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## Highlights from our February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 Meeting

By Helen Hoefele

**Meeting Commenced** with our President, John Truskowski opening the meeting and introducing guests.

**Membership Dues** – John Liska is now collecting 2008 membership dues.

**Newsletter** – A motion was made to eliminate Meeting Minutes and incorporate this Newsletter in its place. This Newsletter will be distributed by email with additional copies made available at the meeting for members who do not have email.

**Election of Officers for 2008** took place with a call from the floor for nominations. Motion was made to accept presented officers.

The slate of officers for 2008 will be as follows:

- John Truskowski for President;
- John Graham for Vice President;
- Helen Hoefele as Recording Secretary;
- John Liska to collect dues for 2008; and
- Larry Fenlon as Treasurer.

**The Wood Working Show** took place on February 15–17<sup>th</sup> at the Garden State Exhibit Center, with our group manning a booth. Thanks to all that contributed and participated!

**Coffee** – Our next meeting (March 1<sup>st</sup>) will be on the Lower Level, and coffee is allowed in that meeting room.

**Show & Tell** – Seven members brought in projects which they had completed since the last meeting. See page 4 for photos and details.

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### Upcoming Event Participation to be Discussed:

- **June – Silent Auction:** Do we want to have a silent auction where members can bring in old tools, with 10% of the proceeds going to the club?
- **August – Jamesburg Fair:** As suggested by Gene T., do we want to participate in the upcoming Jamesburg Fair?
- **September – Library Display:** Do we want to participate in our library’s wood–working project exhibit?

A **Cool Tool**, the Veneer Punch, was presented by John Truskowski.

**Demonstration** – Larry Fenlon demonstrated Marquetry Knife Cutting. See photos on page 2.

**Next Meeting** will be on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Upcoming Meetings are on:

March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, & June 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Knife-cutting Demonstration at Our February Meeting

By Helen Hoefele

At our February 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, a demonstration of the Marquetry knife-cutting technique was given by Larry Fenlon.

The outdoor scene that Larry began this demonstration with is the same one that he continued to work on at our booth at “The Wood Working Show” a few weeks later.

What is great about watching a demonstration, whether you are an expert or a beginner, you can always learn something new. I enjoy observing what materials the demonstrators bring with them. You can always pick up some new tips or tricks about a variety of things such as: tools and blades used; which veneers are preferred and how they are selected; how patterns are modified;

cutting techniques; knife sharpness and sharpening methods; etc. And, you can also get a sense of how workspaces can be set up, such as lighting and eyewear used and how tools are stored and kept handy. Remember that there is no right or wrong way. Do what works for you. Enjoy your craft! □



## From Our Attendance at “The Wood Working Shows”

By Helen Hoefele

This month, February 15<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>, at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, NJ, our GS Marquetry Society Plus club participated in “The Woodworking Shows” which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary season this year. This show is a great way to meet experts in the field, watch how-to demonstrations on many woodworking related activities, find tools, books, hard to find materials, and save on tools and supplies.

Our booth was manned by a steady group of members. People that stopped by could watch demonstrations at the booth, and could ask questions, pick up meeting and membership information, and meet some of our members.

Our club was one of five other woodworking clubs and guilds in our area in attendance at this event, the others were: Central Jersey Woodworkers Association ([www.cjwa.org](http://www.cjwa.org)); Atlantic Shore Wood Turners (of Monmouth and Ocean counties) ([www.atlanticshorewoodturners.com](http://www.atlanticshorewoodturners.com)); New Jersey Woodturners ([www.njwoodturners.com](http://www.njwoodturners.com)); and

Hudson Valley Wood Turners. Some of our members are also members of these and other clubs as well. Remember that the learnings from one skill, technique, and hobby can often be transferred and applied to others, hence the “Plus” at the end of our group’s name. ☺

Members brought in past projects to display.

