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IT'S PARTY TIME!

DECEMBER & JANUARY EVENTS

Sunday, December 3rd, 1pm to 4pm

Holiday Party & Annual Meeting

BRING A GUEST &:

- ◇ A Dish for the Buffet
- ◇ Your Show & Share Projects
- ◇ Unwrapped Toys as a Donation for Underprivileged Children

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

Saturday, December 9th from 9am to 12 noon

Club Workshop at Eight Acres Event Center, Baldwinsville

Wednesday, January 3rd @6:30pm

Woodworking SIG Demo

Veneering Basics with Terry Dote

Tuesday, January 9th @6:30pm

Turning SIG Demo

Embellishing Your Projects with Robert Love

Saturday, January 13th 9am - noon

Club Workshop at Eight Acres Event Center, Baldwinsville

Thursday, January 18th @6:30pm

Carving SIG Workshop

Carving a Rose with Gary Morison

Date TBD @ 6:30pm

WWCNY Board of Directors Organizational & Regular Meetings

WHAT? Club-Wide Holiday Gathering & Annual Meeting

WHEN? Sunday, December 3rd

1pm to 4pm – Eating About 2pm

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

WHO? ALL MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED

WHAT? Pot Luck Event – Club provides meat entrée – Attendees bring a dish to pass – What will you bring—*a side dish, an appetizer, a dessert?*

It's time to set aside an afternoon to spend time with fellow club members as we enter the busy holiday season! Plan to join other club members and their guests on the afternoon of Sunday, December 3rd to attend our annual holiday party! We ask that you register via email to woodcny@gmail.com or via phone to Barbara at 315-345-5381, to let her know. Why register? So we setup enough tables and have enough meat!

What Else Will Happen?

- ◆ **Show & Share**—There will be tables setup for you to share some of your projects!
- ◆ **50/50**—If you choose to participate!
- ◆ **Woodworking Crossword Puzzle** — Another mindblower to be sure!
- ◆ **Annual Meeting & Elections** — We need to spend about 20 minutes to hold our Corporation annual meeting.
- ◆ **Toys for the Underprivileged** — Bring toys you are donating for kids. See page 2.
- ◆ **Conversation with Other Woodworkers** — This is a great time to relax, get to know, and enjoy chatting with other members during this busy time.

NOTE: We hold this event on a Sunday afternoon early in December to allow easier driving for all, including our long-distance members. We know everyone has many other events on this day but we hope many of you will join us for this event.

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TOYS FOR CHARITY 2023

Your Chance to Help Underprivileged Children Have a Merry Holiday



Yes, the club will donate toys to the St. Rose of Lima Food Bank this holiday season! This will be the 31st 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](#)).

A Brief History Lesson Thirty years ago, the founding members of our predecessor club decided that learning woodworking through demo's wasn't the only goal of the group. They felt there was a need to give back to the community. Many of the members attended St. Rose of Lima Church in North Syracuse. A Food Bank operating at the church provided meals and toys to families who were struggling. The annual toy donation program started with members making toys and donating them.

Fast forward to 2023. Now, 31 years later, we are still looking for your generosity. Members either build or purchase toys for this program. We know that many members don't have time to build toys. The key is your donation, whether you build or purchase the toys. We accept anything you have. Once donated, the Food Bank distributes the toys 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. By the way, toys are not just what we all consider toys, but also include jewelry boxes, writing items, blankets, knitted hats & gloves, etc.

When & Where? We encourage you to bring your toys to the holiday celebration on December 3rd. 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.



UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

All of the Special Interest Group (SIG) chairs are actively looking for ideas for demonstrations for 2024. Do you have an idea? Contact one of the chairs below with your ideas.

Woodworking	Charlie LaPrease	315-720-7151	8acreswood@gmail.com
Turning	Mark Anastas	315-863-4483	anastasmark20@gmail.com
Scrolling	Robert Ward	315-506-8305	robert.ward@lottebiologics.com
Carving	Gary Morison	315-327-9157	morisonenterprise@yahoo.com

Events Scheduled to Date

WOODWORKING SIG EVENTS

- ◆ Wednesday, January 3 – Basics of Veneering with Terry Dote
- ◆ Wednesday, February 7 – The Little Red Wagon with Jim Yonkers
- ◆ Wednesday, March 6 – Using the Club's Akeda Dovetail Jig with David Wheat

TURNING SIG EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday, January 9 – Embellishing Your Projects with Robert Love
– Monthly Challenge is to Make a Lamp

SCROLLING SIG EVENTS

- ◆ Wednesday, February 21 – Compound Cutting – Challenge is a Ring Basket/Bowl
- ◆ Wednesday, April 17 – 3D Animal Puzzles – Challenge is one or more Compound Cuts
- ◆ Wednesday, June 19 – Topic TBD – Challenge is a 3D Animal Puzzle

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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 woodcnv@gmail.com by 3pm on the day of the demonstration so they can be incorporated into the slideshow.

**ALWAYS
CHECK THE
WEBSITE FOR
THE LATEST
EVENT INFO**

Events Scheduled to Date, *continued*

CARVING SIG EVENTS

◆ **Thursdays, January 18, February 15, March 21 – Carving a Rose with Gary Morison**

The Carvers meet in the large Community Room at the *Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, NY*. Carvers start gathering at 5pm and instruction usually starts by 6pm. We have the room until 8:30pm.



