



# TIMBER TIMES

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## NOVEMBER CLUB EVENTS

**Wednesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
Woodworking SIG Dem/Mtg

### **Making Bows Two Ways**

with Gregg Shinneman

**In Person & Via Zoom**

See below \* for location info

**Tuesday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
Turning SIG Dem/Mtg

### **Box Turning Design & Embellishment—Part 2**

with Rich Bulak

**In Person & Via Zoom**

See below \* for location info

**Sat., Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 9am to Noon**

### **Open Saturday Workshop**

At Eight Acres Event Center,  
Baldwinsville [address sent  
week of event]

**Wednesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
Scrolling SIG Dem/Mtg

### **Ornament Cutting Tips**

with Barbara

**In Person & Via Zoom**

See below \* for location info

**Thursday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**  
Carving SIG Workshop

### **Carving a Santa Crayon Ornament**

with Arlene Schlueter

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

**Tuesday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
**Board of Directors Mtg**

**In Person & Via Zoom**

\* **In Person** in Community Room  
at Belgium Cold Springs Fire  
Station 1, 7920 River Rd,  
Baldwinsville

## AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Woodworker's Challenge (aka our *club contest*) was held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 99 projects entered by 33 members, including one who drove from Kentucky to enter! Most pre-registered which made for a much less hectic Saturday. Sixteen members who participated in 2024 did not in 2025 but they were replaced by fifteen others. Awards were presented in all categories but *Youth* (no entries) and we added prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in *Best in Show*!

Start planning now for our 2026 event, our 20<sup>th</sup>! The tentative date is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>! Let's strive for 150 or more entries next year!

Photos of all entries are included in this newsletter for those that did not attend, starting with *Best in Show*.

## Best in Show



**1<sup>st</sup>—Terry Dote**  
Octagon Jewelry Box  
(Small Accessories)

**2<sup>nd</sup>—Mike Shuron**  
Ladder Fire Truck  
(Large Toys)

**3<sup>rd</sup>—Mike Shuron**  
Martha Washington  
Sewing Cabinet  
(Furniture)



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## Furniture



**1<sup>st</sup> – Mike Shuron**  
Martha Washington  
Sewing Cabinet  
Sapele w/  
Waterborne Pre-  
catalyzed Satin  
Lacquer



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin Smith**  
Blanket Hope Chest  
Ribbon Sapele with Satin Lacquer



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark Anastas**  
Beer Fridge Cabinet  
Cherry & Plywood w/Osmo



**Kevin Rawlings**  
Bookshelf  
Basswood w/Shellac



**Gary Morison**  
'Beaver Lake' Glider  
Oak w/Bush Oil



**Eric Hovater**  
Wavy Grain Chair  
(Found at Flea Mkt)  
Woven with 2.5mm  
Strand Cane

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## Large Accessories



**1<sup>st</sup> – Gary Kieffer**  
 Portable Cool Tool Stool  
 White Pine, Walnut, Maple, & Hardboard  
 Minwax Water-Based Gloss Poly  
 Woodsmith, No. 279, June 2025



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Bruce Meissner**  
 Cutting Board  
 Walnut, Maple, & Cherry  
 Mineral Oil & Beeswax



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Tom Cooney**  
 Tiled Coat Hanger  
 Cherry with Osmo



**Jeff Handel**  
 Red Oak Toolbox  
 Homemade Paste Wax (Linseed Oil & Beeswax)  
 Toolbox with a lockable door and two internal shelves. All stock was prepared with hand tools only from rough-sawn or bandsawn lumber. All joinery was done by hand (dovetails, raised panel drawer bottoms in grooves, drawer runner grooves). 20" x 14" x 9"



**Mark Anastas**  
 Coat/Hat Rack  
 Live Edge Walnut with Osmo



**Robert Love**  
 Lidded Candy Dish  
 Cherry w/Ebonized Maple Handle  
 Osmo & Buffed

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## Small Accessories



**1<sup>st</sup> – Terry Dote**  
Octagon Jewelry Box  
Olive Ash Burl, Oak Burl, Colored  
Veneers w/Shellac Finish  
Assembled w/Hide Glue



**Tied 3<sup>rd</sup> – Charlie LaPrease**  
Small Plates for Small Meals  
Various Exotic Woods—No Finish



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark Lockwood**  
Inside Out  
Clock  
Ambrosia  
Maple & Maple  
Friction Polish



**Tied 3<sup>rd</sup> – Robert Love**  
Ring Boxes  
Walnut w/Gold Enhanced  
Texturing (2)  
Curly Maple Dyed Black &  
Green  
Osmo Buffed



**Tied 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bruce Meissner**  
Tool Tote  
Butternut with Shellac



**Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**  
Decorative Charcuterie Board  
Ash w/Mineral Oil & Beeswax

**Jeff Handel**  
Maple Plant Stand w/Shellac  
Stand for 5” Stand  
Stock Prepared by Hand from Old Dresser



**Tom Cooney**  
Mixed Media Dog Leash Holder  
Cherry & Pine w/Osmo  
Combination of Woodworking,  
Blacksmithing (Hooks), & Calligraphy

