



# New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners  
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This is the newsletter of the New Jersey Woodturners Association. Meetings are held monthly at the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, NJ. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the days indicated. Anyone wanting more information may contact us by email at [njwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:njwoodturners@gmail.com). Information is also available at the club's web site [www.njwoodturners.com](http://www.njwoodturners.com).

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**Photographer**- Adrien Coblentz

The meeting schedule for 2008 follows:

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**Jan 28** Duke Hemmer “Ball in Cube” demo  
**Feb 25** Bob Roth “Reading Wood” talk  
Dennis Fuge Panel discussion on wood  
Show and Tell  
**Mar 24** Bob Rosand Demo, Topic TBD  
**Apr 28** TBD  
**May 19** Hitoshi Tanaka Decorating and  
Embellishing Turnings  
Show and Tell (Novice)  
(May 26-Memorial Day)  
**Jun 23** Stan Lefkow TBD  
Show and Tell  
**Jul 28** TBD  
**Aug 25** Tool Sale and Show and Tell  
**Sep 22** Bill Grumbine TBD  
**Oct 27** Jim Duxbury Kaleidoscopes

## **Nov 24 Elections**

Super Show and tell Critique  
Club Challenge, Club Critique

**December** No meeting

**ATTENTION:** The April meeting with Clewes has been cancelled. An anticipated, extra demonstration on Apr 27 at Dennis' house is still a possibility but not with Clewes. I'll update the status when any information becomes available.

Bruce Long, who is managing the weekend workshops again this year, asks if anyone who did not sign up at the meeting and wants to be an instructor to please contact him at [ibelong@aol.com](mailto:ibelong@aol.com) or by phone at 908-654-1874.

There were two major turning events this month. The scheduled Rosand demonstration and a workshop conducted by Dennis Fuge.

Rosand's demonstration included turning tree ornaments, ring holders and bird house tree ornaments. Detailed instruction and demonstrations were given for the ice cycle,

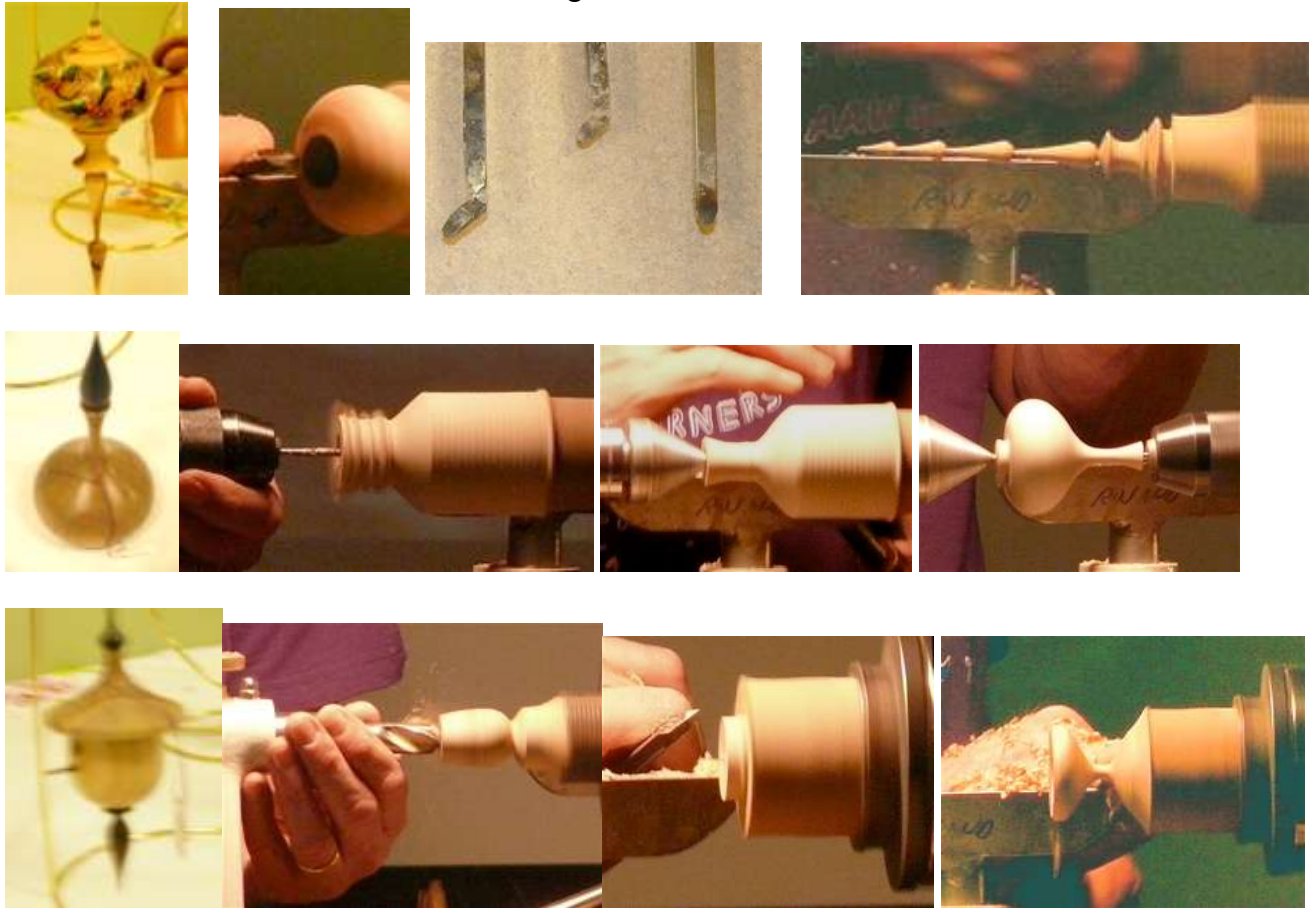
globe, and finial of the tree ornaments.