CLUB WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY MORNING 9AM–NOON

**DECEMBER 9TH, JANUARY 13TH, FEBRUARY 17TH,
MARCH 16TH, APRIL 13TH**

The Club holds monthly workshops generally on the Saturday after the Turning SIG demo/meeting. The workshop is held at the large garage at Charlie & Barbara's home, a location affectionately known as the *Eight Acres Event Center*. The garage includes a shop space that is heated where 7 lathes are housed and available for use by attendees. It also includes the club's scroll saw, Charlie's large Oneway lathe, and the wood stove. The outer, unheated area, houses the club's grinder for sharpening tools, Charlie's large band saw, a very large stash of wood available for purchase, a table with the club's consumables, and space to gather in warmer weather.

We welcome all members to attend, learn to turn, learn to scroll, learn to carve, and otherwise 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.

NOTE: Wood and consumables 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 or 315-720-7151 to arrange a time to purchase whatever you need.

WHERE IS THE SHOP? 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.



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 not 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!

**DON'T MISS OUT ON INFORMATION ON EVENTS!
RENEW TODAY!**

**RENEWALS ARE
UNDERWAY**

**Due by March
31, 2024!**

Have a question about membership? Email woodcny@gmail.com with your question!

2024 NYS FARM SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS

The New York State Farm Show occurs each February and is held in 7 buildings on the New York State Fairgrounds. Club members provide woodworking demonstrations during all 3 days educating visitors about the club and woodworking our 300 square foot space in the Agricultural Museum where we typically demo during the NYS Fair. The 2024 shows is from February 22-24. There are several great reasons to help at this show:

- ◆ The event is only from 8:30am to 4pm!
- ◆ Parking is right by the building!
- ◆ We bring the electric lathes and scroll saw (plus the workbench is there)!
- ◆ No raffle, no selling tops—just good old fashioned demos!

Want to help? This is a FUN event for everyone since we can use the electrified tools. It is also a great opportunity to learn from other members! Volunteers are always accepted at woodcny@gmail.com. If sending an email, include when you plan to help and what you plan to do.



MIKE'S CORNER

NEGATIVE RAKE TOOLS

Mike Vecellio shares a variety of techniques he's learned with other members whenever possible. Here he talks about negative rake tools. *Your articles are welcome anytime.* Please send to woodcny@gmail.com.

When I bought my first lathe 4 years ago, I noticed it had a reverse setting on the motor. Since it was my first lathe, I asked Doug what the reverse direction was for. He told me it was for putting the wood back on the project. That made for a good laugh and of course turned out not to be true.

Lately, I've heard a lot about negative rake tools. I was going to ask Doug, but I was afraid he would tell me it was for putting the leaves back in my yard.

One of the groups I belong to had a Zoom meeting with a company called *Easy Wood Tools*. Most of the meeting was about their line of tools, especially carbide tipped turning tools with negative rake cutters. The meeting was very interesting and I learned a lot about those cutters.

I usually make my own turning tools but since I was recovering from cataract surgery, I decided to purchase a tool along with a negative rake cutter. I purchased the *Easy Wood Tool Mid-Size Easy Finisher* tool along with a negative rake cutter. See **Figure 1** for a photo of the tool.

It came with a regular cutter so I purchased a negative rake cutter made for this tool. See **Figure 2** for a photo of the cutter. The tool is 21 inches long with a 14 inch handle. It has a 3/8 square rod which protrudes 7 inches from the handle. It is a very well made tool and I have been able to use it a lot since I have been cleared to

work in my dusty shop. The difference in the negative rake cutter is that it has an extra bevel at the top of the cutter which can be seen in **Figure 2**. According to the company this reduces catches on hard woods and especially on resin or acrylic blanks.

The important thing to remember, according to the company, is to keep the tool level and not to tilt it in any direction. I've turned both hardwood pen blanks and resin blanks and I must admit, I am impressed. I was able to make very smooth cuts, and no catches as long as I didn't force the tool. I am sure many of you already knew about negative rake tools, but as a beginning turner, I gained a little more knowledge and a great tool.



TURN FOR TROOPS—FINAL REPORT

The annual *Turn for Troops* project is one of the community projects that helps to fulfill one of the club's missions — *to contribute to the community in which we live, practice our craft, and enjoy*. When members participate in this effort, not only are they enjoying practicing your craft — *in this case turning* — but they 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 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 20th year for this program.

This is the 10th year the Woodworkers of CNY participated in the program. Some details:

- ◆ 415 pens were completed this year by over 24 members.
- ◆ Over the 10 years we've completed 2915 pens
- ◆ 377 pens were completed from donations of components from Woodcraft
- ◆ 38 other pens were donated by Art Giverson, Ted Kleege, Doug North, and Mark Lockwood
- ◆ The club sent 40 pens direct to Kuwait for Kyle Gettys to distribute to his fellow soldiers after receiving one from us previously

Photos of completed pens are shown on the website under the tab *Community Support*.

Want to Participate in 2024?

You can create pens anytime and bring to a meeting or workshop. Be sure to add a card with your name with each pen. If you need help, ask at any meeting and setup a time to attend a workshop!

Thank you to Larry Prunotto and Ted Kleege who coordinate this project on a yearly basis. Ted wasn't as involved this year due his shoulder surgery but still completed pens before surgery to continue his ongoing involvement.



SAVE THE DATE — 2024 MAKER FAIRE

Plan Ahead Now!

The Club will be participating in the annual Maker Faire on **Saturday, May 4th**. The event will be held in the Horticulture Building at the NYS Fairgrounds. We will spend the day demoing, talking about the club, and in general showcasing our organization. Setup will be on Friday evening.





