



New Jersey Woodturners Association

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners
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January 22, 2018 Meeting

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 below. Anyone wanting more information may contact us by email at njwoodturners@gmail.com. Information is also available at the club's web site www.njwoodturners.com

Club Officers: 2018

President – Bob Amarant
Vice Pres – Steve Antonucci
Corresponding Sec'y – Stu Bauer
Recording Sec'y – Jon Teeple
Treasurer - Maurice Cohen
Librarian – Paul Griffin
Membership – Andy Coyle
Web Master – Bruce Arnold
Weekend Workshops – Bob Amarant
Safety Chair – Mike Abberley
Photographer-- Mike Brown
Videographer-- Chris Wimer
Snacks – Patty Jennings & Carol Paster

Meeting and Event Schedule for 2018

Jan 22 Basket Illusion Demo – Mike Abberley
Feb 26 Intro to Turning – Steve Antonucci
Mar 2-3-4 WoodShow - Meadowlands
Mar 24-25 Totally Turning – Saratoga Springs, NY
Mar 26 Sharpening Your Tools – Doug Thompson
Apr 23 Grand Show and Tell
Apr 28 Earth Day at ECEC NJWT Demo's
May 21 Embellishing your projects – Demo by Alan and Lauren Zenreich
Jun 25 BBQ at Mtg Location – BBQ and dinner
Jul 16 Stringed Instrument Demo – Beth Ireland
Jul 23 No Meeting – moved to July 16th
Aug 27 Casting/Wood Stabilizing – Barry Gross
Sep 24 Dennis Fuge – Decorative Platters Demo
Sep 28-30 MAWT – Lancaster PA

Oct 23 Trent Bosch – Remote Demo
Nov 26 Elections – Turner's Exchange
Dec ?? NJWT 7th Annual Holiday Dinner
Dec No regular meeting. Happy Holidays!

Announcements

- Large “Thank You” to Gil for his many years as President of NJWT.
- Some open positions were filled: Safety chair is now Mike Abberley and Snacks are co-chaired by Patty Jennings and Carol Paster. Maurice agreed to take over the sandpaper sales. At the Exec Board planning meeting in December it was decided that the club should get more involved in charitable causes. Among the suggestions are:
 - Beads of Courage Bowls
 - Empty Bowls for Hunger
 - Toys for Tots
 - Top-A-Thon for Children's Hospital
 - Pull Toys for Hospitals
 - Freedom Pens for the Military
- Has anyone made anything from the 600 yr old oak given out at the August meeting?? We would like to be able to present the church some pieces for their use.
- The 2018 Woodworking Show will be in the Meadowlands, not Somerset. Dates are March 2-4, 2018
- The possible updating of our club logo was discussed as well as ordering T-shirts, caps or other items such as turning smocks.

- Possible NJWT BBQ in June or August.

From last months newsletter, these items are worth repeating:

Tom Gall wonders if anyone has an intense desire to take over the Annual Turner's Gift Exchange for 2018. If not, he is willing to continue in that position.

We are looking for suggestions on how to mount our “portable” lathes for use at our own club demonstrations. The existing Grizzly stands are getting old and wobbly and are no longer stable.

Additional items discussed at the December planning meeting include:

- Improvements to the NJWT website with upgrades to make it more interactive.
- Maintaining the \$35 charge for our “weekend workshops” - an amazing bargain!!
- Possible alternative dates for some demonstrators to more easily accommodate their schedules.
- Getting more involved as a club in supporting charitable causes with our turnings.
Beads of Courage, Empty Bowls, Toys for Tots, Pens for Veterans, Top-A-Thon
- Ordering club T-shirts, hats and possibly turning smocks with an updated club logo.
- Developing and circulating a survey among members to better help us target programming.
- Possibly auction off two of our non-variable speed (belt driven) lathes to club members.
- Investigate better lighting for in-house demos.

Demonstration: Basket Illusion Techniques by Mike Abberley

The meeting was highlighted by a detailed and fascinating demonstration of the techniques involved in creating a “Basket Illusion” on a turned piece.

Mike has been perfecting this technique over many years and he demonstrated the results of his experiences both successes and failures (design opportunities).

For a 20 minute video capturing this demo go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez7OD5mwT0g&t=686s>
Still photos of the demo are in this newsletter.

Demonstrators for future meetings:

Bob has been contacting the AAW and using Facebook Turners pages for possible other contacts. Look back at the schedule for 2018 and marvel at the number of demo's scheduled!!

Dues: Dues of \$30.00 (\$40 for family) will remain the same in 2018 (The best value in NJ)! If you attend all the meetings works out to be about \$1.25 an hour of great information and entertainment

A new Membership Form has been developed. We need everyone to fill it out so that we can be sure the club membership list and email list are updated to reflect any changes or new information.

The form is available at all club meetings. If you have not filled one out, please do and **PLEASE** keep your dues current!!

Please make any phone, email contact, address changes if needed.

Please pay dues soon by either attending the monthly meeting or send to Maurice’s house.

Please don’t make us chase you for dues!

**Maurice Cohen
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As always:

Reminder: Hartville Tool (www.hartvilletool.com) offers club members 15% off. It was agreed not to send our membership list directly, therefore, any member wishing to take advantage of the offer should advise by sending an email to Stu Bauer at njwoodturners@gmail.com who will compile it and send the info to Hartville. It was noted that in addition to the 15% club discount, Hartville offers free shipping on all items, no minimum order required!

