

# WNY WOODTURNERS II

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Meetings 7:30 PM; Second Thursday  
Hamburg Middle School  
360 Division Street  
Hamburg, New York

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The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, **August 14, 2003**, at **7:00** pm.

***The meeting will be at Jed's Place!!!***

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## **Announcements:**

On **August 2&3**, at **Barb's Barn**, **Kurt Hertzog** will present a free program on sharpening and use of the skew.

Folks,

Space is limited. The sessions are open to Turners 1 and Turners 2 on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Barb Berger to set aside your space. There is no charge for either workshop, but as is the accepted practice a donation of \$5 per student per session to Barb's will be required. These donations help defray the expenses of the Barn. Bring your own lunch. As we'll break each day around noon (per the Hilburger Rule) for lunch.

## **Saturday, August 2nd - 9am to 3:30pm - Sharpening and Cutting Fundamentals**

You'll need to bring your entire collection of tools, your grinder, and your mini-lathe. We'll cover grinding wheel selection, grinding wheel handling/balancing/truing/dressing, tool angles, shaping, sharpening, jigs and fixtures, tool steels, and more. The majority of the day will be understanding sharpening and getting all of your tools into proper shape.

Shaped at the proper angles and sharp, with you having done it! The rest of the day will reviewing and practicing (doing projects) the proper cutting techniques when your tools are ground to the proper geometry and sharp. How to avoid catches by understanding the cutting process and the various ways of using your tools.

Who should come... If you have a hard time getting your tools sharpened properly, if you have a tools that you continually get catches with, if you

want to break the bad habits you've picked up, if you are a new comer and need the fundamentals, if you want to refine you current techniques, or if you just want to pick up some tips.

### **Sunday, August 3rd - 9am to 3:30pm - Mastering the Skew Chisel**

You'll need to bring your skew chisel(s) ready for action and your mini-lathe. If you don't have your skew(s) ready for use, see the session above. We'll spend the entire day working with the skew. You'll learn how it should be shaped, how it should be sharpened, how it can be used, what to watch out for, and more. Bring your flat skews, oval skews, round skews, big skews, small skews, and anything that can be construed as a skew. If they need to be put into shape and you can't attend the session above, bring your grinder as well and you'll learn to shape/sharpen them. Part of the day will be lecture and demonstration and the bulk of the day will be practice projects to get you plenty of skew time. You learn how to use each of the different styles of skews and how to do it as "catch free" as possible.

Who should come... If you are terrified of the skew, if you get too many catches with it, if you don't know how to use one, if you want to come and learn more about it, or if you want to pick up some tips.

Thanks,  
Kurt

The **August 14**, meeting will be at **Jed Donahue's**

Need directions?  
Call or e-mail, Jed or Jake

**Jed** has extended an invitation to all members to come early, 6:ish would be nice, and socialize a bit prior to the meeting.

The demo will start at 7:00 pm., followed by the meeting (summertime brief) and show and tell. After the meeting we will have several mini-lathes set up for anyone wishing to experiment or request advice on turning techniques. Looks to be a really enjoyable evening with plenty going on.

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Last night's rain didn't dampen the spirits of the small but congenial group who watched as **Harry Hunt** described and demoed some of the techniques he uses to make various three legged stools. Thanks to Harry and especially **Barb** for the evening.

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