



New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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The June meeting was held at the Mountainside Chapel because of a break in a pipe in the kitchen area.

It looks like the July and August meetings are also going to be at Mountainside. Some scrambling was done because we were informed about the break late Sunday afternoon. But with everyone's help, we moved the lathes and equipment to the chapel and the meeting went off very well. Thanks to the crew that managed the move. You know who you are, so take a well deserved bow.

Graeme Priddle put on quite a show with his "Turnings of the South Pacific". His work and detail were terrific. His "boat" was an especially well received hit.

The most interesting part of the demo seemed to be the techniques he used for burning detail into the wood. His description and examples of how he made his burning tips was very informational.

Due to an unforeseen emergency, we did not get many pictures of Graeme at the Chapel, however the next day at Dennis' house we got several good one of him on the lathe. (and with club members)

The short history and geography tour he gave of New Zealand was very enjoyable. It gave a background to lots of his comments and style. All in all, a very informative and enjoyable evening. Many expressed a desire to have him back again in the future.



His relaxed and easy style came across as friendly and glad to share his views of his art with us.



Tuesday evening at Dennis' shop, Graeme gave his perspective on hollowing and tools. He favors a shielded ring tool made by XXXX XXXXXX. We tried to contact XXXX to see if we could get a discount on a club order to no avail. We will try again in the future. Thanks, Liz.



Wood of the Month

Name Boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*)

Type: Hardwood.

Other Names: Also known as Abassian, Circassian, European, Persian, or Turkey boxwood depending on country of origin.

Sources: Found in Europe, western Asia, and N. America.

Appearance: Straight to very irregular grain, very fine, uniform texture and a uniform light yellow color.

Physical Props: Very hard and heavy with moderate stiffness, shock resistance, and bending strength. Quite stable in service and not especially decay resistant.

Working Props: Sometimes difficult to work due to hardness of wood (may cause burning) and irregular grain which tends to tear in planing. Pre-drilling required for nailing and screwing. Glues easily and polishes to an excellent finish (clear finish often used to preserve its unique color).

Uses: Considered one of the best species for wood engraving. An excellent turnery wood making it ideal for shuttles, textile rollers, pulley blocks, mallet heads, and especially tool handles. Also used for carving, rulers, engraving blocks, musical instruments, and inlays.

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2007 Schedule:

July 23: Dennis Fuge "How to Use Light to Turn Very Thin" Hats, Very Thin Bowls, Lampshades And a show and Tell

August 27: Harvey Fein on "The Lathe and Router"

September 24: Tool Auction and a Sharpening Demo. Also a Show and Tell

October 22: TBD and a Show and Tell

November 26: Elections and a Super Show and Tell. Also a Club Challenge and a Club Critique.

December: No Meeting. Happy Holidays.

Meeting Venue: The Trinity Reformed Church in Greenbrook is still having construction difficulties. The August meeting, at least, will also be at the Mountainside Chapel. The future of our having the old church, as a continued meeting place seems to be in some doubt. Please think about possibilities.

Club Officers:

President - Wil Goldschmidt

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Librarian – Rita Lefkow

Membership – Stan Lefkow

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Weekend Workshops – Bruce Long

Photographer- Adrien Coblentz

Demonstrations:

The Middlesex County Fair is coming up. We are scheduled to do our demonstration on Friday, August 10, 11, and 12. We will be starting on Friday at 5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday all day. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July meeting. All help will be needed and appreciated.

TO REACH THE FAIRGROUND SITE AT CRANBURY AND FERN ROADS IN EAST BRUNSWICK

Take Route 18 into East Brunswick, follow the directions for Cranbury onto Cranbury Road (Rt. 535), pass East Brunswick High School on the left, keep left at the fork, continue on Cranbury Road for about three miles to the fair.

From Old Bridge -Take Route 18 north toward New Brunswick, pass the Colonial Diner and head toward Cranbury over the Route 18 overpass and proceed past the high school and bear left at the fork, as above.

Route from north county (this is the least congested route), take Exit 8A on the New Jersey Turnpike to Route 32. Turn right on 535 North directly to fairgrounds (5 miles).

The Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is August 27. We will have **Harvey Fein** presenting "The Lathe and the Router". Don't forget that the August meeting will also be at the Mountainside Chapel.

Classified:

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