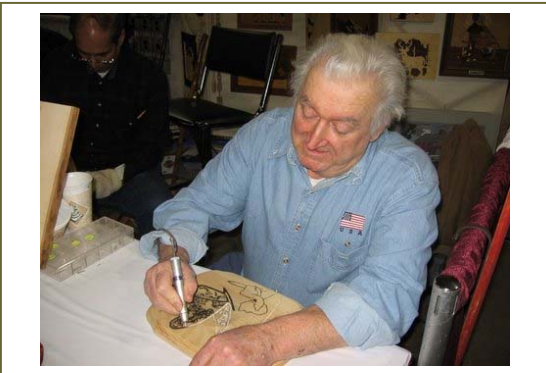


And, our members demonstrated various woodworking styles and techniques at our booth during the show, including: scroll saw work, wood-burning, carving, and Marquetry inlay. See a few pictures on the next page. □

## Member Demos at “The Wood Working Shows”



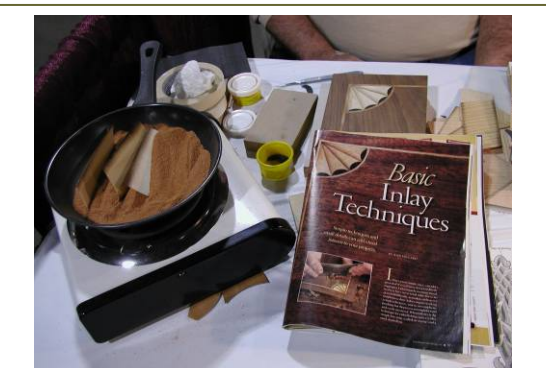
John Truskowski working with a scroll saw machine.



Gene Tonkery demonstrates wood-burning.



John Graham works on a Marquetry inlay project.



The tools, materials, and final project based on an article on "Basic Inlay Techniques" from a woodworking magazine. □

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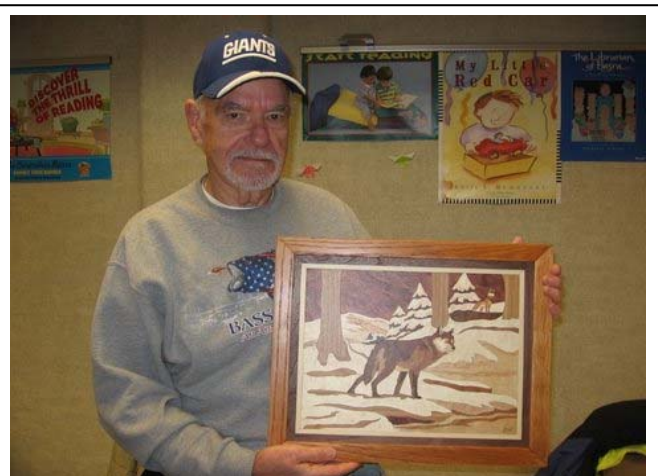


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<http://www.americanmarquetrysociety.com>

*AMS Annual Membership (\$20) includes:*

- The quarterly newsletter
- Free technical advice and suggestions from recognized Marquetry experts
- Access to the complete Pattern Library
- The opportunity to exhibit your art at regional and national shows
- A membership roster
- Knowledge of the latest techniques and developments in Marquetry
- New friendships and informational exchanges with other Marquetarians
- Discounts on Marquetry supplies from certain vendors

## “Show & Tell” Projects from Our February 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting



Larry Fenlon made this knife-cut Marquetry wolf scene.

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*Jack Martino made an Intarsia basketball player.*



*Walter England brought in three items that he made: an Intarsia beagle; a scroll saw framed dog; and a candle holder.*



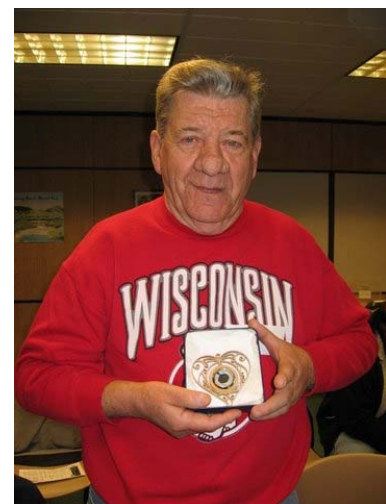
*Our newest member, Willard Morris, made this hardwood construction dozer toy.*



*Stan Lefkow made this woodturning piece.*



*John Goetz made this Marquetry landscape scene.*



*Bob Lewis made this 3D art scroll saw project.*

Join us at our upcoming meetings on: March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, & June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Location: The Monmouth County Library on: 125 Symmes Rd, in Manalapan, NJ  
You can find Directions online at: [http://gsmsplus.com/meeting\\_info.php](http://gsmsplus.com/meeting_info.php)