



# Mini Newsletter

## April 2012

### April Meeting Is Tuesday

**April 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM Start**

Meetings are held at the small pre-school building on the corner of County Line Road & Ridge Avenue

Social hour starts @ 7:00

#### April meeting Highlight

##### Show & Tell

This month's meeting will feature show & tell, so dust your work off, shine them up, & bring them in!

Additionally, Buren will give us some updates to his great March demo on sanding and finishing work. He has completed the finish of one of the bowls he showed at the demo and will show it and talk a little about how he finished it. He'll do the same for a couple of other pieces which he has just finished.

Additionally, we will try to repair our two storage cabinets

#### Upcoming Meeting Highlights

**May 2012:** Jeff Noden will be demonstrating how to make inlays and put them in a turned bowl  
<http://www.geoffreynoden.com/index.asp>

You may know his name for the "Adjust-A-Bench" he makes. He will be demonstrating how to make inlays and put them in a turned bowl. You may have seen him at the show in Somerset, he's usually there doing this same demo.

#### Ted Sokolowski Saturday Demo

April 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

John's garage: 373 Colt Place  
Manchester

Directions upon request

Lunch provided...bring your own AM coffee, as Dunkin Donuts at the end of the block has closed (how does that happen?)

Ted Sokolowski will demo turning peppermills, showing us both how to turn them and using those pieces as a vehicle for design techniques. He will also show us metal spinning on a Jet mini lathe. For those who have not yet seen his work, check out his website:

<http://tedsokolowski.com/>

There are still a few seats left for the demo, so sign up at the meeting. After the meeting, we will open up any remaining spots to outside clubs.

## **The President's Message**

Hello Fellow Wood Turners,

Now that the weather is nice again I thought I would be setting up my shop the way I wanted to several years ago. That was my plan but every time I go out there I wind up turning instead. Or, I have to work in the yard cleaning up from the long winter. Anyway my goal this spring is to actually put up shelves and get everything off the floor and off all the other horizontal surfaces like my table saw, router table, etc. It's not pretty. But I do know where everything is. I'm afraid that after I get everything organized I'll lose everything.

This weekend, April 7 & 8, I'll drive to Ithaca, NY to take a bowl turning class with Mark Speiser. I met Mark a few years ago at a craft show in Morristown and just loved his work. We have since purchased several of his pieces. This past March I saw him again and he

invited me to come to his shop for a day of turning. He has a great style and some of the best turnings I have ever seen.

Nothing too fancy just well-turned bowls. Please take a look at his web site

I'm sure you'll agree.

[www.bowledoverwood.com](http://www.bowledoverwood.com)

This month's meeting will be "Show & Tell". I truly enjoy this. It's always one of my favorites because to me this is what our club is about. We take the things we learn at the meetings and practice them at home. Some members not only bring their best but they also bring their mistakes. They either explain what they did incorrectly or ask what went wrong. Chances are someone else made the same mistake.

Next weekend we have Ted Sokolowski giving us an all-day demo. I also met him at a craft show and thought his work was so good. That's why I asked him to come and show us his turning and design techniques. If time allows he will also do some metal spinning.

As always please feel free to bring any ideas you may have for the club. We are always looking new things to do.

Thanks for all the support.

Ray

## **Wood of the Month**

**Box Elder – Acer Negundo  
By Ron Hughes**

The box elder is also called ash-leaf maple because its leaves resemble those of an ash. Its flowers and fruits are typically maple. This tree grows from Canada to Florida and from the east to

the west coast of North America. It grows best in lowland sites along rivers, streams, ponds or flooded flats. The box elder grows rapidly for the first 15 or 20 years and can live up to 75 years in good soil.

The seeds are eaten by squirrels, mice and various birds. Whitetail deer browse on young twigs and leaves. The box elder has very little uses, as its weak wood, low branching habit and an abundance of fruit renders it undesirable for street tree plantings. Its cream-white wood is soft, weak and lightweight and of little value. It has been used for making crates, boxes, paper pulp, and firewood.

