



# New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

www.njwoodturners.com

February 26, 2007



## February Meeting:

The February meeting held at the Mountainside Chapel. Wil opened the meeting at 7:30pm sharp. The treasurer's report was given and the secretary gave his. Wil then discussed the 2007-year. He displayed a large poster sized list of all that we have scheduled this year. It is a vigorous and exciting schedule. A copy is posted below.

The chance to display some of your work in the Somerset County Library is coming at the March meeting. Bring in one or two of your best works. Everyone that wants to participate will be able to offer one piece. If enough are not received to fill the three display cases, then more from those willing will be used. All pieces must be signed so that credit at the display may be given, and all pieces can be returned to their rightful owner. Jim and several helpers will pack the pieces in bubble wrap and place them in shipping boxes. Jim and crew will deliver the display items to the library, and pack and return them at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The display cases are lockable large glass shelved units in the lobby of the library. The contact that Jim Beckwith made at the library stated that during the month of April in 2006, 45,000 people entered the library. That is a fantastic audience for our work. All those interested may call or e-mail me with questions. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are further down in the newsletter. This is a chance for all of us to display our works to those not necessarily in woodworking. It's possible we may even convert some into members of our group.

Many thanks go out to Jim Beckwith for setting this opportunity up for us.

## Demonstration:

Bob Sheppard gave a well-received lesson on spindle turning. He discussed centering and mounting the blank on the lathe. He showed us how he found the center on the blank just by using a pencil and his fingers to get the approximate center.

He then discussed and demonstrated how he mounts the blank, and what tools and techniques he uses to round it into a workable shape.

He then displayed several of the gouges that he uses. There were several homemade ones that were out of ordinary items we all have access to. Screwdrivers, allen wrenches, and parting tools from flat steel blades.

Bob went on to show how he held his tools and presented them to the wood and which tools were used for what types of cuts. He demonstrated many of them along with a lively question and answer session throughout the presentation.

It was a well-received demo of some skills that most of us need to practice. Making bowls is one thing, but there is spindle work in almost every item made on a lathe,



Newsletter design: By now you've undoubtedly noticed that there were a few changes made to the newsletter. I'm trying to get more content into it, so there may be a few less pictures. That will make it easier and less expensive to print also. All the pictures from the meeting are on display on the web site each month.

## Wood of the Month

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

<b>Name</b>	White Ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )
<b>Type</b>	Hardwood.
<b>Other Names</b>	Also known as American ash, Biltmore ash, and cane ash.
<b>Sources</b>	Grows in United States and Canada.
<b>Appearance</b>	Generally straight grained with a coarse texture. Pale-brown heartwood and almost white sapwood.
<b>Physical Props</b>	Moderately heavy, hard, strong, and tough with moderately high shock resistance, good dimensional stability, and poor decay resistance. Steam-bends very well and is quite elastic.
<b>Working Props</b>	Machines fairly well with machine tools although turning and mortising properties are marginal. Glues, screws, and nails satisfactorily. Stains and finishes well, although filling may be required.
<b>Uses</b>	Used for furniture, cooperage, baseball bats, boat oars, ladders, chairs, food containers, agricultural implements, tool handles, plywood, and decorative veneer.

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## 2007 Meeting Schedule

March 26	Kirk Klenk	Large Turnings ( Slide show) Show And Tell (Library Show)
April 23	Turn-A-Thon Club Challenge	Long and Thin
May 21	Frank Klausz Meeting at Franks Shop In Pluckemin, NJ	Cabinet Maker-World's Fastest Dove Tails.
June 25	Presenter TBD	
July 23	Dennis Fuge	Topic TBD
August 27	Presenter TBD Middlesex County Fair	
September 24	Tool Auction Sharpening Demo	
October 22	Presenter TBD	
November 26	Elections Super Show and Tell Club Challenge Club Critique	

### Charitable Activities:

The Top-A-Thon at the February wood show in Somerset was an unqualified success. We received over \$1200.00 dollars in donations for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, NJ over the three days of the show. That represents a **lot** of tops. Thanks go out to Bruce Long for chairing the event, and to all who showed up to help. We received a lot of visitors at the booth and a lot of interest was shown in our efforts and our club. A special thanks go to Anthony Ganim for getting passers-by to donate. He returned all 3 days to help on the receiving end. We had about 45-50 tops to start out with, but they were soon gone. Again we had a hard time keeping up with demand. Maybe we should start making them ahead about June.