Bruce Arnold, our computer guru and webmaster, continues to put new information/photos/items for sale on our web site. Just go here on the main page www.njwoodturners.com. Lots of tools for sale and lots of interesting tidbits. Also check the website for updated meeting times and other items of interest.

If you haven't already, check out Pinterest.com and YouTube.com for woodturning and woodworking ideas. Don't forget that there are lots of videos on technique on the AAW website (you are a member of the AAW aren't you?) We also have a Facebook page, just search for *NJwoodturner* in Facebook.

And another reminder, NJWT has a display case in the main building of the Environmental Center. Directly next door to us. This offers a great opportunity to showcase your work and/or sell some pieces.

Keep turning and be safe! Stu

Photos from January's Basket Illusion Demo attached

Just a side note: If there are any photos that are ever shown in a newsletter that you would like a digital copy of, just let me know which one(s) and I will be glad to email the file(s) to you. If they are from an old newsletter I just need the date of the newsletter and a description of the photo.

Stu

Presidents Corner

Hi all,

We've been very busy making plans for this year's meetings.

As you've seen and most have participated, we have completed a survey for member opinions for club improvements. We are taking these to heart. You'll see changes in many areas such as with our web site, the amount of demos, we have and more "Weekend turn-a-thons" to help support some of the charities we participate with.

The wide spread opinion is we'd like to have more Demos and Hands On vs. Talking or Show and Tell. Announcements and Activities will be more posted on the Website to give more time to the demonstrators.

Demos:

I'm pleased to announce we have lined up 8 different demonstrations this year including a video hook up with Trent Bosch in October. We plan to bring in larger TV screens for this event. One of the suggestions to improve the meetings was better sound and video. We have checked our audio speaker and plan to use it for all demos. For the next meeting, we plan to have the chairs facing the right hand wall as we walk in in order to have 3 rows of 10 to 12 members vs. 8 rows of 7 to 8 people.

The calendar is pretty firmed up at this point as follows:

Date:	NJ Woodturners 2018 Schedule
	Calendar will be revised as determined by professional demonstrators
22-Jan-2018	Mike Abberly , Basket Illusion
26-Feb-2018	DEMO Steve Antonucci , Intro To Turning
March 2nd-3rd-4th	The Woodworking Shows, Secaucus NJ
March 24th and 25th	Totally Turning Saratoga Springs
26-Mar-2018	DEMO Doug Thompson , SHARPENING TOOLS
Saturday April 28th 2018	Earth Day at Club House 11am to 4pm
23-Apr-2018	Show and Tell
21-May-2018	DEMO Alan & Lauren Zenreich , Embellishing Your Projects
March thru Sept	Weekend Workshops More Info later
25-Jun-2018	Club Picnic at Clubhouse- BBQ & Potluck Dinner
16-Jul-2018	DEMO Beth Ireland - Stringed Instruments
23-Jul-2018	No meeting. Meeting moved to July 16th
June 14, 15, 16 17	AAW National Portland Oregon
27-Aug-2018	DEMO Barry Gross , The Pen Man- Casting/ Wood Stabilization
Sept 29th	ECEC Fall Family Festival 11am to 4pm
24-Sep-2018	DEMO Dennis Fuge Decorative Platters
Sept 28th, 29th,30th	Midatlantic Turners Symposium, Lancaster, PA
23-Oct-2018	Demo Trent Bosch Video Demonstration.
26-Nov-2018	Club Elections of Officers, Annual ""Turners Exchange""
December TBD	7th Annual Club Dinner, Jim Johnson's Steak House
Date of this message	17-Feb-18

New Positions: Thanks to Mike Abberly for taking over the position of Safety Czar. Patty Jennings and Carol Paster have volunteered to manage the snacks during the meetings. Also, hats off to John Beck Sr. for coordinating the Beads of Courage program.

Cage Cleanup and Maintenance:

Gil, Jerry Ortu and I have spent two days doing maintenance on the Oneway lathe (new wheels) and we have placed our two General lathes onto Home Depot / Ridgid Portable Miter Stands. This will help us move the lathes in and out of the clubhouse as well as venues such as the upcoming one in the Meadowlands on March, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

- You'll see the new lathe setups at the next meeting.
- We've sold some of the older lathes and have already disposed of items we no longer need. We are much more organized now.

BBQ Dinner in June:

We plan to have a BBQ Picnic on June 25th. The plan is to have a Pot Luck dinner where everyone brings an appetizer, side dish or dessert while we provide some BBQ style meats. **We're looking for someone to coordinate the activities for this event.** Hopefully the volunteer for this will be a member who has not participated in club activities before. **Getting involved with the club, other than attending meetings, is a great way to build closer relationships with the membership.**

New Logo:

We're considering a new logo design and once we finalize one, we plan to buy new T-Shirts, Hats, Smocks and Golf Style Shirts. We'll use the Survey Monkey tool to determine quantities and sizes for members wanting to buy these club premiums.

Membership List:

We are making efforts to clean up our membership list as well as get everyone caught up with their 2018 dues. At this point, I believe we have about 10 people on our current list who are former members but we have not seen or heard from them in a while.

The Woodworking Show in March:

- *How are all those Tops coming along?? Please bring them to the next meeting so we can access how many we have.*
- *Planning on going to the Show? Make sure you've contacted me so I can finalize the list. The list needs to be submitted to show organizers to get you into the show for free.*
- *Planning On Demonstrating? Be aware, anyone turning at the show is **required** to have a membership with AAW to be covered by insurance.*

All in all, I think we're on the right track and look forward to a productive year.

*Bob Amarant
President
Feb 17, 2018*





