



RWS Calendar of Events

Invited Lectures / Workshops

2004 – 2005 Season

September 17 – 18 *Furniture Conservator* Don Williams

October 22 – 23 *Furniture Reproduction* Phil Lowe

November 19 – 20 *Wood turner/Artist* Lyle Jamison

January 14 – 15 *Tool Maker/Designer* Lie-Nielson

March 11 - 12 *Cabinet Maker & Educator* Steve Latta

April 22 - 23 *The Wood Wright's Shop* Roy Underhill

*In-House workshops and dates are listed on pages 2 & 5.

RWS Lectures begin at 8:00 PM on Friday evening. Pre-meeting displays precede lectures and begin at 7:00 PM. The pre-meeting displays and the lectures are held at St. John Fisher College, Basil Hall Auditorium.

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Upcoming RWS Fall Events

By Laura Piché

Our 4th Annual Tool Swap was held at Mendon Ponds Park on August 28th, kicking off the fall season. Hopefully all those who brought things to sell were successful in gaining some space in their shops, as well as some cash to purchase new toys. For others who were there, I hope you were able to find some bargains. At the very least, it provided a time to catch up with friends, talk about tools, projects, and new techniques—woodworking in general.

The tool swap also marked the deadline for early membership renewals. If you renewed your membership on, or before, the tool swap, you qualify for the \$5 workshop rebate. For those who didn't renew early, there's always next year.

Maria Sohn, our webmaster, has updated the RWS web site to include information about all the upcoming events. Our Lectures begin on Friday night, September 17th. Don Williams, the furniture conservator at the Smithsonian will be talking about his work at the Smithsonian on Friday night, and his workshop on Saturday will focus on shellac finishing. Check your newsletter or the website for more details. And if you haven't visited the website lately, be sure to check it out. We've got a new look, and you'll find the latest information about upcoming workshops, tours, and even our sponsors. So stop by at www.rochesterwoodworkers.org.

Check the newsletter or the website for the latest information about the season's "home grown" workshops. Ed DeMay has lined up some wonderful speakers and a broad range of topics. There's a little something for everyone. And John Britton has several tours lined up for the fall season. The tours are always interesting, giving us a behind the scenes look at some local woodworking related businesses.

To help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of RWS, in April, Tom Meiller and his speaker selection committee have arranged to have Roy Underhill, host of the long-running PBS show "The Woodwright's Shop" come and speak to us. Be sure to watch the website and your newsletter for updates about that event. It promises to be very interesting.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 17th.

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RWS Workshops for the 2004 – 2005 season

Unless otherwise indicated, workshops will be held at the Woodcraft store, 1100 Jefferson Road, Henrietta.
From the Chair

New RWS Board Members

Maria Sohn has agreed to take over as the Web Mistress. Maria was born in Havana, Cuba. She then emigrated to the US, moving back and forth through several Northeastern states - through college, grad school, marriage, children, divorce - until she settled in Rochester more than 20 years ago. Since then, good things have happened: new job, new partner, grand kids, new friends ... Some people are just plain lucky!

She's always liked to find out how things are put together - which, of course, sometimes necessitates taking things apart ("Child, you have dismantled your brother's crib..!"). However, it took the sticker-shock of a contractor's quote for bathroom remodeling to get her and her partner deep into "do-it-yourselfing": light construction, carpentry, and small forays into the beyond ("Heck, we can do that!").

You all know how 'the beyond' starts... a simple shelf, a footstool, a bookcase... and you are hooked. Friends got them connected with RWS - Connie Gates was the initial recruiter, Laura Piché offered Maria the 'web mistress' job (can anybody deny requests from either gal?).

Maria still needs to learn a lot about woodworking, but RWS is the right spot: a great place for information ("Is this how you put these thingies together?"), encouragement ("Don't worry, try again... it'll be alright."), and inspiration ("Look at this amazing box... bowl... chair... table... kayak..."). She's looking forward to a great year ... and beyond!

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We thank them for their support.

2004 - 2005 Workshops

Registration Form

These sessions are sure to fill up early – register today! Registrants will be acknowledged by email if your email address is provided. Payment is required at the time of registration – lunch included. All workshops will be held at the Woodcraft Store on Jefferson Road, unless otherwise noted.

_____ **Don Williams:** - Shellac - **Sep. 18, 2004**

*Members: \$45 Non-Members: \$55 *Limited to 24 people.*

_____ **Phil Lowe:** -Reproductions- **Oct. 23, 2004**

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

_____ **Sharpening Seminar** - **Oct. 30, 2004**

Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$35

_____ **Lyle Jamieson:** -Turning- **Nov. 20, 2004**

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

_____ **Hipplewhite Bedside Table** - **Dec. 11, 2004**

Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$35 Plus Materials

_____ **Incised Letter Carving** - **Jan. 08, 2005**

Members: \$30 Non-Members: \$40 (materials fee included)

_____ **Thomas Lie-Nielson:** - Planes - **Jan. 15, 2005**

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

_____ **Molding for Your Home** - **Feb. 12, 2005**

Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$35

_____ **Steve Latta:** - Inlay - **Mar. 12, 2005**

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

_____ **Turning** - **Mar. 26, 2005**

Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$35

_____ **Roy Underhill:** - **Apr. 23, 2005**

- Details to follow

Note: Please remit the full registration fee. Early renewal discounts will be refunded at the event.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Send this form and a check (payable to "RWS") to:
Rochester Woodworker's Society, Inc.



