



# New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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**March 26, 2007**



## **March Meeting:**

The March meeting was held at the Trinity Reformed Church. Wil opened the meeting at 7:30pm. The treasurer's report was given and the secretary gave his. Wil then covered several open items. One was a report by

Tony Whalen of a juried wood craft show at the Wharton Esherick Museum. He has flyers if anyone is interested.

The display of some of our work at the Somerset County Library is set for the month of April. Pieces were packed and picked up at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim Beckwith has arranged to fill the three display cases on Monday, April 2. As indicated before, the pieces will be returned at the May meeting. If you need them sooner, please contact Jim to make arrangements. The library is located at the corner of North Bridge Street and Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. See the Somerset County Library-Bridgewater web site. [www.somerset.lib.nj.us/bridgewater.htm](http://www.somerset.lib.nj.us/bridgewater.htm)

## **Weekend Workshops:**

The weekend workshops schedule is out and the response looks like a full house. It should be another success this year. We will wait for Bruce's report this summer on the final results.

Gil Malave expressed interest in holding a "Tool-Use, Test, and Try" session at his home. He has at least one of most every tool made, and thought a session for members to try out the different gouges and scrapers before buying them from the catalogs would be very helpful



## **Children's Specialized Hospital:**

Ms. Theresa Valentino, Director of Development at the Hospital attended the March meeting to receive the check for over \$1200.00. She thanked the club, and explained where the money would be used. The Hospital has a summer camp program for some of the kids with speech issues, it's called Camp Chatterbox. Some interest was discussed of a woodturning demo at the camp. This year the camp will run from August 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to take charge of this activity, please see Bruce Long or Walt Drummond for information.

## **Library Exhibit:**



The exhibit at the Somerset County Library is installed. The response has been terrific. If you can, please go to the Library and see the display. It is set in the Main lobby and may people each day pass by.

The library is open from 9am to 9pm Monday thru Thursday. 9am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 12n until 5pm on Sunday. Closed Easter Sunday.

### Demonstration:

Kirk Klenk held a slide show of a large turning project that he completed last year. It was to replicate a porch post on an older home. The post was 8" in diameter and about 9' long. Kirk showed how he slowed the speed of his lathe and extended the spindle length to accommodate the extreme large turning. He showed how he overcame several major obstacles, and finished on schedule. He had several photos of the column installed in the railing. Except for the paint, you couldn't tell the difference. Kirk answered many questions on construction of the large pulley and all the blocking for the tailstock. Also on the tools used to turn the column. He said that mostly he used scrapers of one shape or another. He reported the lathe speed at the beginning was about 120 rpm, still quite fast for an object that large.



Kirk used a slide projector with a picture disk to show all phases of the turning project.

### 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.

### Club Officers:

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### Wood of the Month

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

#### Name:

Black Walnut  
(Juglans nigra)

#### Type:

Hardwood

#### Other Names:

Also known as walnut, American black walnut, American walnut, Canadian walnut, black hickory nut, gun wood, canaletto, nogal, and tocto.

#### Source:

Grows in United States and Canada

#### Appearance:

Generally straight grained with a moderately coarse, uniform texture. Rich dark brown heartwood and nearly white sapwood.

#### Physical Props:

Moderately heavy, hard, strong, and stiff, with good decay resistance and dimensional stability.

#### Working Props:

Works very well with machine or hand tools. Excels at turning, molding, routing, shaping, carving, and drilling. Sands easily and finishes to a velvety, natural-colored sheen.

#### Uses:

Prized in North America for high-end cabinetry and furniture. Ideal for gun stocks due to dimensional stability and ability to absorb recoil. Also used for decorative panels and veneer, interior joinery, novelties, carving, turnery, boat building, clock cases, and musical instruments.

### Special Appointments:

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## 2007 Meeting Schedule

April 23	Turn-A-Thon Club Challenge Long and Thin
May 21	Frank Klausz Cabinet Maker World's Fastest Dove Tails. Meeting at Franks Shop in Pluckemin, NJ
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

### Community Activities:

There has been a request for us to demo at the 5th Annual Fine Arts Festival in East Brunswick. Hal Ottenstein is chairing the effort to get people signed up for the event. It's a 1-day show on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Rain date, Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Hal at [haldini1@aol.com](mailto:haldini1@aol.com) if you are interested.

We were also invited to the Somerset County 4H Fair on August 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. The executive board turned down the offer this year. The Middlesex County Fair is the week prior. The board feels this would be too much to ask.

## Next Meeting:

The next meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm at our regular meeting place.

The Trinity Reformed Church  
401 Greenbrook Road  
North Plainfield, NJ  
(908) 756-2125

We will be having a Turn-A-Thon, and the April Club Challenge. This month the theme is "Long and Thin". Stan should enjoy this with his looong, tiny goblets. Let's give him a run for his money.

The Turn-A-Thon will have four stations giving one on one training as follows.

**Wil Goldschmidt** - Turning a basic bowl

**Stanley Lefkow** - Spindle Turning for beginners and those about to begin.

**Gil Malave** - Thread Chasing, inside and outside threads as on a box

**Bob Sheppard** - Using the Skew

Don't forget to bring that special tool you need help with. This is where you get your monies worth from the club. The opportunity to watch, question and try your hand at those techniques you've always wanted to master. The club Wolverine Grinder will be set up also. Sharpen your tools with the Oneway Jigs for that special grind.

**Information Items:**

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**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.  
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