



New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners
www.njwoodturners.com

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Even before our first meeting of the year I thought it worthwhile to have a current newsletter to help get things started. We're starting off with new and old officers. Wil, Hitoshi and Maurice are "old" and I am new. Walt Drummond has been doing a terrific job as secretary and I fear following in his shoes. We all owe Walt our appreciation for a job so well done. Realizing that it was now my turn I spent days trying to figure out what my first set of words would be. Well, that was it! Now it's time to get to work.

Our next meeting will be Jan 28 and Duke Hemmer will treat us to a "ball in a cube" discussion. The meeting will take place at our new home, the Essex County Environmental Center, starting at 7 P.M. The full schedule for 2008 appears below.

Because it is the beginning of a new year it is worthwhile reminding ourselves about the club dues. A form is attached to facilitate the treasurer and membership officers keep track. The dues are \$25 for individual membership and \$35 for family membership.

While on the subject of membership the AAW is starting its membership drive for the 2008 year. All are encouraged to join or renew. The benefits are myriad. The Journal of the AAW is a world of mind boggling ideas and inspiration. You couldn't find a better source for your turning enjoyment. Along with The American Woodworker Journal and the Resource Guide, insurance to cover a member while demonstrating is provided. This insurance relieves the club from liability in case of an accident or injury while demonstrating at a public venue. Fees are \$45.00 per year. Membership forms are available from your

Secretary or you can log on to the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org/> and join or renew there.

During the year, photo sessions for taking pictures of your turnings for the club web site will be scheduled. You can get your work shown on the club Members Galleries. Mort Olin said he has a light tent we can use on these occasions.

If you haven't done so recently, you should check on the club's web site. Bruce Arnold was appointed as Webmaster and has done a terrific job updating much of the information. Among the web site content is our calendar, directions, past newsletters, photos from past meetings, member galleries, links to other relevant sites and other resources such as Larry Gould's terrific report on sharpening fundamentals.

In the course of the month I've received information from members on various subjects and I thought it would be useful to share some of this with the group. I think two categories, Member feedback and general information, should cover the information.

Member feedback/opinions

"I think that you should put in a pitch for the general membership to jump into the organization and help out at the shows, join a committee or sign up to help out at an event e.g. turning tops at the woodturning show, getting the equipment to and from the shows, etc, etc."

General information from/for members

Our display case at the environmental center is available for our use. Members who wish to have items in the case can bring them when we have our meetings. The process for entering and

removing items for display needs to be worked out. However, there is space available now so some members may choose to bring in an item and we'll open the display case.

The Somerset woodworking show is 2/15-2/17/2008. For information, www.thewoodworkingshows.com/somerset.asp.

Discounts up to 20% for AAW members. The information can be found at <http://donpencil.com/AAWSPECIALS.htm>
Discounts for Jan-Feb 2008 are at 20% off. It will decrease after that and will not always include all of their products and may change every month.

Mort Olin reports on getting "cheap" bandsaw blades from www.spencedistributors.com. See Mort if you're interested in a group buy.

Meeting Schedule – 2008: Tentative

Jan 28 **Duke Hemmer** "Ball in Cube" demo
Feb 25 **Bob Ruth** "Reading Wood" talk
Dennis Fuge Panel discussion on wood
Mar 24 **Bob Rosand** Demo, Topic TBD
Apr 28 **Jim Clewes**
May 19 **Hitoshi Tanaka** Decorating and Embellishing Turnings
 Novice Show and Tell
 (May26-Memorial Day)
Jun 23 **Stan Lefkow** TBD
Jul 28 **Mark Firri** Multi Axis turning
Aug 25 Tool Sale and Show and Tell
Sep 22 **Bill Grumbine**
Oct 27 **Jim Duxbury** Kaleidoscopes
Nov 24 **Elections**
 Super Show and tell and Critique
 Club Challenge
December No meeting

Note: Turn-A-Thon will be used as a 'Wild Card' if needed to resolve scheduling conflict.

Club Officers: 2008

President - Wil Goldschmidt
Vice Pres - Hitoshi Tanaka
Secretary – Tony Whalen
Treasurer - Maurice Cohen
Librarian – Rita Lefkow
Membership – Walt Drummond
Web Master – Bruce Arnold
Programs – Gil Malave
Weekend Workshops – Bruce Long
Photographer- Adrien Coblentz

Wood of the Month: Sapele

Name Sapele (Entandrophragma cylindricum)
Type Hardwood.
Other Names Also known as scented mahogany, aboudirko, penkwa, muyovu, libuyu, and sapele mahogany.
Sources Grows in west, central, and east Africa.
Appearance Interlocked, sometimes wavy grain producing a distinctive figure on quartered surfaces. Medium texture, high luster, pale yellow sapwood and light red to dark reddish brown heartwood.
Physical Props Medium weight, bending strength, crushing strength, shock resistance, decay resistance, and movement in service. Low stiffness and steam bending rating.
Working Props Works easily enough although surface may tear when planing due to interlocked grain. Glues, screws, and nails satisfactorily. Responds well to stains and finishes, particularly if grain is filled.
Uses Used for many of the same applications as true mahogany: furniture, cabinetry, decorative veneers, paneling, flooring, interior and exterior joinery, window and door frames, doors, staircases, boat and vehicle construction, and piano cases.

<http://www.woodbin.com/ref/wood/>

If you have any questions about the newsletter, or wish to see something new in it, please contact us at njwoodturners@gmail.com.