



# New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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The September meeting was held in our new home at the Essex County Environmental Center, Garibaldi Hall.



Everyone was impressed with the facilities. They are spacious and well lighted. No more green tinted photos! Adrien was very pleased.

The program for the evening was a sharpening demo and a tool sale, along with Show and Tell. The items for the display for October at the State Library in Trenton were also packed. More on that later.

The Demos went over well after a shaky start in organization. My apologies for that.



Hal Ottenstein demo'd a Wolverine type sharpening jig. This puts a beautiful finger nail grind on bowl

and spindle gouges. It also allows very quick touch ups while turning.



Gil Malave brought his Tormak and showed it's use. The machine puts a real polish on a gouge. Sharp enough to cut from across the room.

There are several jigs for the Tormak that pertain to wood turning, and Gil has most of them.

He also demo'd a floppy sanding disk type sharpener.



This one seemed like it would be great for the in between touch ups while turning a tough piece of wood. Quick, easy, and no jigs necessary

The Tool Sale went very well. The club realized over \$800.00 from it's share of the proceeds. Bill Borkowski's Store did it's usual landslide business.

## Wood of the Month:

<b>Name</b>	Sassafras ( <i>sassafras albidum</i> )
<b>Type</b>	Hardwood.
<b>Other Names</b>	Also known as red sassafras, saxifrax, and cinnamon wood.
<b>Sources</b>	Grows in Ontario and eastern half of United States.
<b>Appearance</b>	Straight, coarse grained with coarse texture and medium luster. Yellowish white sapwood and pale brown heartwood, deepening to dull orange-brown with exposure. Resembles black ash.
<b>Physical Props</b>	Somewhat light, soft, brittle, and relatively weak, with good decay resistance and dimensional stability in use.
<b>Working Props</b>	Works well with machine or hand tools. Pre-drilling recommended for screws and nails. Glues, stains, and finishes satisfactorily.
<b>Uses</b>	Used for inexpensive furniture, boxes, crates, small boats, fenceposts (due to decay resistance), rails, cooperage, and general millwork.
<b>Comments</b>	Most sassafras trees are too small to yield significant quantities of lumber.

## Meeting Schedule – 2007:

Oct 22	Wil Goldschmidt and Gil Malave - Tools for Turning Show and Tell Pickup for November at the State Lib.
Nov 26	Elections Super Show and Tell Club Challenge and Critique
December	No meeting

Elections are scheduled for November. Don't miss this very important meeting. The slate of officers elected will be the ones to lead the club in 2008. The club is large and growing. New demonstrators will need to be scheduled and a lot of club activities set up.

Be sure that you vote.

## Club Officers:

**President** - Wil Goldschmidt  
**Vice Pres** - Hitoshi Tanaka  
**Secretary** – Walt Drummond  
**Treasurer** - Maurice Cohen  
**Librarian** – Rita Lefkow  
**Membership** – Stan Lefkow  
**Web Master** – Stan Lefkow  
**Programs** – Gil Malave  
**Weekend Workshops** – Bruce Long  
**Photographer**- Adrien Coblentz

## September Meeting:

The move to the Essex County Environmental Center was completed. With just a very few scheduling hitches, we settled in quite well. The facilities are well appointed, clean, and lighted. The kitchen would work well in any home.

The audio/visual setup is first class. There is a lap top available to facilitate showing DVD's or presentations. It looks as though our video camera should hook up to it also to show the demos in large format on the drop down screen.

The assistance received from the staff at the Center has been Superb. Carlos has been extremely helpful in getting us off on the right foot. Many thanks are due him for his support.

It was voted to purchase a 6' X 4' glass display case for exhibiting some of our work in the main lobby of the Center. Mort Olin ordered it, but unfortunately, it came in broken. It was sent back to be replaced with a new one. The display will be on a continual basis, with items being swapped out as members bring in new pieces for presentation. Let's get a good mix in the case. A list will be set up with contact information if anyone would like to sell their items.

## October Meeting:

The October meeting will be a demo by Wil and Gil of Tools For Turning. Sounds like an informative evening. Gil certainly has those...

There will also be a Show and Tell. Bring all your best. We will also be picking up the items for the November State Library display.

## **Exhibition at the State Library:**

We set up the display at the State Library in Trenton the first of the month. It was received very well by the staff. A voting set up is in place to let the public express their choices from the showcase.

Anyone that wants to display their work should bring them to the October meeting for the November display. All items will be returned at the January 2008 meeting, unless special arrangements are made to do so sooner. This is a chance to get your artistry shown at a statewide venue.



## **Other News:**

Mort O'lin has done it again. We have **three** new lathes. Jet donated a Jet Midi, thanks go to Mike Helwich. Delta gave us another Midi, thanks to Harry Brennan. And General Tools donated a Maxi lathe, thanks to Joe Brakhage. All three were at no cost to the club. We sent e-mails thanking each of them for their generosity. We may have to enlarge the crib to hold all of them pretty soon. Thanks Mort.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Photo Tent, would they please inform one of the club officers? The tent was not in the storeroom at the Trinity Church when we packed it up for the move. The tent is used when taking photos of wood turning to reduce or eliminate glare from the lights. It is an expensive piece of equipment and we'd like to keep track of it.

## **Classifieds:**

None this month. If anyone wants to sell items pertaining to wood working, inform the club secretary and the items will appear here.

If you have any questions about the newsletter, or wish to see something new in it, please contact us at [njwoodturners@gmail.com](mailto:njwoodturners@gmail.com).