



## Monthly Newsletter April 14, 2009

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### April Meeting

President Phil remarked on the successful Totally Turning symposium in Saratoga Springs, with 7 members attending. Demonstrator Kurt Herzog was particularly impressive, and Phil may arrange for a full day demo later this spring. Phil also noted that he is selling his extra lathe; contact him for details. The summer picnic will be hosted by Treasurer John Coles at his Moorestown residence, probably August 15 or 16, more details to come.

Speaking of John, he was the lucky 50/50 winner this month, collecting \$34. Way to go John!

### Upcoming Events

April 28 - open house at Phil Hauser's

**May 12 – next regular club meeting.**  
Dennis Fuge will demonstrate bottom opening hollow form technique.

April - HOW sessions 2009 – Still possible to sign up by contacting Andy.

May 23, 2009 - NE Wood Turning  
Symposium, Pinkerton, NH

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### Featured Program –

The featured program for April was a very informative design workshop presented by Ed Koenig, whose specialty is flute carving on twice turned hollow forms.



Ed provided a comprehensive handout listing sources for carving supplies he uses, and reviewed the pros and cons of several carving machines on the market. He brought along several twice turned poplar hollow forms with flutes already carved,



And then demonstrated how he does it.



The real mystery is how to do the graceful curved flutes, and he shared that also.



Ed had quite an arsenal of tools to show, including V and U-shaped gouges, files, microplanes, carbide burrs, and even sanding drums. Many thanks to Ed for an informative and entertaining session!

The **Show and Tell** session this meeting focused on several of Andy's bleached box elder pieces;



Information about the products Andy described is below:

Sprayer

<http://www.harborfreight.com/cpi/ctaf/displayitem.taf?Itemnumber=92126>

Daly's 2-part Bleach

[http://www.dalyspaint.com/store/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=5](http://www.dalyspaint.com/store/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=5)

Basic Beall Buffing system with 8" long adapter \$ 74.95

[http://www.donpencil.com/BUFFINGKIT\\_S.htm](http://www.donpencil.com/BUFFINGKIT_S.htm)

**Bob Peterson** showed the interesting canes he made from sassafras which had been contorted by honeysuckle vines:



And Bob generously donated a piece for the next silent auction.

Finally, Steve Leichner brought in a large natural edge bowl and questioned the group on what the smelly wood might be? Perhaps locust?



**Club Challenge:** This month was natural edge bowls, and the \$25 award went to Phil for his cedar burl. Congratulations Phil!



### **Brad Whitman's Exotic Wood Update**

You may have received an unsolicited email recently from an exotic wood sales company. Club member Brad Whitman has been heavily involved in researching and writing on this topic, and we contacted him regarding this company. He has no personal experience with them, but made the following comments:

The "Conservation Corner" on my website [www.bradturnsgreen.com](http://www.bradturnsgreen.com) at least provides info on the species and links to other sites if a person wants to know more about the tree, location etc. The only woodturning stock suppliers whom I have had serious conversations with about conservation of the tropical forest in response to my articles are both AAW members: Mitch Talcove ([anexotichardwood@abac.com](mailto:anexotichardwood@abac.com)) and James Griffin ([exoticwoodsman@msn.com](mailto:exoticwoodsman@msn.com)).

Brad is in touch with the US Dept. of Agriculture (DOA) project manager for the new Lacey Act amendments (discussed on his website), and is also talking with an NGO that is monitoring the Lacey implementation (its acronym = EIA), and with the Forest Stewardship Council and WWF. The DOA division involved is called APHIS, and you can see about Lacey on their rather good website. Stay tuned for future progress reports from Brad on this important topic.