



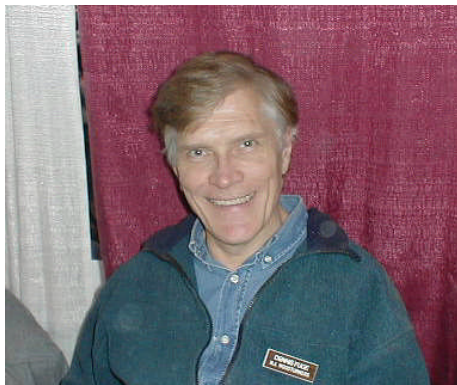
New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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July 23, 2007

The July meeting was held at the Mountainside Chapel. Our own Dennis Fuge presented a rousing program on "How to Use Light to Turn Very Thin"



Dennis showed examples of how light came through thin pieces of wood, and the differences when moisture and thickness were varied. The difference in color showing through the wood is the key to getting what you want in thinness. He also discussed the processes in making hats, lampshades and wavy edged bowl, along with many examples of each.



He then proceeded to show how he did the turnings, and the "light boxes" he used.

Again, Dennis had examples of large and small light boxes and the equipment needed to make them.

Next, he proceeded to demonstrate the process of making a wavy edge bowl. He explained his jig used to make the waves in the bowl edge after turning.



His forms for the hats and the light boxes represent many hours at the lathe to construct, however the results are well worth the effort. Reusability is the key. The jigs and light boxes can be used over and over to create some wonderful examples of "Thin" turning.



He used many examples and flip charts to clearly explain all of the processes needed to create the different items.

Dennis' lively and entertaining style provided an interesting evening that was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. His quick wit and self-deprecating manner made a long demo go very quickly while imparting many skills and techniques to the audience. Many thanks to Dennis Fuge for a very enjoyable time.

Middlesex County Fair:

The demonstration at the Middlesex County Fair in East Brunswick is on this week. The fair is going on now, but we will be there from Friday until Sunday. Friday the demo hours are from 5:00pm until 10:00pm, Saturday and Sunday they are from 11:00am until 5:00pm. The Fair is open Monday thru Friday from 5:00pm –11:00pm., Saturday from 11:00am-11:00pm and Sunday from 11:00am-7:00pm.

You don't have to turn at the demo to help. We need people to help sign up new/prospective members, and to just talk to the fair attendees. Just stop by the booth for a little while to lend support to those turning. We will appreciate all the help you can provide.

Wood of the Month:

Name: African Padauk (Pterocarpus soyauxii)

Type: Hardwood.

Other Names: Also known as barwood, comwood, corail, African coralwood, muenge, mbe, mbil, mututi, ngula, vermillion, and yomo.

Sources: Grows in central and West Africa.

Appearance: Straight to interlocked grain with a moderately coarse texture and large pores. Rich red to purple red heartwood and pale-beige sapwood.

Physical Props: Hard, heavy, and strong with exceptional decay resistance and dimensional stability. Not suitable for steam bending.

Working Props: Works well with hand and machine tools. Glues easily and holds nails and screws well. Finishes to a beautiful sheen without the need for stain.

Uses: Excellent turning wood - used for fancy turnery such as knife and tool handles. Also prized for high end cabinets, furniture, carving, veneer, inlay, flooring, dyewood, joinery, dowels, shuttles, spindles, paddles, and boat building.

2007 Schedule:

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.

Do Not Forget That The August Meeting Is At The Mountainside Chapel On 1180 Spruce Drive in Mountainside, NJ

Club Officers:

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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).

August Meeting:

We have Harvey Fein presenting "The Lathe and the Router". Harvey is national know and has pieces in the New York Museum of Art and Design, and has shown at the Chicago SOFA. He displays in the delMano Gallery. His web site is: <http://www.harveyfein.net/>.

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.