



## New Jersey Woodturners Association

*A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners*  
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June 26, 2017 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](mailto:njwoodturners@gmail.com). Information is also available at the club's web site [www.njwoodturners.com](http://www.njwoodturners.com)

### Club Officers: 2017

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### Meeting and Event Schedule for 2017

Jan 23 Turner's Exchange and "Show and Tell".  
Feb 17-19 WoodShow - Somerset  
Feb 27 Panel Discussion and "Show and Tell"  
Mar 27 Hitoshi – Piercing and Embellishing  
Apr 1-2 Totally Turning – Saratoga Springs, NY  
Apr 24 Photo/Video Workshop for turners  
Apr 29 Earth Day at ECEC NJWT Demo's  
May ?? Clean up day for our area at ECEC  
May 22 Meeting – Demo Lichtenberg Figures  
Jun 26 From the log to the lathe and Tool Sale  
Jun 22-25 AAW Symposium – Kansas City, MO  
Jul 24 Meeting - Demo TBA  
Aug 28 Meeting – Show and Tell with Critique  
Sep 25 Meeting – Turnathon – Open lathe night  
Sep ?? Family Fun Day ECEC NJWT demo's

Oct 23 Demo - TBA  
Nov 27 Elections – Turner's Exchange  
Dec ?? NJWT 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Dinner  
Dec No regular meeting. Happy Holidays!

### Announcements

- Second Annual Mid-Atlantic Woodturning Symposium. Saturday Oct. 28 and Sunday Oct. 29, 2017, plus Friday evening a Meet the Demonstrators session at the Lancaster (PA) Marriott. More info at: <http://www.mawts.com/>
- Gil reported on the AAW Symposium just held in Kansas City. He was on a panel at the symposium and both he and Dennis Fuge went to many of the available demos.
- Alan Zenreich was also a demonstrator showing the use and ease of "remote" demonstrations. This allows a club to have live demonstrations with the demonstrator being anyplace in the world, all done remotely!
- The AAW is evaluating its 50% introductory dues reduction for new members and is also evaluating the possibility of expanding internationally e.g. Africa, South America, etc.
- The Middlesex County Fair is August 7-13<sup>th</sup>. While we do not demonstrate as a club at this event, members are certainly encouraged to enter pieces in the competitions held at the fair.

### Notes from the Demonstration:

Our very own club member Jim Ruocco demonstrated turning “from the log to the lathe” by making both a “normal” bowl and another that was “live edge” to show both techniques.

Jim's process calls for removing the bark from the freshly cut green wood, then cutting the log lengthwise near the center but avoiding the pith. This allows for two bowl blanks and a section containing pith to use in another project or as firewood. Cut the length to approx the same as the width and mount on the lathe to turn a tenon for a chuck or a flat for a faceplate.

Turn the bowl cutting from the center to the edge and rough turn to an even thickness (approx 1”), coat with Anchor Seal or latex paint then allow to dry for 6 months or so. Then re-turn to final thickness.

For live edge turning, prep the log in the same way, but mount it carefully between centers using a spur drive. The point that the spur drive sits can be made using a Speedbore bit. After checking that the “wings” are even, again turn from the center out trying for very clean cuts as final sanding is done off the lathe. Allow the piece to dry for a while (days, weeks, months) before sanding.

In all cases, take your time, be deliberate and especially, be careful!

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**Next meeting (July 24)** will be focused on decorating with color. Bring in any pieces you have that have been painted, stained, dyed, metallized etc. etc. and we will have a discussion focused on going “Beyond the Grain” and making a turned piece stand out. If you have a piece that you received at the “Splash of Color” turner's exchange years ago, bring it in! Let's expand our minds and open up new creative avenues with color!

The August meeting there will be an expanded “show and tell” with a critique by a distinguished panel, so bring in any pieces you have that you want to show or have questions about, they can be recent items or some that you made earlier on in your turning. Anything turning related is fair game for discussion; wood selection, finishing choices, tool selection etc.

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### As always:

**Reminder:** Hartville Tool ([www.hartvilletool.com](http://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](mailto: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!

Many thanks once again to Jon Teeple and Mike Brown for minutes and photos of the meeting. 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](http://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. The purpose of NJWT is to share knowledge and experience. 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?)

*And another reminder, Gil mentioned that 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. Let's take advantage of this!*

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

***2017 NJWT Dues are now OVERDUE! - \$30/individual \$40/Family***

***Please bring your check or cash to the July 24th meeting to give to Maurice Cohen, our club Treasurer***

***Members with unpaid dues will be removed from our email list.***

***Final note: Check out once again the 2017 Calendar at the beginning of this newsletter. It was developed at our January 4<sup>th</sup> planning meeting. This is YOUR club, comments, suggestions for changes are welcomed.***

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**Keep turning and be safe!**

**Stu**

Photos which follow show the bowl turning demo and the photos of the “Show and Tell” which followed the demo.