**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

Beads 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 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.



WOOD EDUCATION — COMMON HACKBERRY

Common Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) is a large deciduous tree native to North America that is also known as *nettletree*, *sugarberry*, *beaverwood*, *northern hackberry*, and *American hackberry*. The common hackberry has cork-like bark with wart-like protuberances. Coins as large as US quarters can easily be laid flat against the valleys in the bark, which may be as deep as an adult human finger.

Hackberry is a moderately long lived hardwood with a light-colored wood, yellowish gray to light brown with yellow streaks. The wood is susceptible to blue-gray fungal staining if not processed promptly. The grain is usually straight or occasionally slightly interlocked, with a very coarse uneven texture. It can have a mild odor when worked and you may develop skin irritation when working with it.

The tree is generally medium-sized at about 30-50 feet in height with a slender trunk; however, it can rise to the height of 130 feet in southern regions. It bears a close resemblance to ash but it's closest to elm anatomically. It has a handsome round-topped head and pendulous branches. It prefers rich moist soil, but will grow on gravelly or rocky hillsides. The roots are fibrous and it grows rapidly.

The leaves are asymmetrical and coarse-textured. The flowers appear in May, soon after the leaves. The tree produces small berries, *hackberries*, that turn orange-red to dark purple in the autumn, often staying on trees for several months. Birds and mammals eat the berries.

Janka Hardness: 1,660 lb (*estimated*)
 Average Dry Weight: 37.0 lbs/ft³
 Specific Gravity: 0.49, 0.60
 Tangential Movement: 8.9%
 Radial Movement: 4.8%
 Volumetric Shrinkage: 13.8%

Fun Facts:

- ◆ Hackberry was named *bois inconnu* or the *unknown tree* by the earliest French explorers.
- ◆ Hackberry is reputed to be an excellent wood for steam bending.
- ◆ The tree serves as a butterfly larval host particularly for the Hackberry Emperor butterfly but others also.
- ◆ The berries are remarkably high in calories from fat, carbohydrate, and protein, and these calories are easily digestible without cooking or preparation.
- ◆ The bark was used to regulate menstrual cycles, colds, and sore throats.
- ◆ Native Americans ate the berries casually and used them as a flavor for meat, pounding them fine, seeds and all, sometimes adding a little fat, and mixing them with parched corn.



Hackberry Emperor butterfly



Hackberry bark can look different on different trees, even 2 right next to each other! The crevices can be quite deep.





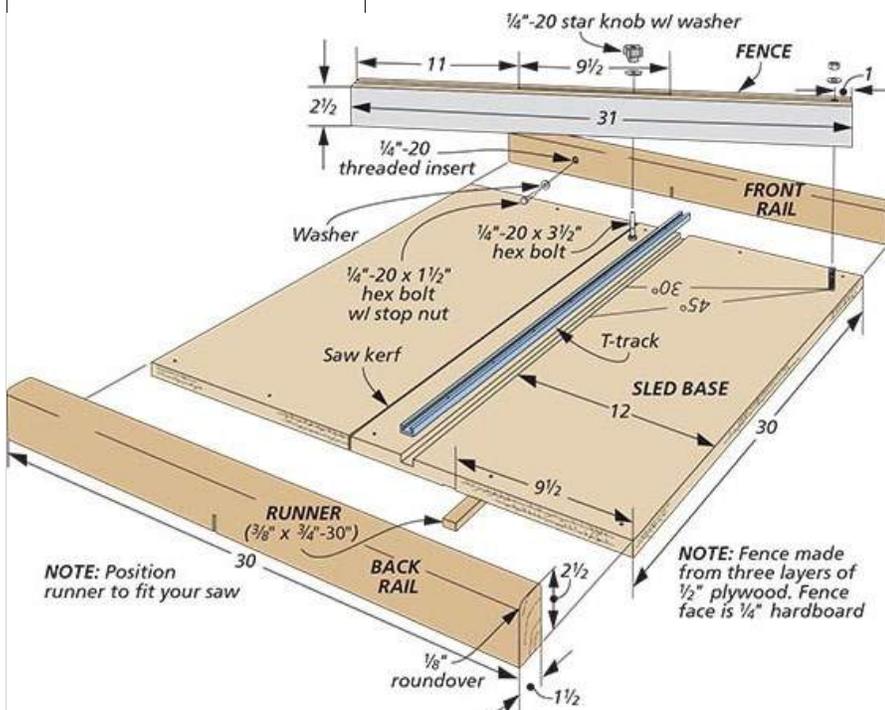
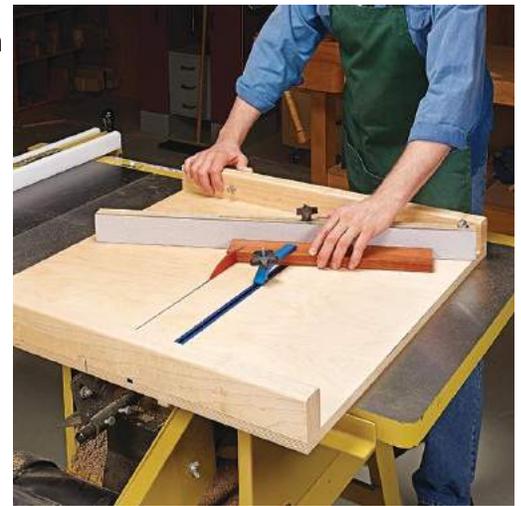
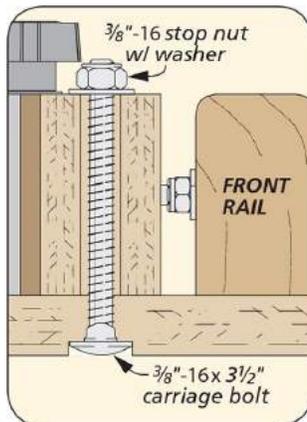
SHOP TIME!

