



Randy S. Wilkinson at the microscope



Wood Identification Class at the Mystic Seaport

What wood is it and why? Seeing and understanding wood in a whole new way.

October 26-27, 2019 (Saturday 9.00am-4.00pm, Sunday 11:00 – 4:00)

MYSTIC, CONN – Did you ever look at a piece of wood and wonder what wood it is? And why it looks the way it does? Were you ever confused about which wood it is: mahogany, walnut, cherry, or poplar?

This two-day hands-on workshop, taught by Randy S. Wilkinson of Fallon & Wilkinson, LLC at the dynamic Mystic Seaport, will answer all these questions and more. It is designed specifically for curators, collectors, antique dealers, appraisers, and woodworkers. The goal of this workshop is to familiarize students with the physical properties of wood and enable them to recognize species-specific cell structures.

On **Saturday**, basic wood anatomy will be introduced, including grain, figure, fundamental differences between softwoods and hardwoods, and more. The student will learn to identify 19 common woods that are used in American decorative arts using a 10x loupe.

On **Sunday**, we will be using the collection of the Mystic Seaport Museum to identifying wood once it is made into an object. Students will get the rare opportunity to see some of the great treasures the **Mystic Seaport** has to offer while learning to identify wood on site.

Fallon & Wilkinson, LLC is a furniture conservation firm founded in 2000 by principal conservators, Tad D. Fallon and Randy S. Wilkinson. Both were trained at the Smithsonian Institution's prestigious Furniture Conservation Training Program and completed conservation fellowships at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Preservation Society of Newport County, and the **Mystic Seaport Museum**, respectively.

No experience is necessary. Class fee of \$395.00 includes a hardwood sample kit, 10x loupe, book (*Identifying Wood*) and Saturday lunch. A 10% discount is offered to students, senior citizens, IWCS members, and prior Fallon & Wilkinson students. Class size is limited to 15 students. **This class will fill quickly, so sign up soon.**

The class will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 9.00am-4.00pm and Sunday, October 27th from 11.00am-4.00pm at the **Mystic Seaport Museum**.
For information and registration go to our website www.fallonwilkinson.com/classes, email us at info@fallonwilkinson.com, or call 860-822 6790.