



## Monthly Newsletter August 14, 2007

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### August Meeting

The August meeting was hosted by Andy (and his gracious wife Pat) DiPietro at their home / basement workshop in Burlington City. It was attended by approximately 15



members and 3 guests from the Cape May turners club. Andy did a wonderful job of explaining what motivated him to become a wood turner, and the thought process he went through in designing and equipping his basement shop. We were all jealous of the amazing organization he put into the layout of the various power tools, not to mention the high quality dust suppression system and

cabinets he constructed from recycled industrial material. Andy described the renovation work necessary to make the basement accessible as a shop, and proudly showed off the marvelous entertainment center and turnings he displays in his living room.

The meeting included our usual 50/50 ticket purchase, and door prizes were awarded of some nice pieces of wood donated by Andy and John Coles. A special treat was a cheese cake to celebrate Mike Zickler's birthday (same age as Jack Benny !)



### Summer Picnic

Our President, Phil Hauser and his wife Monika hosted the club's summer picnic at their home in Hainesport on Sunday afternoon, August 12. There was a good turnout of club members and several spouses in attendance. The weather was wonderful, and the food, drinks and collegial





atmosphere were enjoyed by all. Phil and Steve Leichner both showed off copies of the recent Courier Post articles that featured their and Andy's turning work. In case you didn't see it, here's the link:

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070807/LIVING/708070308>



### **Nakashima tour**

Many thanks to George Morris for setting up this wonderful tour on the morning of July 28. We had about 15 participants, including 9 members, along with several spouses and friends for this delightful event. To all our surprise, the tour was actually led by Mira and her brother Kevin, the daughter and son of the famous founder, George Nakashima. We were all impressed by Mira's charming personality and graciousness. She described her father's life history and the evolution of his philosophical approach to wood and furniture building in a loving and inspirational manner. We asked a lot of questions that indicated we were (reasonably) knowledgeable and interested in the details of the business, and as a result

got to see some of the buildings that are generally not included in these tours. As a way of expressing our appreciation for the tour, all the participants made a contribution to the Nakashima Foundation for Peace.

(more photo's can be found at the club's website.)



### **Upcoming Events**

Sept. 11- next regular club meeting in Haddonfield. Club challenge (dyed wood) due. Demo by Bill Grumbine.

**Treasurer's Report** - none this issue

**Library Report** – ditto

**Club Challenge-** Due for the September 11 meeting, a dyed wood piece as proposed by Steve Leichner.

**Show and Tell-** At the August meeting at Andy DiPietro's home, many nice pieces by Andy in various shapes, woods and stages of finishing; several hollow bowls by Robert Jay; several segmented pieces by Nelson Brown (it was great to see you back at the meeting after your surgery Nelson!); an interesting and complicated laminated "scale of justice" by Anthony Christaldi.



**Demonstration** – Don't forget, Bill Grumbine will be demonstrating at the Sept. 11 meeting. Bill has a website you can visit to get a preview of what to expect. Check it out at [www.wonderfulwood.com](http://www.wonderfulwood.com).