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.

Pivoting Fence for Crosscut Sled

A crosscut sled is handy to have around there's no doubt about that. One with a pivoting fence is even better.

The table saw crosscut sled is the most used jig in many workshops. However, on it's own, it's not very practical for making angled cuts. To make your sled even more versatile, you can modify it by adding a pivoting fence. This allows me to easily make angled cuts. To adjust the fence, simply loosen the knob, pivot the fence to the desired location, and then lock the fence in place with the knob. You can then position your workpiece against the fence and secure it in place with a hold-down clamp. In order to make the fence easy to use, mark lines on the base of the sled at 30° and 45° for quick reference. Add other common angles that you use frequently.



The illustration shows the dimensions for a sled. It consists of a 3/4\"/>

For stability and durability, make your fence out of three layers of plywood with a hardboard face. The middle layer consists of two shorter pieces. This creates a slot for the knob. A hole drilled near the end of the fence anchors it to the sled base and serves as the pivot point for the fence. To keep workpieces from sliding during use, attach a strip of sandpaper to the fence face.

90° positive stop. Generally, you will want to be able to quickly make 90° cuts on the sled, so install a bolt on the inside face of the front rail to act as a positive stop. This is simply a threaded insert with a bolt and lock nut screwed into the insert.

From ... Woodsmith Newsletter, Nov 23, 2023, Article by John Doyle

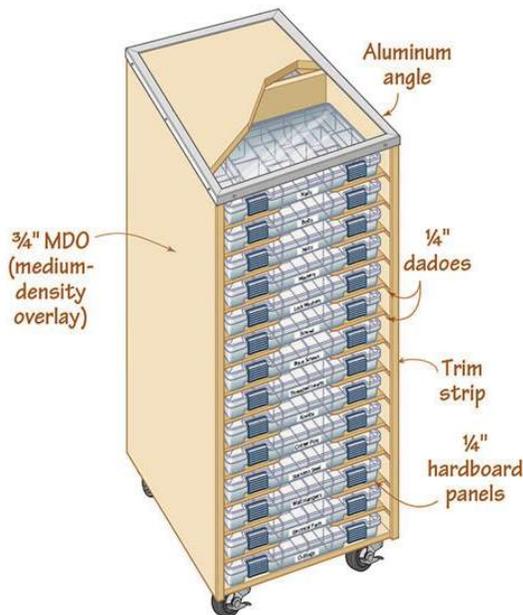
MORE SHOP TIME!

Easy Build Cart for Handy Storage

Looking to update your storage? Use fishing-tackle type boxes to hold various supplies then build yourself a storage solution like the one in the photo. You can mount it to the wall or make it mobile on four casters. If you make it mobile, make it 2-sided!

Build using 3/4" MDO plywood for the top, bottom, sides, and middle divider (if making the cart). The divider adds structural integrity and stops the boxes from sliding between sides.

How do you determine the dimensions? Start with the size of your tackle boxes. Dado the sides to hold 1/4" hardboard panels that support each tackle box. Attach trim strips to the front and back edges to prevent the panels from sliding out! Add a set of casters and you are all set!



DON'T FORGET – Label your boxes to make finding your prized possessions easier! A decent labeler is cheap. They even make them with a Bluetooth connection so you can use with your phone!



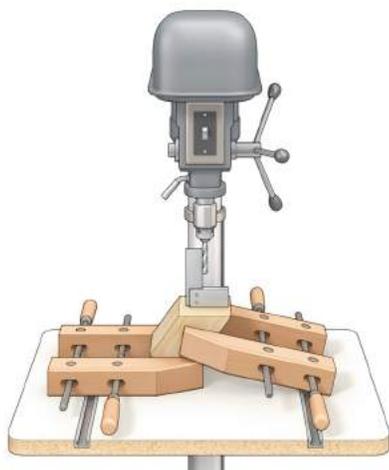
Bluetooth Label Printer

Nelko Label Maker Machine with Tape—List price \$39.99

Standard Label Printer

Brother P-Touch Label Makers—Various Models starting at about \$25

Handscrews to the Rescue!



For accuracy when using your drill press, you probably keep the table calibrated to 90°. But, what happens when you need to drill a piece into angle workpieces? Get out your old-fashioned handscrews. Why? The thick jaws of a handscrew rest squarely on a table plus they can clamp pieces with awkward shapes or angles.

Grizzly Lathe Recall

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2 models of Grizzly lathes, Model #G0584 & Model #G0462, and the Shop Fop Model W1758 lathe (about 21,300 sold from –are subject to recall. Consumers should contact Grizzly on how to receive a free repair kit which consists of an upgraded faceplate, tool rest, and tool rest base.

Recalls are why you should always complete *Owner identification* information (online or via postcard) when you purchase new equipment!



EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

You may have heard mention that the Board of Directors was developing a *Train the Trainer Scholarship Program*. At their September 27th 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 – 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 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

TOOL TALK

We hope to make *Tool Talk* a monthly feature in the newsletter as we move into 2024. Here we discuss basic lathe accessories. We'd love to have guest writers for various topics. Are there topics you'd like to have us explore? Maybe you'd like to help? Send your ideas to woodcny@gmail.com.