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## Small Accessories



**Dave Grant**  
Funky Clock  
Sumac w/Spray  
Paint & Acrylics  
Textured with Burr  
Cutter / Scrolled &  
Carved Feet /  
Various Hardware  
Accessories



**Mark Anastas**  
Cherry Wedding Commemorative  
Coasters w/Poly



**Bob Hugget**  
Pizza Cutter with  
Celtic Circles  
Padauk w/Walnut,  
Purpleheart, Wenge,  
& Maple  
Watco & Butcher  
Block Oil



**Ray Smith**  
Cell Phone  
Speaker  
Sycamore &  
Walnut  
Mineral Oil &  
Beeswax



**Jim Ruddock**  
Holding Time  
Oak & Walnut  
Mineral Oil & Beeswax

## Carved 1



**1<sup>st</sup> – Deb Barbour**  
Alice In Wonderland  
Rabbit  
Basswood  
Acrylics



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Arlene Schlueter**  
Ducks in the Weeds  
Basswood, Moss, &  
Driftwood  
Acrylics



**Patrick Grobauer**  
Fish  
Basswood & Driftwood  
Natural



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Gary Morison**  
Carvings in a Cage  
Basswood  
Acrylics  
Cage Repurposed After Found  
on Road

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**Large Toys**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Mike Shuron**  
Ladder Fire Truck  
Maple & Walnut w/Satin Lacquer



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Kevin Smith**  
Rocking Horse  
Cherry, Ash, Walnut, & Padauk  
Satin Lacquer



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Huggett**  
“C-K Boggan”  
Red Oak, Walnut, & Poplar  
Minwax Golden Oak Stain, Paint, & Spar Urethane

**Wearable Accessories**



**1<sup>st</sup> – Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**  
Ever-Lasting Love  
Pendant & Compound  
Cut Earrings  
Danish Oil



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Dave Grant**  
Acorn Nut Turned Earrings  
Monkey Pod  
Cap Decorated w/Knurling Tool



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Robert Love**  
Cast Acrylic Pendant  
Maple Triangular Stand

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## Small Toys



**1<sup>st</sup> – Jim Ruddock**  
Dimetrodon (Sail Dinosaur)  
Walnut & Maple w/Mineral Oil



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul Silverstein**  
Baby Rattles w/Captured Rings  
Pin Cherry, Maple, Ash, Honey  
Locust, Cherry, & Scrap  
Mahoney's Finishes



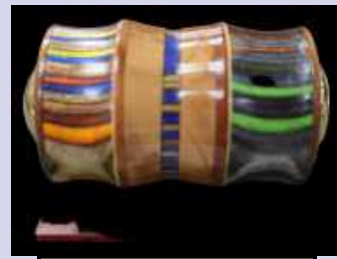
**3<sup>rd</sup> – Mike Shuron**  
H1 Hummer  
Maple & Walnut  
Satin Lacquer



**Robert Love**  
Tops on Spin Plate  
Various Woods w/Mahogany Plate  
Beall Buffed & Carnauba Wax



**Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**  
Dinosaur Buddies  
Ash & Natural Finish



**Rod Castle**  
Kaleidoscope  
Misc Woods w/Poly



**Jerry Laffer**  
Top Box  
Maple w/Markers

**Mark Lockwood**  
Hard Maple Top  
Friction Polish



## Scrolled



**1<sup>st</sup> – Chris Limoncelli**  
'My Dog Mozzarella'  
Custom Intarsia  
Curly Maple, Wenge,  
Rosewood, Walnut, Ash,  
Aspen, & White Limba

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**  
Snowy White Owl  
Figured Big Leaf Maple  
Water-Based Poly, Air Brushed



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Dave Grant**  
Female Javelin Thrower  
Pencil Holder  
Pine on Maple w/Oil



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## Ornaments



1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Lockwood—Maple Hollow Ball with Friction Polish    2<sup>nd</sup> – Dave Grant—Eastern Red Cedar & Cherry Bird House with Osmo    3<sup>rd</sup> – Tom Cooney—Walnut & Maple Hexagonal Kumiko Star  
 Gary Morison—Basswood Night Before Christmas    Barbara Raymond-LaPrease—Maple & Walnut Snowman Sleigh    Robert Love—Maple & Cherry Fluted Ball & Colored Hollow Ball with Chameleon Flakes & Lacquer    Charlie LaPrease—Ash Dyed Drop Ornament    Larry Prunotto—Walnut & Maple with Rosewood Double Ball Ornament    Rod Castle—Sea Urchin Ornament

## Carved 2



1<sup>st</sup> – Gary Morison  
 Gnome Home  
 Cottonwood Bark  
 (Multiple Pieces)  
 Acrylics



2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry Dote  
 Molding Plane  
 Walnut & Birdseye Maple



3<sup>rd</sup> – Deb Barbour  
 Heart Love Spoon  
 Basswood  
 Stained



Andy Roth  
 Rectangular Bowl  
 Osage Orange w/Beeswax



Barbara Raymond-LaPrease  
 Intarsia Shaped Sea Shell  
 Lacewood w/Danish Oil

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## Turned Bowls



**1<sup>st</sup> – Larry Prunotto**  
Burl Bowl w/Some Turned Fruit  
Friction Polish



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Farrell**  
Reunion Bowl—Segmented Chevron  
Walnut, Curly Maple, & Cherry  
Walnut Oil & Beeswax



