



# New Jersey Woodturners

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January 22, 2007

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Next Meeting

Feb 26, 2007

7:30pm

Bob Sheppard

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## January Meeting:

The January meeting was the first of the New Year, and Wil Goldschmidt's first meeting as president. He introduced the new 2007 team and outlined his hopes for the club and the direction in which he would like to see us go.

Presidential plaques were given to Dennis Fuge, Isaac McDonald and Tom Gall as past presidents. One was also awarded to posthumously Larry Gould.



Stan Lefkow turned the mallets, and Wil Goldschmidt made the plaques.



## Wood of the Month

**Name:** Northern Catalpa (Catalpa speciosa)

**Type:** Hardwood.

**Other Names:** Also known as catalpa, western catalpa, catawba, and cigar tree.

**Sources:** Grows in eastern to central United States and southern Canada.

**Appearance:** Straight grained with light gray-brown or buff-colored heartwood and light cream-colored sapwood (most lumber consists of heartwood).

**Physical Props:** Soft, weak, and brittle with very good decay resistance and dimensional stability.

**Working Props:** Turns well. Excellent for working with hand tools - almost on par with white pine.

**Uses:** Mainly used for fenceposts, rails, beams, and crating. Also good for turned articles and carving due to softness and stability. Other uses include millwork, framing, forms, furniture, drawer sides, and general purpose construction.

**Comments:** Exudes creosote-like odor.

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

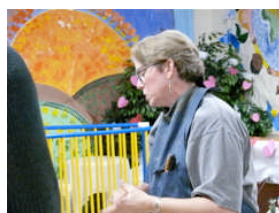
The turnout for the January meeting was a heartening 61 members. One of the best we've had. It is gratifying to see the response to the amount of work it takes to put on the meetings and acquire the demonstrators.

Jim Beckwith discussed the April showing in the Somerset County Library. We have three glass shelved display cases in the lobby of the library for our use. We will pack and transport the items you wish to display at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at Mountainside Chapel.

The Wood Working Show will be held at the Garden State Exhibit Center on February 16, 17, and 18. The hours are Friday from 12pm to 7pm, Saturday from 10am to 6pm, and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Their website is: <http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com>. There is a \$2.00 off coupon at the site.

We are doing a Top-A-Thon again this year. We will have all the lathes set up and will be making tops for charity. We are again supporting the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, NJ. Isaac McDonald is coordinating. Bruce Long is handling the Top-A-Thon.

The demonstration this month was Beth Ireland. She is a production turner of structural items by day and a wood artist at night. She also teaches at several of the wood turning schools in the U.S. She presented her "From the Band Saw to the Lathe" at the meeting. She showed us how to make turned band saw boxes along with many examples and pictures of her art.



**Programs:**

One of the clubs objectives this year is to have periodic club challenges. The challenge is intended to cause the members to think about and turn something that they may not normally do, keep members turning regularly and to stimulate artistic creativity. Taking ideas from other clubs who regularly have challenges, the format for the challenge will be as follows:

Pieces are brought in and placed in two categories: Advanced and Intermediate. To start off fair, advanced turners will be anyone who has ever sold a piece of their work, all others will be intermediate. Everyone will have an opportunity to vote for his or her favorite piece in each of the categories. Winners in the intermediate class will be moved up to the advanced class for subsequent challenges. Although there will be no formal prizes awarded at this time, winners will have bragging rights, their photos in the following month's newsletter and perhaps a small token of merit.

The challenge posed to the club for the February meeting is a lidded box. Following two wonderful demonstrations with Mike Kehs in November, and Beth Ireland in January, there should be plenty of fresh ideas and tips to get you started.

**Personals:**

This is a new section starting this year. If you know of an item concerning a member that should be here, please contact Walt Drummond at [njwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:njwoodturners@gmail.com).

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Tom Gall is doing better. He is sitting up in bed, and seems to be coming along as expected. He is not yet quite ready for visitors, but I'm sure that cards and letters would be appreciated.

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Wil received the following message from Larry Gould's wife.

Dear Wil,

Thank you for the condolence card.

We are in shock here as Larry's passing from a cerebral hemorrhage was completely unexpected.

He had a bowl on the lathe from Frank Bonner that he was working on with Tim Cleary that he intended to finish and present to the club.

I cannot tell you what a void there is here and how empty we feel. I look at his beautiful work and cannot believe he is gone

Sometime in the spring I will contact you regarding what to do with the lathe and the wood.

I sent an e-mail to Stan and Rita Lefkow also. There were members at the funeral from both the NJ Turners and the Atlantic Shore Turners. I wasn't able to read some of the names in the book and I'm not sure exactly who was there. I would like to send them thank you cards or e-mails for coming to the funeral home. I'm sorry I did not get to speak to them. Tony Cruz was the only one I recognized. Please put a note in the newsletter thanking those who came to pay their respects and to those who made contributions or sent sympathy cards. I do appreciate their kindness.

Thought you might like to see the bright spot in our lives. Larry lived to hold his first granddaughter, Rachel, born Dec. 6. I've attached a photo for you.

Thank you,  
Elaine Gould  
732-541-2215  
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Unfortunately, the picture did not arrive in a presentable form.

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Bill Borkowski had kidney surgery last Tuesday, and the results are encouraging. His recovery is going well.

**Schedule for 2007:** (tentative)

- February 26: Bob Sheppard – Spindle Turning
- March 26: Kirk Klenk – Large Turning Slide show  
Show & Tell
- April 23: Turnathon & Ed’s Club Challenge
- May 28: TBD
- June 25: TBD
- July 23: Dennis Fuge Demo
- August 27: TBD
- September 24: Tool Auction and Sharpening Demo
- October 22: TBD
- November 26: Elections, Super Show and Tell, and Ed’s Challenge  
Critique.
- December: No Meeting, Happy Holiday

**Charitable Activities**

We will be doing a Top-A-Thon at the February Wood Show in Somerset. Proceeds to go to the Children’s Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, NJ

**Information Items:**

A membership card is now given when dues are paid. The card must be presented when signing out items from the library.

A Wolverine jig was purchased last month for the club. Both of the clubs grinders had too much run out to be used with the jig, so a new slow speed 8” grinder was purchased. It has a 60-grit white wheel on the left and a 120-grit white wheel in the right. It will be set up at meetings for any club member to use.

**Classified:**

Anchor Seal and Sand Paper: See Ed Holzli

The most recent shipment of Anchor Seal and sand paper has arrived and will be available at all meetings. Although prices have increased slightly across the board, the savings we are afforded by purchasing in bulk is passed on to club members and therefore offers significant savings if you were to purchase these items elsewhere. Prices are as follows:

Anchor Seal:

- 1 gallon \$15.00
- 2 gallons \$26.00
- 5 gallons \$52.00

Sand Paper available in 120, 180, 240, 320, 400, and 600 grit, .50¢ per sheet..

Anyone wishing to list an item in the classified section please contact Walt Drummond at a meeting or via email at [njwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:njwoodturners@gmail.com).

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If you have any suggestions, please let us know. Any and all feedback is welcome. Contact [njwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:njwoodturners@gmail.com).