ESSENTIAL LATHE ACCESSORIES

Here are essential lathe accessories for woodturning beginners. [Hint—Great Christmas and birthday presents!]

- DRIVE CENTER** – When turning wood on a lathe, each workpiece is mounted between the headstock and tailstock with pointed attachments called centers. A drive center (aka spur center) is a sharp, multi-pointed attachment that fits into the headstock. Be sure to choose a drive center with a shaft size that matches your lathe. Lathe centers come with tapered shafts (usually MT1 or MT2) and a spring-loaded end avoid pounding it into your workpiece with a hammer.
- LIVE CENTER** – On a lathe, the tailstock can hold a conical center called a live center. This cone-shaped piece of steel contains a bearing that lets it spin freely, supporting the bottom of a workpiece as it turns on the lathe. As with drive centers, be sure to choose a live center with a tapered shaft size that fits your configuration. It's also wise to start with a medium-sized live center of around 2 inches in cone diameter.
- TOOL RESTS** – As the name implies, a tool rest is a flat platform connected to the central bed of a lathe where you place tools as you work. These removable platforms come in various lengths, widths, and shapes. Different tool rests work better for different shape projects. Not all are compatible with every lathe. The tool post sizes differ in diameter and length. Be sure to know what size your lathe can use before making a purchase.
- ROUGHING GOUGE** – Roughing gouges are large, beefy chisels with curved blades that remove large amounts of wood from the workpiece, bringing it closer to the desired shape. Most projects start with a roughing gouge since it's the fastest way to remove lots of wood in the early stages of turning. Choose a roughing gouge with a nice long handle (at least 12 inches) that's easy to grip so you can angle it and apply leverage easily.
- PARTING TOOL** – Parting tools are similar to chisels, but flat and pointed on the end. They make grooves in a workpiece and are often used to separate the project from the short waste section. They also help turn grooves along the length of a workpiece in concert with calipers to indicate where material needs to be removed for a design.
- BOWL GOUGE** – Bowl gouges are traditionally large, curve-edged chisels with rounded ends. They are used to roll and shape inside and outside curves on round projects like bowls. When selecting your first bowl gouge, choose one with around a 1/2 inch blade width and an elliptical blade end profile so it can be used in a wider range of curve-shaping situations.
- SPINDLE GOUGE** – Curve-edged and rounded like bowl gouges, spindle gouges are a smaller and finer version. They are meant for fine detail work on chair and table legs, spindles and other long, cylindrical workpieces. Like bowl gouges, they can create various beads and coves.



TOOL TALK

ESSENTIAL LATHE ACCESSORIES, *CONTINUED*



www.familyhandyman.com/list/lathe-accessories/

8. **CALIPERS** – Pincher-style calipers precisely measure the thickness of objects that can't be measured directly with a ruler or tape (think outside of a bowl or even the thickness of a spindle!). Similar in mechanics to needlenose pliers, calipers can be gently pinched down on either side of a cylindrical project for an accurate readout of its thickness. Be sure to choose calipers that can hold their position at a given thickness (i.e. have some sort of screwing mechanism built in).
9. **FACE PLATE** – Face plates are circular center attachments that fit into the headstock. Meant for face turning, the best ones have holes that are used for screws that securely hold a workpiece to the face plate. Generally they are used for turning bowls or other objects where the mounting holes will eventually be removed. Be sure to use screws that have a coarse thread, about the same size as the hole in the face plate. **Don't use drywall screws** as they are too brittle. Sometimes it is best to predrill holds in the wood before fastening the screws.

What's on tap for January? Your ideas are welcome! Send today!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

We have some winners to announce! What you say? Two different members recently won prizes from two different organizations.

Winner #1

Bob Santore

Winner of the AAW International Symposium Package for the 2023 Symposium in Portland, Oregon

He received:

- ⇒ Symposium Registration
- ⇒ Banquet Ticket
- ⇒ Hotel Room in Portland
- ⇒ A \$350 Travel Travel Stipend

Bob was one of many who entered his name for this random drawing.

Winner #2

Rod Castle

Winner of the *TurningWood.com* Pizza Cutter Contest

He received:

- ⇒ Niles Pizza Cutter Kit
- ⇒ Niles Mandrel & Adapter
- ⇒ A Turningwood Pizza Cutter Holder

Rod entered his Niles/CSU cutter with a stylish beaded handle as shown in the photo left.

This contest runs until 12/6/2023 with prizes weekly. You can enter up to 10 photos using the link [HERE](#).



NOVEMBER SHOW & TELL – CARVERS



Gary Morison
Pirate
Skull & Candles



Arlie Howell
Shroom, Turtle,
Carving Knife,
Kestrel Hawk



Jackie Yonkers (L)
Gary Morison (R)
Turtles



Arlene Schlueter
Pine
Segmented
Dog



Mike Bloomquist
Narwhal

40 PENS SENT DIRECTLY TO KUWAIT



Pens Sent Directly to Kuwait for Distribution



Left –
Selection of pens turned by each participant

Right, top –
Ten more pens turned by Doug North



Right, bottom –
Five pens by Ted Kleege prior to shoulder surgery (in addition to his 20

2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE

On Saturday, November 11th, nearly 50 members and guests gathered in the fire station community room for our annual club contest, the Woodworker's Challenge. Members entered their projects in 15 possible categories for *people's choice* awards in each category. 76 projects were entered by 27 members; three categories had 10 entries while two had just one.