Don Williams

Furniture Conservator - Smithsonian Institute

Don Williams began working as a furniture restorer in Palm Beach, Florida, in 1972, eventually opening his own restoration and reproduction business in 1978. He also spent three years as a patternmaker in a foundry. He received a B.A. from the University of Delaware in Technology of Artistic and Historic Objects, an interdisciplinary program of Chemistry, History, and Art, while he was employed in the conservation division of Winterthur Museum.

Don joined the Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education (SCMRE) in 1984, as a Furniture Conservator. He was a creator of the graduate Furniture Conservation Training Program, serving as its Director from 1987 - 1994, and was a faculty member 1985-2001. From 1994-2001 he was the laboratory's Education Coordinator, responsible for all aspects of research and preservation education and public programming at SCMRE. He has recently co-authored a book on preserving collectibles for Simon & Schuster called "Saving Stuff", due on bookstore shelves in 2005.

Lecture – September 17, 2004

Don's lecture will cover the furniture restoration work he is involved with at the Smithsonian.

Workshop – September 18, 2004 Workshop

His Saturday workshop will be on "Shellac and its Secrets", or "How to Make Shellac Behave!". Don will demonstrate the simplicity and versatility of this beautiful, unexcelled natural resin finish.

The 2004 – 2005 RWS Board

Note: the e-mail addresses for out board members are linked to our website: www.rochesterwoodworkers.org.

For example, Laura Piché can be reached at: chair@rochesterwoodworkers.org

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Jon Rouleau (publicity@)

Tours / Pre-meeting Displays

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RWS Special Interest Groups

A good way to get involved and meet more people in RWS is to join one of your Special Interest Groups, better know as SIGs. We have several very enthusiastic groups. If you are interested, give the leader a call for details.

Boatbuilding SIG: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Contact Ray Feasey: 582-2298. (rfeasey@aol.com)

Chair and Period Furniture SIG: Meets the last Wednesday of each month. Contact Ken Turner: 582-1157 (KTurner7@rochester.rr.com).

Furniture SIG: Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 P. M. at Woodcraft in Henrietta. Contact: Dick Morano: (315) 946-4054 (de1946@usadatanet.net).

Turning SIG: Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 P. M. at Woodcraft in Henrietta. Contact Jim Hotaling: 223-4877. (jhotal2198@aol.com)

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
September 15, 2004**

From another Woodworking Club

If you are interested, please contact NWA.

Hello,

I am the Education Chairperson of NWA (Northeastern Woodworkers Association) near Albany, NY. (www.woodworker.org).

I am interested in exploring the possibility of engaging members of your organization to demonstrate at the NWA woodworking Weekend which will be held in Albany, New York on the weekend of January 29 and 30, 2005 at the New York State Plaza Convention Center.

Designed to counterbalance our yearly feature event, "Showcase", which is designed for the general public and draws 6000 attendees each year, the NWA Woodworking Weekend is being designed with the amateur and professional "woodworker" in mind. We have explored the concept of this event for several years within our club, and this time we wish to open the event to woodworkers at large. We estimate 300 plus woodworkers will attend the weekend event which will include 56 sessions (seven rooms and eight rotations) on woodworking related topics, an Instant Gallery of fine woodworking, an Instant Gallery Critique, a Saturday evening Buffet, and possibly a large vendors area.

We are looking for a broad range of topics which would be of interest to woodworkers. I wonder if we might discuss possible demonstrators from among your members. I can call you most anytime that is best for you.

Sincerely, (ken)
Kenneth Evans
NWA Education Chairperson
2062 NY 67
Valley Falls, NY 12185

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Invited Lecture Workshops

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Members: \$45 Non-Members: \$55

***Limited to 24 people.**

Phil Lowe: Oct. 23, 2004

- Measuring Furniture for Reproductions

Phil's Saturday workshop will center around his latest video, "Measuring Furniture for Reproduction". He'll show how to work from photos, as well as original work, to create reproductions of an existing piece.

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

Lyle Jamieson: Nov. 20, 2004

- Turning Sculptures

Conducting an all-day woodturning seminar.

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

Thomas Lie-Nielson: Jan. 15, 2005

- Using Hand Planes

Using hand planes, with the major portion being devoted to hands-on trails of his many tools.

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

Steve Latta: Mar. 12, 2005

- Inlay

Workshop will focus on inlays, and the simple tools he constructs to make it easy.