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Charlie LaPrease**  
Large Ash Platter  
Osmo



**Tom Cooney**  
Bowl from a Board Using  
Scrap Wood  
Red & White Oak, Maple,  
Walnut, & Cherry w/Oil



**Robert Love**  
Phoenix Bowl  
Chinese Elm  
Chameleon Flakes & Osmo



**Mark Anastas**  
Curly Maple Bowl  
Osmo



**Dave Grant**  
Potpourri Bowl  
Maple w/Oil  
Decorative Insert Purchased



**Rick Kiehl**  
Spalted Maple Bowl  
Osmo



**Jerry Laffer**  
Pine Bowl  
Milk Paint  
Technique Advice from  
Beth Ireland

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## Turned Boxes



**1<sup>st</sup> – Dave Grant**  
 Pumkin Box  
 Spalted Maple w/Osmo  
 Burr cutter made ridges;  
 air reciprocating saw  
 made face



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Larry Prunotto**  
 “Our Final Resting Place”  
 Maple & Purpleheart  
 Segmented Urn  
 Friction Polish



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Robert Love**  
 Beaded & Textured  
 Walnut Box  
 Gold Paint & Osmo



**Charlie LaPrease**  
 Ash Box  
 Osmo



**Jerry Laffer**  
 Ring Box



**Ray Smith**  
 Secret Snowman  
 Soft Maple  
 Acrylics

## Turned Spindles



**1<sup>st</sup> – Rod Castle**  
 Salt & Pepper Grinder  
 Set with Base  
 Laminated Hardwoods  
 Wipe-On Poly



**Tie 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark Lockwood**  
 Inside-Out Tree  
 Cherry & Maple  
 Friction Polish



**Tie 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dave Grant**  
 Apples in Walnut Bowl  
 Spalted Maple (2)  
 Tamarack/Larch (1)  
 Livos Hardwax Oil



**Charlie LaPrease**  
 Gavel  
 Locust  
 Buffed

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## Turned Spindles



**John Corliss**  
Candle Vase  
Maple  
Tried & True



**Gary Kieffer**  
Magical Salt Shaker  
Walnut  
Spray Gloss Poly

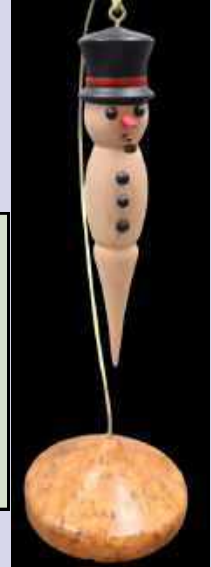


**Jerry Laffer**  
Lidded Box  
Maple



**Gary Morison**  
Offset  
Candlestick  
Walnut  
CA Glue

**Robert Love**  
Melting  
Snowman  
Maple,  
Ebony,  
Padauk, &  
Walnut  
Paint & Spray  
Lacquer



## Pens



**1<sup>st</sup> – Paul Silverstein**  
Magnetic Cap Pen w/4  
Inlaid Rings  
Purpleheart, Cherry &  
Ebony  
CA Glue



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Robert Love**  
Meaty Cigar Pen on Cherry Burl Stand  
Maple Burl Died  
CA Glue



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Mick VanVranken**  
Glue-Up of Cherry, Maple, Purpleheart, & Padauk  
Shellwax



**Mark Lockwood**  
Box Elder Burl  
Friction Polish & Beeswax

**Tom Cooney**  
Spalted Maple  
CA Glue



**Rod Castle**  
Cobobolo  
Tung Oil



**Gary Morison**  
Zebrawood  
CA Glue



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## Where are the Youth Entries?

Even though we have over 10 youth who qualify, none made it to this event. We hope that will change in 2026!

## What Not



**1<sup>st</sup> – Terry Dote**  
 Double Bevel  
 Marquetry Picture  
 Various Veneers  
 Shellac  
 Demo—Feb 2026



**2<sup>nd</sup> – Kenn Pickard**  
 Adirondack Pack Basket  
 Rattan with Hand-Cut  
 Leather Straps



**3<sup>rd</sup> – Barbara Raymond-LaPrease**  
 Miniature Nativity  
 Scene  
 Cherry, Stone, &  
 Natural Materials  
 Danish Oil



**Gary Morison**  
 Power Sanding Attachments  
 Black Walnut & Curly Maple w/Poly



**Robert Love**  
 Mice's Cheese Board!  
 Various Woods w/Spray Lacquer



**Tom Cooney**  
 Viking Shield  
 Spruce Core w/Glue Soaked  
 Painted Linen Covering, Leather  
 Edge, & Copper



**Charlie LaPrease**  
 Tulip Dremel Changing Handle



**Jeff Handel**  
 Marking Gauge  
 Mahogany, Birdseye Maple, &  
 Bloodwood w/Homemade Paste Wax  
 Made with Only Hand Tools