Each year after the Challenge we reevaluate the categories and will be making changes for 2024. A survey was sent to obtain members feedback on the event. The current date for 2024 is Saturday, November 2nd so plan now to participate!

Below and on the next few pages are photos of each entry. They will be added to the website gallery in the next month.

Furniture — 4 Entries

1st—Bruce Meissner; 2nd—Arlene Schlueter/Cathy Kuepper; 3rd—Scott Harrison



Bruce Meissner
Flip Top Swivel Table
Cherry with Veneer Inlay of
Curly Maple, Cherry, & Black Dyed Poplar

**Arlene Schlueter/
Cathy Kuepper**
Log Side Table with
Epoxy and Metal Legs



Scott Harrison
Child's Table & Chair
Ash



John Anderson
Workbench
Pine



2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 2

Large Accessories — 5 Entries

1st—Federico Meira; 2nd—Jim Kent; 3rd—Doug North



Federico Meira
Desk Lamp
Birdseye Maple,
Cherry, Tiger
Maple
Poly & Lacquer



Jim Kent
Stave Octagon Box
Ambrosia Maple, Butternut, Cherry,
Hackberry with Oil Finish



Tom Lawlor
Folding Stool
Resawn Cherry with
Walnut Inlay
Shellac & Waterlox



Gary Morison
Silverware Rack
Mahogany & Redwood
Semi-Gloss Acrylic Spray



Doug North
Shaker Trays Stack
Cherry
Osmo Finish

Scrolled — 2 Entries

1st—Barbara Raymond-LaPrease; 2nd—Ralph Negrotto



Barbara
Clutch Purse
Sycamore & Padauk
Leather Hinge & Catch
Osmo Finish



Ralph Negrotto
Lidded Box
Mahogany with Pine
Painted Leaves

Wearable Accessories

1 Entry



Barbara
Necklaces & Earrings
Rosewood
Copper Findings
Danish Oil Finish

2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 3

Small Accessories — 10 Entries

1st—Rick Kiehl; 2nd—Jerry Laffer; Tie for 3rd—Scott Harrison & Mike Vecellio



Rick Kiehl
Unique Platter
Black Walnut



Jerry Laffer
Small Lamp

Kevin Smith
Clock
Mahogany



Scott Harrison
9" Wooden Cross
Poplar & Black
Walnut Bark
Poly Finish



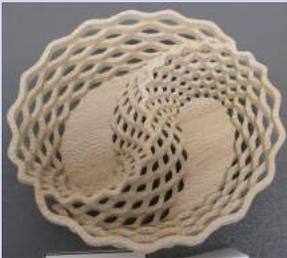
Mike Vecellio
Charcuterie Board



Doug North
Mom's Burial Box
Walnut w/Osmo



Jim Kent
Ring Box
Cherry & Walnut
Oil Finish



Barbara
Ying Yang Bowl
Sycamore



Jim Ruddock
Mini Clock
Lacewood, Purpleheart & Walnut
Mineral Oil



Paul Silverstein
Picture Frame
Cherry Burl
Shellac

2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 4

Turned Bowls — 10 Entries

1st—Jim Kent; 2nd—Tom Cooney; 3rd—Jerry Laffer



Jim Kent
Curly Figured Maple
Oil Finish



Tom Cooney
Walnut, Cherry, Maple
Antique Oil Finish



Jerry Laffer
Burl



Mike Vecellio
Maple, Walnut, Cherry
Acks Finish



Paul Silverstein
Butternut & Walnut
Shellac & GOAT Wax



Rick Kiehl
Black Walnut



Charlie LaPrease
Ash
Osmo



Paul Depew
Ash & Black Walnut
Shinejuice



Doug North
Cherry
Walnut Oil

Kaleb Hancock
First Bowl
Spalted Ambrosia Maple
Aussie Oil



2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 5

Turned Boxes — 6 Entries

1st—Jeffrey Cheramie; Tie for 2nd—Paul Depew & Jim Kent



Jeffrey Cheramie
Turned on Ornamental Lathe
African Blackwood & Red Malee



Paul Depew
Black Walnut & Spalted Maple
Mineral Oil & Beeswax



Jim & Shelli Kent
Maple w/Cherry Burl Accent
Poly Finish
Basket Illusion Design Then Inked



Charlie LaPrease
Locust & Mahogany
Osmo
Beads of Courage
Donation



Rick Kiehl
Hickory
Satin Poly



Jerry Laffer
Box & Ring Holder

Carved 1 — Birds, Animals, Caricatures, & Similar — 2 Entries

1st—Arlene Schlueter; 2nd—Gary Morison



Arlene Schlueter
Cardinal Pair on Driftwood
Basswood & Acrylics



Gary Morison
Pirate
Basswood & Acrylics

Youth — 1 Entry



Kaleb Hancock
Goblet
Ash
Beeswax & Mineral Oil

2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 6

Turned Spindles — 10 Entries

1st—Tom Cooney; 2nd—Mike Vecellio; 3rd—Mark Lockwood



Tom Cooney
Inside-Out Ornament
Mahogany & Maple



Mike Vecellio
Pair of Pens
Walnut, Maple,
Spectraply



Jim Kent
18" Pepper
Grinder
Cherry
Oil Finish



Mark Lockwood
Spalted Maple &
Walnut
Friction Polish



Paul Silverstein
Celtic Knot
Segmented Pen
Maple, Ebony, &
Purpleheart
CA Glue



Jeffrey Cheramie
Pair of Bottle Stoppers
Mopane & Katalox
Turned on Ornamental
Lathe



