



New Jersey Woodturners

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Next Meeting

Aug 28, 2006

7:30pm

Phil Alcock – Professional Carver

At the July meeting Dennis and Wil presented Chain Saw Safety and Maintenance along with Log preparation for the lathe. Gil Malave gave his perspective on chain saw use and showed his sharpening techniques.

The club then adjourned to the lawn outside for some practical demonstrations on how to decide how to cut a log for the best use, and real time cutting demos.

A lot of maple and cherry was cut and then auctioned off. Five people went home very happy last Monday with enough wood to keep them working for a good while.



Wood of the Month

Name Black Cherry (Prunus serotina)

Type Hardwood.

Other Names Black Cherry
Also known as wild cherry, wild black cherry, rum cherry, Cabinet cherry, capulin, and New England mahogany.

Sources Grows in Canada, United States, and Central America.

Appearance Generally straight grained with a fairly uniform texture and a rich luster. Light to dark reddish brown heartwood and narrow, nearly white sapwood.

Physical Props Moderately hard and heavy, strong, stiff, and quite stable in service. Heartwood has good decay resistance. Steam-bends very well.

Working Props Machines well with both hand and machine tools. Turns quite satisfactorily. Holds screws and nails well, glues and stains easily, and polishes to an excellent finish that naturally darkens with age.

Uses Cabinetry, interior furniture, paneling, architectural woodwork, caskets, woodenware, toys, novelties, gun stocks, and tool handles.

Comments One of the most highly prized cabinet woods in North America.

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The amount of wood cut was huge. As you can see, a lot of sawdust was created.



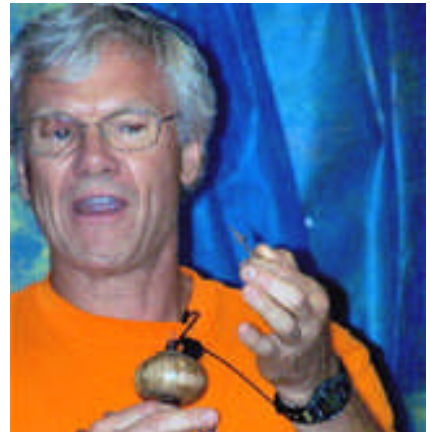
Then all went back inside to attend the rest of the demo. Dennis went over how to layout bowls etc. in the log before cutting to get the best results. Wil gave safety instructions on starting and operating a chain saw. Gil Malave talked about his experiences and showed a board mill for a chain saw.



There was discussion on how to sharpen a chain. Gil demonstrated a preset file.



Show and Tell: Several members presented their work at the Show and Tell. Quality and skill levels are rising quickly in the club. All were presented with raffle tickets to the wood raffle held immediately after.



New Jersey Woodturners Goes International

The NJ Woodturners Association today announces it is going international. Member **Amy Gilron** is returning to Israel within the coming weeks. We wish her a good journey. Amy, send us your e-mail address and we will keep you informed of club activities, and we will be sure to get a copy of the newsletter to you. God speed and keep your head down.



Middlesex County Fair The fair is on August 11,12, and 13 at the Middlesex Fairgrounds on Cranbury Road in East Brunswick. Just off Route 18. We are doing demos on all three days. Those of you that have already signed up to help, Thank You. Please come out to the fair sometime over the weekend and support the club. You can also enter projects for judging. This must be done soon. Stan and Dennis are still trying to outdo each other.

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).

We have an official web mail address. It's njwoodturners@gmail.com I check it at least once a day. If you have any suggestions, tips, questions or just views on a subject, please send an e-mail. If it's on a subject that the club would like to hear, I can forward it to all members. This is not the webmaster address, that stays the same.

The Schedule for the Rest of the Year:

August – Monday 28 - Phil Alcock - "Professional Carver"

September – Monday 25 - Bill Grumbine - "Professional Turner" Turning a winged bowl.

October – Monday 23 - Show and Tell & Tool Auction

November – Monday 27 - Election & Mike Kehs – Bucks

December - No meeting

Classifieds

For Sale - Old Delta lathe. 11” swing, 36” between centers. Well maintained. Several accessories included. \$350.00.

- DeWalt 7770 10” Radial Arm Saw - \$300.00

- Vega utility duplicator. Used for one job. \$150.00

If interested, call **Bob Sheppard 908-561-8438**

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

Newsletter Updates

You will notice some changes to the newsletter each month, as we try to liven it up and add some new information. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. If you have anything to place in the Classifieds, let me know and I'll add it on a month-by-month basis. Any and all feedback is welcome. Contact njwoodturners@gmail.com