

Welcome to the NSSG

If you're thinking of a career in shear sharpening and you want your own business, TAKE THE FIRST STEP! This seminar is for you. The NSSG Seminar will help you become familiar with the business; learn about your customers and how much skill it takes to be a fabulous sharpener. You will observe the sharpening process; learn the anatomy of shears and the various metals used. You will experience the tools of the trade and most important, meet your colleagues and make very important contacts that will help guide you through this profession. For those of you who need to learn how to sharpen or buy a machine, we can help you find what you need.

For the experienced sharpeners out there...Get a leg up on your competition! Learn new techniques and tips to add to your existing skills! GET ENERGIZED by successful people in the industry!!

Tools you will need for the NSSG Educational Seminar:

- A Bending Block
- Something to hold the block in place such as a vise
- A Shear Check Plate
- A Straight Blade Screwdriver, Pliers

Back to Basics with *Sidney Rubinstein* - If you have two years or less experience, or often while sharpening have the same problems, such as tips not cutting, this is the class for you. Sidney will start off with a short discussion on sharpening objectives and the use of equipment. Next, he will spend the majority of the class one-on-one teaching all students individually how to create a proper hone line, set, and edge. Finally, he will show some techniques he's learned to solve problems while answering any final questions you may have.

Sharpen by Hand with *Jason Pintel* - This class will be one you will not want to miss as Jason will go through the demonstration of honing, setting and edging all by hand! That's right, No Machine!! If that alone isn't enough he will also introduce new and upcoming products that are hitting the sharpening market!

Metallurgy with *Uwe Eickert* - CAN'T MISS EDUCATION....In this highly informative class, instructed by one of the most knowledgeable scissor masters, you will learn the A-Z of metal! After completing this class, your knowledge and skills will greatly improve by understanding the materials you handle daily and learning the best ways to manipulate each. Uwe will also, in conjunction with metallurgy, be covering honing, setting and edging as it relates to different metals seen in scissor production.

Hands - On with *Nickj Cutter* - This thrilling class explores honing, setting and edging from a different perspective. Nicki will demonstrate all of those skills on several different machines while you participate in a hands on environment.

Salon Prep with *Nick & Ramona Cutter* - **Get Salon Ready!** Nick will go over highly effective stylist terminology and salon etiquette. Communicating to a stylist and having the ability to talk to them in a way that they can easily relate to is invaluable! Watch Ramona demonstrate actual cutting techniques that you will hear about in the salon. This will allow you to sell the proper tools to the right stylist.

Sales and Marketing - (\$Ka-Ching\$)

This years sales and marketing is more than just the typical sales techniques used in the industry! Learn how to set yourself apart to give your business that extra something that will have everyone calling YOU for all their scissor needs!

Classes and Instructors are subject to change at the organizations discretion without notice

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Certification: Become a NSSG Certified Sharpener. Obtain an "Official Sealed Certificate". Increase your professionalism and credibility in the field. You take the time every year to educate and fine tune your skills, GET CERTIFIED!

Tools you will need for the NSSG Certification Procedure:

All of the equipment, and everything else you would normally use to repair and sharpen a Japanese style convex beauty shear and a German style bevel edge shear with corrugation, including parts that may be missing. *You should also include an extension cord of 20 feet in length.*

Procedure for the Certification:

** #1. In the seminar room with other sharpeners.

There will be no spectators and no exchange of information during the certification process.

When you are finished Do Not pack up or move your equipment, there will be a time for that after everyone is finished. A Certification mediator will be in the room at all times during the certification testing.

All cell phones will be turned off.

** #2. In your mobile unit

All mobile units will be required to assemble in one location.

No spectators will be allowed in your mobile unit during certification testing.

A certification mediator will be at the mobile unit assembly to make sure no one is disturbed.

All cell phones will be turned off.

This is a timed event with deductions for every minute past the designated time.

Our Mission:

*Establish the highest standards of hair shear sharpening excellence

*Offer the highest form of education to sharpeners, by the Top Master Sharpeners in the industry

*Provide stylists with a reliable source of qualified professional sharpeners.

The NSSG sets the standard, educates and qualifies shear sharpeners to be knowledgeable and skilled in their profession. Attendees are trained by industry professionals to restore worn and damaged shears to their near original brilliance. Individuals can choose to pass a rigorous test to earn the title of certified or master sharpener. Cosmetologists can rest assure that they are dealing with a professional that knows the specialized techniques required for TODAY'S high tech cutting tools.

NSSG meets once a year for hands on education, demonstrations on equipment, scissors and also culminates in a sharpening certification.

The NSSG is hosted by the J.A. Fleuridas Corporation. J.A. Fleuridas is a company that has been in business for over 25 years. It was originated by Master Shear Sharpener, Jack Fleuridas.