Charlie LaPrease
Ornament
Ash



Kaleb Hancock
Goblet
Ash
Beeswax & Mineral
Oil



Rod Castle
Wizard Wand w/Stand
Lignum Vitae
Poly



Doug North
Snowman Family
Maple
Friction Polish

2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 7

Turned Other — 5 Entries

1st—Jim Kent; Tie for 2nd—Paul Depew & Jim Ruddock



Jim Kent
Basket Illusion Vase w/Stave Center
Maple, Hackberry, & Cherry
India Ink for Design
then Poly & Oil



Paul Depew
Vase
Ash
Mahoney's



Jim Ruddock
Mini Half Moon Vessel
Oak, Walnut, & Maple
Mineral Oil



Tom Cooney
Birdhouse Ornament
Cherry, Walnut, & Maple



Rod Castle
Salt & Pepper Mills
Maple w/Inlay
Wipe-On Poly



Rick Kiehl
Vase
Ash
Gloss Epoxy Glaze

Carved 2 — 2Entries

1st—Gary Morison; 2nd—Elaine Negrotto



Elaine Negrotto
Cornucopia
Basswood & Acrylics



Gary Morison
Mushroom Gnome House
Cottonwood Bark
Acrylics

2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 8

Toys — 8 Entries

1st—Kevin Smith; 2nd—Scott Harrison; 3rd—Mike Vecellio



Kevin Smith
Rocking Motorcycle
Variety of Woods



Scott Harrison
Rocking Horse
Various Woods



Mike Vecellio
Antique Car
Cherry



Barbara
2-Layered Puzzle
Baltic Birch & Acrylics



Steve Sabella
"Shut the Box" Game
Pine w/Velvet Liner
Polyshades



Jim Ruddock
Nested Animal Puzzles
Cherry Walnut
Mineral Oil



Rod Castle
Kaleidoscope
Spectraply



Charlie LaPrease
Ring Toy
Poplar

2023 WOODWORKER'S CHALLENGE, PAGE 9

What Not — 8 Entries

1st—Jim Kent; 2nd—Tom Cooney; 3rd—Gary Morison



Jim & Shelli Kent
Basket Illusion Platter
Maple
India Ink & Poly



Tom Cooney
Kumiko Ornaments



Gary Morison
2 Parallel Clamp Sets
Oak And Maple
Wipe-On Poly



Rod Castle
Screwdriver w/Stand
Cherry w/Poly



Jerry Laffer
Ring Holder
Spectraply



Barbara
Smallest Ever
Lincoln Log Sets
Baltic Birch



Mike Vecellio
Pen

Sculpted — 1 Entry

Barbara
Jewelry Box w/
Sculpted Lid
Curly Maple & Padauk



Doug North
Shaker Music Box
Cherry w/Osmo

Best in Show

Bruce Meissner received an overwhelming number of votes for his Flip Top Swivel Table

NOVEMBER CLUB WORKSHOP



Several members stopped by the shop on Saturday morning, November 18th for the monthly workshop. Three turned—Kaleb, Dan, and Jim—each receiving much guidance and suggestions. Here are a few photos.



No Projects of Yours Shown in the Woodworker's Challenge
Plan & Get Started Now on Your Projects for the 2024 Edition of the
Woodworkers Challenge

Category Descriptions are on the Website [HERE](#)

THE WOODWORKING SHOWS

The Woodworking Shows is a live event that includes a variety of vendors, local clubs, plus education seminars coordinated by a vendor and held at various sites. We've attempted to get them to come to Syracuse and they were almost here in 2019 and then Covid. Their 2024 schedule is available on their website – www.thewoodworkingshows.com.

Currently, they list the following as educators: Charlie Kocourek, Kevin Bedgood, Kathrina Nellis, Tracey Chevront, Bill Bush, Barry Gross, Dale Barnard, *Digital Woodcarver*, *Urbn Timber*, Frank Klausz (NJ only), Kurt Dobbins, and Bradley McCalister.

Some members attend the two events nearby:
 West Springfield, MA—January 12-14
 Edison, NJ—February 9-11

As each event nears, you will be able to purchase tickets online and see the vendors scheduled.





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 to late to start on your tops for 2024. (*see page 12*)
- ◆ 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 28*).
- ◆ 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 4th.

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.

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.

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WE ESPECIALLY NEED

- Needle Boxes
- Whistles
- Pens
- Sea Urchin Ornaments
- Bird Houses
- Kitchenware esp. 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!

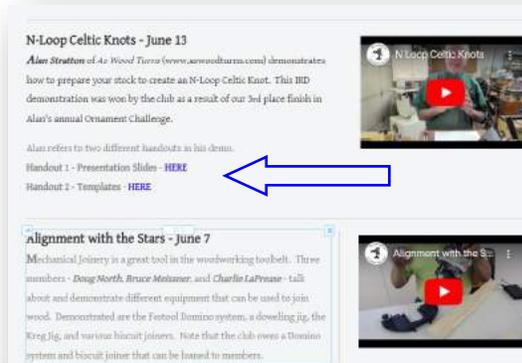
VIDEOS OF PAST DEMONSTRATIONS

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 1st.

