



# New Jersey Woodturners Association

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This is the newsletter of the New Jersey Woodturners Association. Meetings are held monthly at the Essex County Environmental Center (ECEC) 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)

## Club Officers: 2009

**President** – Hitoshi Tanaka  
**Vice Pres** – Tom Gall  
**Secretary** – Tony Whalen  
**Treasurer** - Maurice Cohen  
**Librarian** – Ed Schilke  
**Membership** – Walt Drummond  
**Web Master** – Bruce Arnold  
**Programs** – Gil Malave  
**Weekend Workshops** – Hitoshi Tanaka  
**Photographer**- Adrien Coblentz

## Meeting Schedule – 2009:

**Jan 26** **Steve Antonucci** “Sharpening  
**Daina Krummins** Gallery Update  
**Feb 23** **Dennis Fuge** Finials and thread chasing  
Show and Tell (Owner Hitoshi Tanaka)  
**Mar 23** **Professional turner** Mike Kehs  
Carving for wood turning  
(Owner Hal Ottenstein)  
**Apr 27** **Turnathon** Stan Lefkow  
**May 18** **Tools/Tips/Jigs show and tell**  
(Owner Steve Antonucci)  
**Photos** by Daina  
**Jun 22** **Professional turner** Mark St.Leger  
(Owner Tom Gall)  
**Jul 27** **Professional turner** Keith Tompkins  
(Owner Maurice Cohen)  
**Aug 24** **Tool Sale**  
(Owner Walt Drummond)  
**Club challenge**  
(Owner Ed Holzli)  
**Sep 21** **Turnathon and show and tell.**

(Owner Gil Malave)  
**Oct 26** **Professional turner** Kurt Hertzog  
(Owner Dennis Fuge)  
**Nov 23** **Elections**  
Super show and Tell  
(Owner Hitoshi Tanaka)  
Club Challenge, Club Critique  
(Owner Ed Holzli)  
**December** No meeting. Happy holidays.

## **Club Activities and News of Interest**

We start our reporting this month with the sad news of the passing of Isaac McDonald's wife. We mourn with Isaac. May she rest in peace.

Take note that our September meeting has been shifted to the third Monday 9/21 due to a holiday falling on the fourth Monday 9/28. The meeting will be a turnathon and a show and tell.

Kurt Hertzog has been scheduled for our October meeting. Check out his website at [www.kurthertzog.com](http://www.kurthertzog.com).

Coming up on September 26 is a Saturday workshop 10 am to 2 pm on tool making conducted by Steve Antonucci. Steve says that attendees will leave with at least one tool and knowledge on how to make 3-4 others. There will be pizza and the cost is \$10. You can't afford to miss this one. It will start on 9/26 at 10 AM at the ECEC. Weather permitting; some of the work will probably be done outside, since we will be working with an open flame. All materials will be provided by the club and we will

have pizza brought in. The agenda is very straightforward:

10:00 am, short demo of the tools in use

10:15 am, short demo of making tools

10:45 am, start breaking up into groups to make tools

Steve's objective is to spend the majority of the time "rotating from station to station" so that everyone has a chance to see and work hands-on with all of the processes.

The New Jersey Woodturners will once again be participating in the Oktoberfest held at our Environmental Center (ECEC) on Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 11AM to 4PM. Al Chanese reports that we will be setting up at 9:30 AM. Setup is extremely easy since we typically set up in front of the garage where our equipment is stored. Volunteers are needed to setup, demonstrate and help cleanup. We are also permitted to display and sell our work. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting. We always participate in this activity and we generally "sell" many tops for the benefit of our charities.

Walt Drummond reports that the Middlesex County Fair activity was well staffed, and members had a lot of fun. The crowds in front of our area seemed a little larger and more interested this year.

Hitoshi reported on opportunities for volunteering including the following:

1. Turtle Back Zoo is having "Howl-oween" safe trick-or-treat program on Halloween evening from 5 PM to 8 PM. Halloween themed activity is desired.
2. Barron Fest 2009 sponsored by Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, Sat. October 10<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 4PM, at Parker Press Park on Rahway Avenue fine arts and fine craft festival. Free exhibitor space is available
3. 4H Club Achievement Night at ECEC on November 13, 7:15 – 7:45. A volunteer is needed to speak about woodturning with some examples.

**The major activity at the August meeting was the 2009 Club Challenge** Ed Holzli did a terrific job and provided the following guideline: The objective is a turned object supported by a base, but the base is not incorporated into the turning. Winners were selected from the experienced and novice categories.

