lamp	Jim Yonkers	October 14
Saturday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Woodworkers Challenge <i>All Members Plan to Participate in this Annual Competition!</i>		November 18
Sunday, December 3 <sup>d</sup>	<i>Holiday Event — One Party for All Members</i>		

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## MEETINGS SCHEDULES

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### CARVERS SPONSORED DEMOS/CLASSES—2023

Date	Topic
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Carving a Valentine Heart</b> with Gary Morison
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Carving Hearts — Part 2</b> with Gary Morison
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sharpening Carving Tools</b> with Dave Weir
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Shroomspirit</b> with Mike Bloomquist
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Shroomspirit — Part 2</b> with Mike Bloomquist
June 10 & 11	<del>Face Carving Workshop with Jim O’Dea or Quilted Stocking</del> <b>CANCELLED</b> <del>Workshop with Chris O’Dea [Fee TBD]</del>
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Making a Knife Handle</b> with Gary Morison
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mushroom Gnome House</b> with Harold Kaltenbach
August 17 <sup>h</sup>	<b>Mushroom Gnome House — Part 2</b> w/Harold Kaltenbach
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Carved Turtle</b> with Frank Huckabone
<b>October 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Skull &amp; Candle</b> with Mike Bloomquist
Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>17th Woodworkers Challenge</b> <i>All Members Plan to Participate in this Annual Competition!</i>
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Santa Face</b> with Dave Weir
Sunday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Holiday Event — One Party for All Members</b>
	<b>CANCELLED</b> Unfinished Project Workshop & Holiday Gathering

### SCROLLERS SIG SPONSORED DEMOS—2023

**NOTE:** Scrolling SIG events can now be held at the Belgium Cold Springs Fire House as we do not have more than 25 people who attend.

Date	Topic
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Intarsia w/Sherry — Challenge:</b> Segmented Project
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Back to the Basics — Challenge:</b> Intarsia Project
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Using Spiral Blades — Challenge:</b> Christmas Ornaments
July & August	<b>No Meetings—Get Your Projects in For NYS Fair Competition!</b>
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Undulating Ring Baskets/Simulated Baskets — Challenge:</b> Spiral Blade Project
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Scrollsaw Tips &amp; Tidbits — Challenge:</b> Baskets
Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>17th Woodworkers Challenge</b> <i>All Members Plan to Participate in this Annual Competition!</i>
Sunday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Holiday Event — One Party for All Members</b>

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** FIGURED HARD MAPLE BOARDS — Approximately 110 board feet of figured hard maple (striped and Birdseye, intensity of figure ranges from moderate to strong), 6/4 & 8/4, 4ft.-8ft.lengths. Wood has been stored indoors for up to thirty-five years. Most of the boards are completely defect-free and all have recently been inspected for possible powder post beetle damage. Sold only as a single lot, \$800 (approx. \$7.25 per bd.ft.), local pickup. Please call Barry Gordon at 315-857-4179, 10:00AM-7:00PM any day.

**FREE—Old Rockwell-Delta Floor Model Drill Press** with 1/2" chuck in working order. Call Clarence (Fibber) Magee @516-524-1382 or at fibber.magee@gmail.com. Located outside of Greene, NY. *Going to junk if no one wants!*

**FREE— 8 Foot Long T2 Single Pole Fluorescent Tubes** (Qty 12) - Used but still working. Contact George Lorefice at 315-427-1623 or [loreficegj@gmail.com](mailto:loreficegj@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE—Grizzly 2HP Canister Dust Collector**—steel impeller. \$400. Contact Kevin Rawlings at [hostaguy@gmail.com](mailto:hostaguy@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE—General 3HP Shaper Model 40-250 (220V)** with accessories. Original owner. \$1500. Contact Rick Simmons at [rick2859@yahoo.com](mailto:rick2859@yahoo.com) or 315-876-8338

**WANTED—DRY, Live Edge Hardwood Boards.** Minimum size of 5 inches wide, 12 inches long, and at least 1½" thick. Wider and longer the better. Contact Mel Taber at (315) 487-7855 or [mtaber3@gmail.com](mailto:mtaber3@gmail.com).

**FOR SALE — Used bench vises.** Good quality, commercial grade. Price \$50 to \$75 each. For more info, email **Bud Millis** at (315) 297-7525 or [emillis@twcny.rr.com](mailto:emillis@twcny.rr.com)

**FOR SALE — LUMBER – Kiln & Air Dried Hardwoods** (PA cherry, chestnut, maple, white oak, butternut, etc.) & some softwoods available. Also Black Walnut and English Walnut slabs available. Contact **Bud Millis** at (315) 297-7525 or [emillis@twcny.rr.com](mailto:emillis@twcny.rr.com).

Classifieds are welcome with the caveat that people notify the editor when entries are sold.

### \*\* MEMBER OF CLUB

Also, see various offerings by members in the classifieds above as well as the links on the Wood ID & Suppliers page on the website.

## AREA LUMBER SUPPLIERS

**Custom Hardwood Lumber Co.** 8633 State Route 104  
Hannibal, NY 13074  
(315) 564-3101 Facebook link [here](#)  
[Customhardwoodlumber@gmail.com](mailto:Customhardwoodlumber@gmail.com)

**Dexters Woodshop**  
6949 Kingdom Rd  
Memphis  
(315) 456-8271

**Logs to Lumber**  
720 Church St, Baldwinsville  
(315) 678-2151

**Memphis Hardwood Lumber**  
6535 Church St, Memphis (315) 689-3949  
[www.memphishardwoodlumber.com](http://www.memphishardwoodlumber.com)

**Lakeshore Hardwoods \*\***  
266 Manwaring Rd., Pulaski (315) 298-6407  
191 West Main St, Victor (585) 869-5118  
[www.lakeshorehardwoods.com](http://www.lakeshorehardwoods.com)

**Kennedy Hardwood**  
1939 Clark Rd., Preble (607) 749-7890  
[www.kennedyhardwood.com](http://www.kennedyhardwood.com)

**Liverpool Lumber Company**  
201 North Willow St., Liverpool  
(315) 457-2220  
[liverpool-lumber.com](http://liverpool-lumber.com)

**Pittsford Lumber**  
50 State St., Pittsford (585) 586-1877  
[www.pittsfordlumber.com](http://www.pittsfordlumber.com)

**Tracy Lumber [B.H. Tracy & Sons]**  
550 East Genesee St., Fayetteville  
(315) 637-3174  
[www.tracylumber.com](http://www.tracylumber.com)

**Willey Lumber Company**  
100 Hartwell Ave, East Syracuse  
(315) 437-3344  
[www.willeylumber.com](http://www.willeylumber.com)

**Johnson Brothers Lumber**  
2550 Ballina Rd, Cazenovia (315) 655-8824  
[www.johnsonbrotherslumber.com](http://www.johnsonbrotherslumber.com)

**Salt City Woods, Mill & Kiln**  
715 Old Liverpool Rd — In Back  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
(315) 952-1692  
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[saltcitywoods.com](http://saltcitywoods.com)

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1379 County Route 4, Central Square  
315-243-8358  
[www.Browndogwoodproducts.com](http://www.Browndogwoodproducts.com)