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-LaPrease [Video Currently Unavailable]	Small Covered Boxes with Embellishments with Chad Dawson	none
October 2020	Turning an Antique Peppermill with Rod Castle	German Ring Turning with Mike Malecki	Scrolling Basics with Barbara Raymond-LaPrease
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 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. 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.



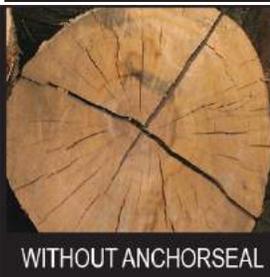
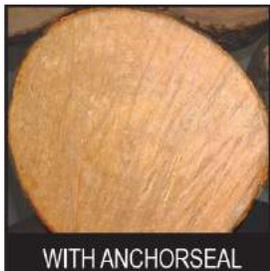
CORPORATION SUPPLIES, LOANS, & SALES

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. 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.

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.

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

Appalachian Center for Craft

Smithville, Tennessee

www.tntech.edu/fine-arts/craftcenter

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

www.arrowmont.org

Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking

Manchester, Connecticut

schoolofwoodworking.com

Florida School of Woodwork

Tampa, Florida

schoolofwoodwork.com

John C. Campbell Folk School

Brasstown, North Carolina

folkschool.org

Marc Adams School of Woodworking

North Franklin, Indiana

www.marcadams.com

Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft

Columbia, North Carolina

pocosinarts.org

Snow Farm / The NE Craft Program

Williamsburg, Massachusetts

www.snowfarm.org

The Woodright's School

Roy Underhill's school

Pittsboro, North Carolina

www.woodwrightschool.com

The Woodworking School at Pine Croft

Connected with Berea College; the former Kelly Mehler school

Berea, Kentucky

pinecroftwoodschoool.com

Do you know of other schools?

Please send the information to 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 3rd 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 their annual holiday celebration on the evening of December 21st.

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 [Rusty Tchernis](#) on *Windsor & Ladderback Chairs*. The session will be held on [January 19th](#) 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 December 11th. 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](#)

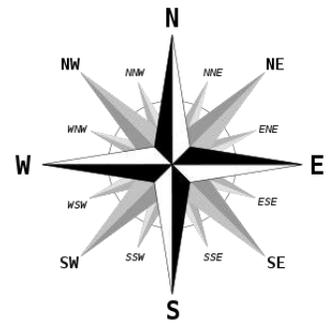
Mid-Atlantic Woodturners Symposium

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



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

TURNERS SIG SPONSORED DEMOS—2023

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

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MEETINGS SCHEDULES

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CARVERS SPONSORED DEMOS/CLASSES—2023

Date	Topic
January 19 th	Carving a Valentine Heart with Gary Morison
February 16 th	Carving Hearts — Part 2 with Gary Morison
March 16 th	Sharpening Carving Tools with Dave Weir
April 20 th	Shroomspirit with Mike Bloomquist
May 18 th	Shroomspirit — Part 2 with Mike Bloomquist
June 10 & 11	Face Carving Workshop with Jim O'Dea or Quilted Stocking Workshop with Chris O'Dea [Fee TBD] CANCELLED
June 15 th	Making a Knife Handle with Gary Morison
July 27 th	Mushroom Gnome House with Harold Kaltenbach
August 17 ^h	Mushroom Gnome House — Part 2 w/Harold Kaltenbach
September 21 st	Carved Turtle with Frank Huckabone
October 26th	Skull & Candle with Mike Bloomquist
Saturday, November 11 th	17th Woodworkers Challenge <i>All Members Plan to Participate in this Annual Competition!</i>
November 17 th	Santa Face with Dave Weir
Sunday, December 3 rd	Holiday Event — One Party for All Members
	CANCELLED 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 th	Intarsia w/Sherry — Challenge: Segmented Project
April 19 th	Back to the Basics — Challenge: Intarsia Project
June 21 st	Using Spiral Blades — Challenge: Christmas Ornaments
July & August	No Meetings—Get Your Projects in For NYS Fair Competition!
September 20 th	Undulating Ring Baskets/Simulated Baskets — Challenge: Spiral Blade Project
October 19 th	Scrollsaw Tips & Tidbits — Challenge: Baskets
Saturday, November 11 th	17th Woodworkers Challenge <i>All Members Plan to Participate in this Annual Competition!</i>
Sunday, December 3 rd	Holiday Event — One Party for All Members

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

FOR SALE—Grizzly 2HP Canister Dust Collector—steel impeller. \$400. Contact Kevin Rawlings at hostaguy@gmail.com

FOR SALE—General 3HP Shaper Model 40-250 (220V) with accessories. Original owner. \$1500. Contact Rick Simmons at 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.

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

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.

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

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

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

Kennedy Hardwood
1939 Clark Rd., Preble (607) 749-7890
www.kennedyhardwood.com

Liverpool Lumber Company
201 North Willow St., Liverpool
(315) 457-2220
liverpool-lumber.com

Pittsford Lumber
50 State St., Pittsford (585) 586-1877
www.pittsfordlumber.com

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

Willey Lumber Company
100 Hartwell Ave, East Syracuse
(315) 437-3344
www.willeylumber.com

Johnson Brothers Lumber
2550 Ballina Rd, Cazenovia (315) 655-8824
www.johnsonbrotherslumber.com

Salt City Woods, Mill & Kiln
715 Old Liverpool Rd — In Back
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 952-1692
derby@saltcitywoods.com
saltcitywoods.com

Brown Dog Wood Products
1379 County Route 4, Central Square
315-243-8358
www.Browndogwoodproducts.com