To hollow out the globe he used a ½ inch drill bit to initiate the opening and then used small

homemade gouges to complete the hollowing. One gouge had a straight HSS bit and another gouge had the HSS cutter attached in an angled direction as shown here and below. The HSS bit was a square shaft about 3/16” on a side and ¾” long. The HSS bit was silver soldered to a ¼” square carbon steel shaft about 4” long. Throughout his demonstration, Bob used bowl, spindle, roughing gouges but the one gouge which he most frequently used was a round skew.

The long icecycle below was done with the round skew and he sanded each section as it was done since it becomes too delicate as the work continues. Note: the finished ornament photo was taken from his display case and not from this demonstration. Another noteworthy feature was Bob's use of a 1/8" drill bit to stabilize and hold the narrow neck of his ring holder while finishing its bottom. In the early stages of making the ring holder, he partially drilled a hole in the top along the axis of the holder where a narrow neck would eventually appear. The piece is then rechucked and the outside is turned, typically ending with a broad base and a narrow neck. To complete the bottom a drill chuck with the 1/8" bit is installed in the head stock. The drill bit is fed into the piece and this stabilizes the piece so the bottom can be finished. It also means that he is using the drill bit as a "screw" chuck. Good idea.



Activities during the month also included a weekend workshop conducted by Dennis Fuge and ably assisted by Duke Hemmer and, for comic relief, Tony Whalen taking a few picture and carrying lathes. Attending the workshop were Tom Raleigh, Vince Pelosi, Ed Nevins, Mike Barna, Chris Murphy and Bob Amarant. Two turning challenges were undertaken; mice and a donut. See pictures. All were successful with the mice project and much was learned by the members. The donut project turns out to be very challenging. Without getting into the details it required not only skilled turning in general but also skilled and precision wood turning to make a perfectly fit chuck to hold the donut to complete the "back" side. Some turning was also required on the "back side" of the donut through the hole. Nevertheless, it was all a success because everyone, without exception, learned something. Thank you, Dennis. Some pictures follow.





The workshop at the environmental center was an opportunity to check out our Display case in the main lobby. The display is in a highly visible location and made an attractive display. Mort Olin reminds us to thank **Jon Silberhorn** for all the splendid work he had done on the NJ Woodturners sign. Thank you Jon.