



 **Mortise & Tenon**   
NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH JERSEY WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

May 2017

Visitor intro: We had 38 people in attendance.

#### Announcements:

Schedule for the summers skills sessions has been emailed, sign up quickly, space is limited.

There are a still a few club t-shirts available, see Jock if interested.

#### Main Presentations:

Alan Ganek attended the Fine Woodworking Live Event in Massachusetts this April. He shared with us his experience, detailing the organization of the events as well the various speakers and breakout sessions he was able to attend.

Wilbur Pan was kind enough to return again with another presentation. He spoke about Chinese joinery and furniture construction. Wilbur started his presentation with a brief outline of Chinese civilization and what types of discoveries/innovations were taking place through the centuries. He discussed the different styles and construction techniques as well as the changes that took place through the different Dynasties. Pieces got darker in tone and became much more ornate as time progressed.

He shared his difficulty finding information about woodworking's history in China. It seems that the woodworker was not held very high in society and that most of the furniture was viewed as functional, not cherished and cared for. You can follow Wilbur's info and posts on his website <http://giantcypress.net/>.

Next Meeting: June 19th.

NOTE: June's meeting will be held at Saco Brinbaum Fine Woodworking, 71 Glenwood Place, East Orange NJ. Danny will be giving a presentation on Veneer work.