In the experienced category, the first, second and third selections were by Tom Gall, Hitoshi Tanaka and Gil Malave respectively. Note that Hitoshi is also holding Tom Gall's first place entry.



**Figure 1 Hitoshi holding Tom Gall's 1<sup>st</sup> place experienced winner**



**Figure 2 Hitoshi holding his own 2<sup>nd</sup> place experienced winner**



**Figure 3 Gil showing his 3<sup>rd</sup> place experienced winner**

In the novice category we have



**Figure 4 Stu Bauer holding his first place winner**



**Figure 5 Beau Fox holding his second place winner**

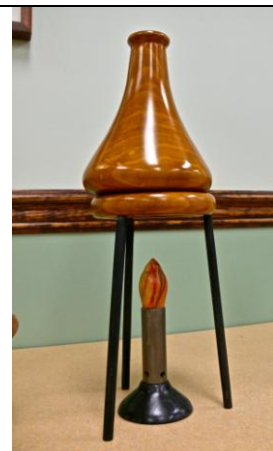
And below we have the rest of the club entries. They are terrific entries and everyone who entered is a personal winner. **Good show!**



**Figure 6 Steve Antonucci entry**



**Figure 7 Maurice Cohen entry**



**Figure 8 Jerry McCaffrey entry**



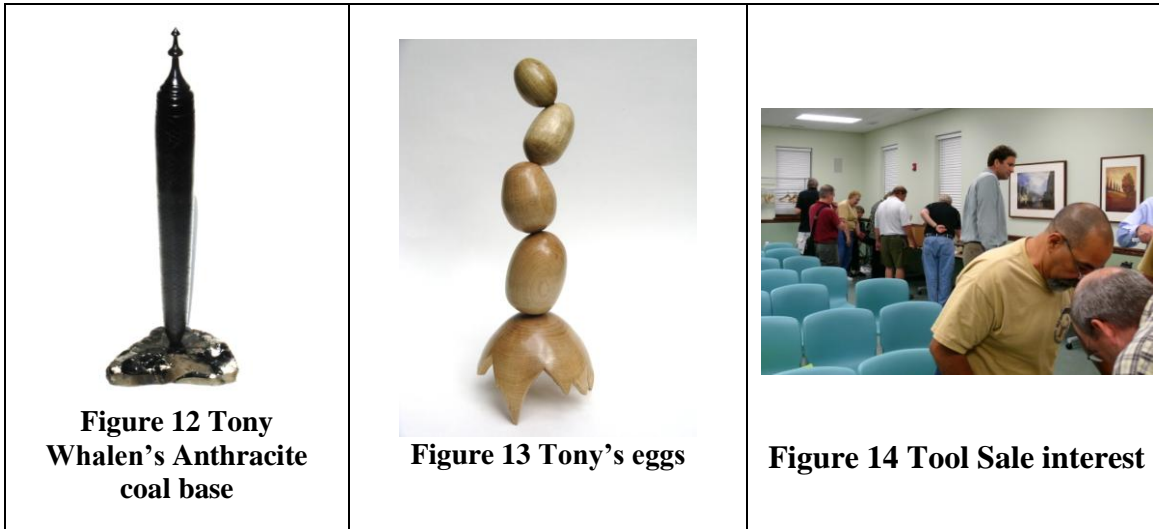
**Figure 9 Unidentified nut**



**Figure 10 Gil Malave entry**



**Figure 11 Wil Goldschmidt's "Romancing the Stone"**



Here is a personal note on Tony's entry in Figure 12. As noted, the base is a treasured piece of anthracite coal that Tony has been carrying around for many years. It is a piece taken from a coal "strippin" in Shenandoah, PA. which is now approximately 250 feet from the home in which he was raised. Decades ago he and his family had "cracked" coal for furnace fuel. This is the first time he used something other than a heavy hammer to work with the coal. It turns out that the coal was easily drilled, sanded on a belt sander to make a stable platform and autographed using a Dremel tool. The upper vessel portion is black birch wood and is stained black. (Forgive me for telling a personal story from the coal region. If anyone else would like to include a personal story, I will include it in the newsletter.)

Another popular event at the meeting was the annual "tool sale" in which almost anything qualifies as a tool. A percentage of the sale price was added to the club kitty. As shown in Figure 14 there was a lot of interest. Bill Borkowski's general store was on the other side of the room and always had a large crowd to examine tools. A typical question might have been "what is that?".