Now remember the box elder is in the maple family and is susceptible to the ambrosia beetle. The box elder responds to the beetle with beautiful pink and red streaks. This red color has made box elder valuable to wood turners. The wood is soft and not only turns very well, it responds well to almost any finish. Oil finishes tend to yellow over time. I am finding water based polyurethane or acrylic finish will hold the color. Keep away from direct sun light so you don't lose the red. Two part wood bleach will also make the white actually whiten and the red even more red. I also find that the wood needs to be fresh to have good color. If it sits around too long it gets an undesirable gray fungus. This wood has no known toxins however, the ambrosia beetle comes with a fungus, so good dust protection is a must.

Happy turning, see you at the meeting.

Ron

## Misc Notes & Observations

1. The Woodturning Center in Philadelphia now has a new name & location: "The Center for Art in Wood," located at 141 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. <http://www.centerforartinwood.org/>

Their current exhibit: "Turning to Art in Wood: A Creative Journey" is still running until April 21.

2. Monmouth county Fair: We have again been invited to participate in the Monmouth County Fair in July. This year, owing to the great reviews we got from last year's fair, we are scheduled for two days, Saturday, July 28, from 6 to 10 PM, and Sunday, the 29 from 12 to 5 PM

3. Gil Malave, President of the NJ Woodturners, was at our March meeting, showing us floor mats he sells for the shop. I understand there has been additional interest in purchasing those mats, so a price list and ordering information will be at the meeting.

4. Think ahead to the future! The 2012 AAW International Symposium will be held in San Jose, CA June 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, registration (more importantly, hotel reservations) should be made early, as nearby hotels with symposium rates get sold out REALLY early.

There will be a Chapter Collaborative Challenge again at the symposium, so this may be a good time for us to consider a group project as Ray has requested in a previous President's Message. We can find the theme and rules in the AAW website if we want to participate (I think a minimum of 6 members must participate).

### **Classified**

If anyone has something woodworking, woodturning for sale, wanted to buy, or for trade, let this editor know. I'll post it in the newsletter, however, all transactions will be between buyer & seller.

### **Same Ole Stuff in Every Newsletter**

For your reference, here's a list of who's doing what this year for us:

Ray Ostrow - President  
Tom Swain - Vice President  
Stan Leibowitz - Treasurer  
John Puckhaber - Secretary  
Lisa Carey - Website manager  
Larry Morgan - Still Photography  
Tom Swain - Librarian  
John Puckhaber - Newsletter Editor  
Larry Morgan - Programs  
Bev Sirianni - Turning Challenge  
Ray Ostrow - Woodworking Show  
(New) Charlie Kirlew - Club logo items

Note that there are a lot more names on the list of "who's doing what." Thanks for participating!

Here's what we still need:

Video photographer.  
A second person to help on the Program Committee.

### **Club Mentoring Program**

As a reminder, we still have a mentoring program with two members who have agreed to be mentors: Bruce Perlmutter and Sal Straniero)...take advantage and contact a mentor if you have an interest. This is intended to be a one-on-one learning experience, so it can be structured to whatever you want to learn.

If there are any other members who have a special skill or expertise and would be willing to teach, let us know.

### **The Library**

We need input from you as to what you want. See Tom Swain with your wish list.

### **The Website**

Lisa Carey has taken over the administration of our website. For those of you who haven't recently visited, take a new look! The calendar is right up to date with all sorts of interesting things, and the members' gallery is chock full of great photos of OUR work. The site is

continually getting better...thanks Lisa.  
To submit news, calendar items, or  
photos, contact Lisa at:

[arachne279@optonline.net](mailto:arachne279@optonline.net)

[www.atlanticshorewoodturners.com](http://www.atlanticshorewoodturners.com)

Members can get the user name and  
password for the members-only section  
at a meeting. Reminder, the members'  
only section contains the complete club  
roster.

### Meeting Directions

Directions: From Route 9, go east on  
County Line Rd for 2 ½ miles. You will  
see two large church complexes; Holy  
Family is the second complex. From the  
Garden State Parkway, get off at Exit 91  
and continue on Lanes Mill Rd for 7/10  
mile. Follow Lanes Mill Rd as it turns  
right for 1.2 miles. Bear right onto East  
County Line Rd and turn into the church  
complex.

### Meeting Specifics

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each  
month except for July and August. They  
are held at the little pre-school building,  
which is located at the corner of County  
Line Rd. and Ridge Ave, Lakewood, NJ.

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