



New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

www.njwoodturners.com

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November was elections for the 2008 year. The membership chairman presented a slate of officers, and nominations from the floor were solicited. There were none forthcoming so the secretary was asked to cast one vote for the proposed slate.

Elected for 2008 were:



Wil Goldschmidt
President



Hitoshi Tanaka
Vice President



Tony Whalen
Secretary



Maurice Cohen
Treasurer

The tentative 2008 schedule was presented. It looks to be another full year. The schedule for next year is posted on page 2.

There was discussion on T-shirts and polo type shirts with club logos. Hal is working up a proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500.00 to the Trinity Reformed Church for past services rendered. The motion was tabled pending Bob Sheppard's report on church needs. A possibility of a project in lieu of cash was mentioned.

The AAW is starting its membership drive for the 2008 year. All are encouraged to join or renew. The benefits are myriad. Along with The American Woodworker Journal and the Resource Guide, insurance to cover a member while demonstrating is provided. This insurance relieves the club from liability in case of an accident or injury while demonstrating at a public venue. Fees are \$45.00 per year. Membership forms are available from the Secretary. Or you can log on to their web site at <http://www.woodturner.org/> and join or renew there.

Photo sessions for taking pictures of your turnings for the club web site will be scheduled during the year. You can get your work shown on the club Members Galleries.

Penn State Industries donated a complete chuck set, and gave us a substantial discount on two more.

Craft Supplies donated six sets of beginner tools to go with the loaner lathes to new members.

Thanks go out to our resident procurer Mort Olin again for his expertise in obtaining equipment for the club. Mort has also been appointed Equipment Manager. He has taken an inventory of all club property which will go a long way in accounting for all materials.

A motion was made to require a \$50.00 deposit on all loner lathes in the future. It was seconded and voted on. Ayes 19, Nays 7. The motion was carried.

Bruce Arnold was appointed as Webmaster, replacing Stan Lefkow who carried that responsibility since the sites inception. Thank you Stan for an outstanding job.

Wood of the Month:

Name	Mesquite (<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>)
Type	Hardwood.
Other Names	Also known as honey mesquite, common mesquite, velvet mesquite, algarobo, and honey pod.
Sources	Grows in western United States, Central America, and South America.
Appearance	Medium to coarse texture with a fine, wavy, interlocked grain. Tan sapwood and light to dark brown heartwood, often with a golden hue. Sometimes resembles genuine mahogany.
Physical Props	Heavy, hard, strong, and stiff (but brittle) with high stability in service and outstanding decay resistance.
Working Props	Somewhat difficult to work due to hardness and cross-grain. Sands easily and finishes to a high polish. Very good turning properties. Glues, screws, and nails satisfactorily.
Uses	Used for fence posts (due to high decay resistance), turnery, gunstocks, knife handles, novelties, fireplace mantels, flooring, and furniture to a limited extent.

<http://www.woodbin.com/ref/wood/>

Meeting Schedule – 2008: Tentative

Jan 28	Duke Hemmer Ball in a Cube
Feb 25	Bob ? Reading Wood Show and Tell
Mar 24	Bob Rosand
Apr 28	Jim Clewes
May 19	Hitoshi Tanaka Decorating and Embellishing Turnings Novice Show and Tell (May 26-Memorial Day)
Jun 23	Stan Lefkow TBD
Jul 28	Mark Firri Multi Axis turning
Aug 25	Tool Sale and Show and Tell
Sep 22	Bill Grumbine
Oct 27	Jim Duxbury Kaleidoscopes
Nov 24	Elections Super Show and tell and Critique Club Challenge
December	No meeting

Note: Turn-A-Thon will be used as a 'Wild Card' if needed to resolve scheduling conflict.

Club Officers: 2008

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

Club Challenge:

The Club Challenge was short shifted because of the length of the business-meeting portion. There will be more on the contest and the winners in the next newsletter. Apologies are extended to all who entered.

Library Exhibits:

The display at the NJ State Library in Trenton came to a close on October 30th. All items were removed from the display case and packed up for transit. They will be returned at the January 28th meeting. If an item is required sooner, please contact Walt Drummond at 732-968-2612 to make arrangements to get it returned sooner.

The staff at the State Library expressed their appreciation for our display and has requested that we return again in the near future.

The next library display will be at the Hunterdon County Library for the month of July. Pieces that you wish to display will be picked up at the June 23rd meeting. The Hunterdon Library has an excellent display set up and many, many visitors over a month. A good opportunity to show off some of your best work.

Other Items:

A new web site for wood workers was brought up at the meeting. It is www.lumberjocks.com. It is a place you can post pictures of your work. All types of woodworking is supported.

Show and Tell/Critique:

The Show and Tell with a Critique went over very well. Scott Broadfoot, a gallery owner and abstract artist guest critiqued along with Dennis Fuge and Tom Gall. The critique portion was optional, but everyone agreed to have his or her pieces publicly critiqued. The entire club gained from this activity. Dennis held forth on form and design, while Tom covered finish. Scott gave his opinion on how the piece held up against standards in the art/gallery world. His insight into how the pieces appealed to him was a tremendous value to everyone at the meeting.



Scott Broadfoot



Tom Gall



Dennis Fuge

The program went over so well that we have scheduled another for next year. Having an outside reviewer do part of the critique seems to bring a fresh view to the process from someone not deeply involved woodturning.

Classifieds:

For Sale by Mort Olin 973-992-1162

1 Ryobi Oscillating Sander with all drum attachments	\$95.00
1 Vacuum for veneering with hose for bag attachment – 1 year old	\$250.00
1 Fox 12” Drum sander – Perfect condition, less than 1 year old	\$395.00

For information, contact Mort Olin.

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

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those whose help made my job these last two years so much easier. I won't name anyone because I'm sure I'd miss someone. You all know who you are. Thanks.