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$50

Roy Underhill: Apr. 23, 2005

- Details to follow

In-House Seminars

Sharpening Seminar

by John Britton and Ed DeMay.

Date: 10/30/2004 at Woodcraft

The seminar will cover the sharpening of chisels, plane blades, scrapers and lathe tools. The seminar will cover various grinding wheels and grinders, sharpening and honing stones, as well as proper care and storage of stones.

Cost: \$25 members; \$35 non-members

Hipplewhite Bedside Table Workshop

by Jim Altemus.

Date: 12/11/2004 at Woodcraft

In this workshop, you will be building a simple 20" X 20" Hipplewhite bedside table.

Cost: \$25 members; \$35 non-members, **PLUS materials.**

Incised Letter Carving

by Chuck Reinhardt.

Date: 1/08/2005 at Woodcraft

In this workshop Chuck will be covering alphabets, design, proportions and sources of letters and alphabets. He will also address how to transfer letters from paper to the work surface. A 2 1/2 inch wide by 3/4 inch thick by 20 inch long piece of carving stock will be provided.

Cost: \$30 members; \$40 non-members (materials fee included)

Crown Molding for Your Home and Projects

by Mike Heiler.

Date: 2/12/2005 at Mike's Shop

Mike will cover how to install and cope crown molding in your house or on your projects. He will also cover stacked molding and indirect lighting molding. Class will be limited to 12 people.

Cost: \$25 members; \$35 non-members

Turning

by Ralph Mosher.

Date: 3/26/2005 at Woodcraft

More details to follow in the September newsletter!

Cost: \$25 members; \$35 non-members

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SEPTEMBER 2004

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18	19 Boat Bldg SIG	20	21 Turn. SIG	22 Phil Lowe	23 RWS w/s	24
25	26	27 Chair SIG	28	29	30 Sharpening	31

NOVEMBER 2004

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15	16 Boat Bldg SIG	17	18 Turn. SIG	19 Lyle Jamison	20 Turn - ing w/s	21
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DECEMBER 2004

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20	21 Boat Bldg SIG	22	23	24	25 Xmas	26
27	28	29 Chair SIG	30	31 New Years eve		

JANUARY 2005

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17	18 Boat Bldg SIG	19	20 Turn. SIG	21	22	23
24/31	25	26 Chair SIG	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY 2005

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MARCH 2005

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
	1	2	3 Furn. SIG	4	5	6
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14	15 Boat Bldg SIG	16 Newslet. deadline	17 Turn. SIG	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26 Turning	27 Easter
28	29	30 Chair SIG	31			

APRIL 2005

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A Heads Up MAGAZINE REVIEW of American Router

- by Jon Rouleau

It seems that there used to be a time when a new magazine came on the market they would send you one copy free to try to sell the magazine. I think that there is a reason that the newest magazine on the market, American Router didn't do that. This magazine has almost nothing going for it outside the glossy cover. Open the magazine and you will find a quarter page ad looking for Contributing Authors. Most of the articles are poorly written and/or excessively complex. An example was a six-page article on putting a sacrificial top on a Black and Decker Workmate.

The magazine is full of not-so-handy filler, like router specifications with a suggested list price and street price. I guess they ran out of router articles because in the first issue that I received, they had an article on colors. What that had to do with routing I'm not sure. They also ran an article on safety with the author showing a missing finger and wearing an eye patch.

I am not happy with the magazine and I'm going to ask for a refund of the rest of my subscription, something I have never done before. I think that a magazine on routers could be a wonderful addition to my collection of books and magazines. I know that the router is the most versatile tool in my shop and I don't use it to its full potential. This magazine did nothing to make me want to go down in my shop and chuck up a bit and do some routing.

Wood Knowledge: Oak

Timbers bearing the name "Oak" number more than 240 in the *Book of Wood Names*. Of those, there are approximately 87 whose genus is *Quercus*. In other words there are at least 87 varieties of trees, which bear acorns. The entire *Quercus* genus is in the family of *Fagaceae* or the Beech family. The remaining "Oaks" are called so because they look like or have similar properties to one of the true Oaks.

In modern furniture work, two oaks are in popular usage. White Oak is *Quercus alba* and Red Oak is *Quercus rubra*. In the timber trade, many different oaks are classified into the White or Red categories. Both oaks are ring porous, meaning the seasonal growth rings have the large visible cells concentrated together in a tight ring. Both oaks are among the strongest, hardest and heaviest of the North American hardwoods. White Oak is approximately 46 pounds per cubic foot where Red Oak averages slightly less at 43 pcf. White Oak is prized for the quarter cut boards, which exhibit the radial rays known as ray fleck on the surface of the cut board. Red oak displays the ray fleck to a much lesser degree.



Quarter Cut White Oak

Rochester Woodworkers Society Presents

Don Williams

Furniture Conservator - Smithsonian Institute

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Basil Hall, St. John Fischer college

Workshop: Saturday, September 18, 2004 Workshop
Woodcraft, Jefferson Road

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