



## Monthly Newsletter June 10, 2008

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### June Meeting

The June 10 meeting was attended by 25 members, including new members Ed Reiss, Holmes Hay, a furniture builder since 1947 from Columbus, NJ, and Don Jones. Welcome guys!



President Phil notified us he is running for the Board of AAW, and asks for our votes. Several events are coming up in July. Check the **Upcoming Events** section below for

more details. Remember, no formal club meetings in July or August ! Phil has rescheduled the club challenge, a turned and carved piece, until the September meeting. Also bring in your HOW workshop finished pieces for the Sept. meeting and compete for the \$25 prize. **And for the September meeting, remember to bring in any items you want to donate to the church silent auction for their Octoberfest event.**

The *featured turner* this month was Peter Oliver, from New Zealand. Peter passed around a photo album showing the variety of objects he has been making over the years, and what remarkable works they are!



Creative, artistic, fanciful, you name it and he has made one, including several stylish boats and kayaks.



His demonstration focused on making a “winged” shape (think of a manta ray swimming thru the water). It’s kind of hard to explain, but basically he accomplishes

these by turning away material from both sides of a shallow circular blank, then cutting out two pieces from it on a band saw, reversing the pieces, and rejoining them together along what was their original outside edge. The variety of forms is only limited by your imagination and skill in determining what to turn away, how deep and steep the cuts are, and where to make the separations with the band saw. A fair amount of hand work is then required to sand and render the joint as invisible as possible.



A second demo showed us how Peter can hollow out the inside of a form without any apparent opening for the tool to enter. This is basically a process of carefully removing a “plug”, doing the hollowing cuts, and then replacing the plug with precise grain alignment so it blends back in and is virtually impossible to find.

We also had an interesting **Show and Tell** session. Many members participated, including Anthony, Phil, Robert, Mike, Steve, George, Andy and Ray; some photos of their efforts are shown here, with more on the web site. Your editor’s favorite was Ed’s dyed poplar piece, carved and textured, finished with Hydrocoat water based lacquer and black enamel (sources are [www.wdlockwood.com](http://www.wdlockwood.com) and [www.hood.com](http://www.hood.com)) .





(Check out more photos on our web site.)

The 50/50 winner was Robert Jay, who collected \$24. Congratulations, Robert.

### Upcoming Events

June 20, 2008 – annual AAW meeting in Richmond, VA.

June 24- Open House at Phil Hauser's shop

July 12 – ITE Open Shop at University of the Arts, featuring among others, Peter Oliver and Martina the Puppeteer.

July 18-19 Bill Grumbine's "5 Barns" event near Allentown.

August 16 – picnic at George Morris's home in Upper Darby



**Treasurer's Report** - Balance of \$1245.75 reported by Herb Kurtz.



## **Library Report – Robert**

Jay mentioned several new videos added to our growing collection.

**Help Wanted section-** We are looking for members who will volunteer to coordinate group purchases of various supplies for the club. Items that have been suggested include sandpaper, glue, Anchor Seal, finish and waxing products, etc. The responsibilities of this position would include: 1) identifying materials that make sense to acquire by group purchases; 2) making announcements at club meetings or in the newsletter to give members every opportunity to see the offer for upcoming purchases; 3) maintaining a list of members interested in a particular group purchase; 4) collecting checks from interested members in advance of making the purchase, to ensure the funds are available; 5) placing the orders and paying for them using the collected funds; 6) taking delivery of the purchased materials and distributing them at the club meetings. If you would like to consider helping with this please contact one of the club executives.