The business manager of The Woodshows invited us back next year. A special presentation of the check to a representative of the hospital is scheduled for the March meeting.

### Club Challenge:

The **Club Challenge** in **April** is titled "Long and Thin". Make something as long and as thin as you can using some of the things that Bob Sheppard demonstrated in February and bring it in. Length and thinness count, along with detail. Use your imagination and creativity. Now's the time to practice those spindle turning techniques you need to work on. Voting will be as it was in February. Let's all give this one a try.

**Letters Received:** Craft Supplies

Dear Club Representative,

I would like to thank you and your club members for your continued support and ongoing suggestions on improving our methods of supporting your club and its members.

We are making a few additional improvements to our club program for 2007. We feel these changes will further enhance benefits to clubs and their members. These changes are outlined below along with guidelines for placing **CLUB** orders.

1. During 2007, club members will receive a 10% discount on all abrasive discs and on all finishes. However, it is the responsibility of the person placing the order to advise the Customer Service Representative that they are a club member, and to provide the name of their club. Internet orders will require you to fill in the promotion code field with your club name in order to receive the discount.
2. At the beginning of each quarter, we will forward a predetermined number of \$10.00 gift certificates along with 5 or so catalogs to the club president. We ask that you make these catalogs available to those not familiar with Craft Supplies USA or those who may have lost a catalog. In the event you need more catalogs, please give us a call and we'll get them out right away.
3. Craft Supplies sends out a monthly e-mail newsletter that includes special offers not found elsewhere on our website or catalog. Enclosed is a sign up sheet for interested club members to fill out if they would like to sign up to receive these e-mails. We do not make our list available to anyone for any reason and guarantee the privacy of those who sign up. Members can unsubscribe at any time.

In addition, we will continue to offer a Club Members Only section of our website. This section can be found by clicking on the "Woodturning Club Members" button from our home page at [www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com).

Simply click on this button to view the monthly club offer. In order to receive the indicated pricing, club members will need to enter their club name in the designated box during checkout. Club members are also invited to call 1-800-551-8876 to inquire about club specials and to take advantage of the special club pricing by phone.

4. Orders placed by **Clubs** will receive **13% off** of our published catalog prices. This does not apply to items that require additional shipping charges such as lathes, grinders, etc. There is no shipping charge on club orders. Orders must be \$1000.00 minimum, shipped to a single location, and have a single method of payment.

We appreciate your business and desire to offer your club members the best products and services available. Any recommendations you would like to make to assist us in improving our service, product offering or overall performance in any way will be greatly appreciated.

If you require catalogs or have any questions or suggestions, please contact our club liaison, Mr. Bryan Adams, at [badams@woodturnerscatalog.com](mailto:badams@woodturnerscatalog.com) or at 1-800-551-8876.

Best regards always,

Signed  
Darrel Nish  
President

**Information Items:**

We received this from Jon Silberhorn. Good information.

I ran across this web pages dealing with wood toxicity and thought you might like to send this out to the membership. I would like to see more said about the dangers of wood. So when I found this info I thought I would pass it on to you. If you do not think it is necessary that is fine also. It is more like FYI.

Wood dangers  
<http://www.gvwg.ca/docs/Articles/WoodToxicity.htm>

Another listing wood dangers.  
<http://www.mimf.com/archives/toxic.htm>

<http://www.thewoodbox.com/data/wood/spaltedinfo.htm>  
This one is a Free woodworking database listing all types of wood.

It lists all types of wood, working with that wood and also the hazards about each type of wood.

Thanks Jon.

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**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at our regular meeting place.

The Trinity Reformed Church  
401 Greenbrook Road  
North Plainfield, NJ  
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Kirk Klenk will present a slide show of his Large Turnings. We also will be having a Show and Tell, and will be packing all the items for the showing at the Somerset County Library the entire month of April.

**Classified:**

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).