



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning



March 2010

Next Meeting

Tuesday March 23rd

6:30PM
Mini Clinic

Ken Rowe
Bow Knife

7PM meeting demo
Pepper Mills

*** Wood Tag Sale***
Mike South is having a sale during this month's meeting
Bring cash or checks

Willimantic shops of
Turning 70 & Bolton
Woodturning

April 27th
Parkerville Woods
Manchester, CT

Chemical Treatment of
Wood

Upcoming Events

Totally Turning 3/27-28
Saratoga Springs, NY
www.totallyturning.com

AAW
National Symposium
June 18-20, 2010
Hartford, CT
www.woodturner.org

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President's Note:

Congratulations to Mike Orenstein. He applied for an Education Opportunity Grant (EOG). The American Association of Woodturners offers such grants to encourage and develop the craft of woodturning. Mike has worked closely with Tech Ed. Dept. at E.O. Smith High School to develop a woodturning program. Currently, the woodturning skills are taught and practiced during the school day. There are

plans to extend the woodturning group to an after-school program.

Congratulations and thanks for the good work, Mike .

On Sunday, February 28th a group of CCW members and interested individuals took part in a very exciting afternoon of woodturning at Jim Kepthart's shop in Manchester. Thanks Jim for offering your shop and the incredible



sharpening demo.

The plan, at this point, is to try this afternoon of turning again on March 28th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. I am looking forward to a great afternoon.

~~Corey Anderson



Meet Ken Rowe

This month's mini clinic (making of a bow knife or bread knife) and the night's demo (pepper mills) will be presented by Ken Rowe. Ken was born and raised in Maine and still has the accent to prove it. He worked with wood as a hobby for over 50 years. For ten of those years he did whole

house restorations. Around 1992 he converted to making household objects from domestic and exotic woods. He has made shop furniture, house furniture, display tables, cabinets, tool chests, scroll saw puzzles, elegant wood boxes from a combination of domestic and exotic woods and turned bowls and



vases. He teaches woodworking skills in his shop that he calls "The Krowe's Nest".

Visit Ken's site: www.kenswoodgifts.com
Ken also has a great monthly newsletter on may wood working topics.

Wood for Sale

I recently answered a Craigslist ad for Ash lumber for sale and met a great guy named Jim Rigney of Preston, CT. Jim is a retired Vet who has a little business restoring wooden boats. He

recently bought a container of miscellaneous hardwoods which he is selling at very reasonable prices (like \$3 a bdft). And he negotiates. After I got a little tour of his 300 year old farm with sheds full of boats and lumber and a shop, I picked thru the lum-

ber and filled up my car with ten quarter ash, six quarter cypress, iroko, ekki mahogany for sale. Give him a call at (860) 961-6176 and make an appointment to see him. Preston is just south of Norwich.

~~Albert D'Antonio

Totally Turning 2010

The Adirondack Woodturners Association is proud to bring you the seventh Totally Turning Symposium. Totally Turning 2010 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, 2010 in Saratoga Springs, New York. On March 27 and 28, 2010, the Adirondack Woodturners Association will present Totally Turning 2010 in the same location as SHOWCASE. Every Totally Turning registrant will have full access to BOTH the woodturning rotations of Totally Turning 2010 and to all of SHOWCASE 2010.

www.totallyturning.com



“Member at Large”

An announcement was made at the last meeting that John Lorch has been appointed as a "Member at Large" to serve as an additional contact point for the members to communicate with the officers. John has been involved in woodturning for many years. John is an instructor at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking. John has also lent his time and efforts to the Freedom Schooner Amistad.

John can be reached via email at: jlorch@aol.com

Say “Hello” to the new CCW Members

Charles Wilson

Newington, CT

Buster Shaw

Bethel, CT

AAW News

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2010 AAW Symposium here in Hartford! All volunteers must have paid their registration in order to attend the symposium demonstration rotations. Some committees may be staffed by non-registered guests and may attend all events that are open to the general public. For those committees, spouses and other guests

are encouraged to volunteer. These committees include Spouse Craft room, packet stuffing, registration desk, AAW product sales, Instant Gallery and other committees. Please see either Rick Meier or Lynda Zibbideo for more information.

AAW symposium registration costs: now til 5/15-\$250, after 5/16-\$290, and at the door \$330.

New to this year, the Instant Gallery will also have a section for Non-Turned Art. If you are coming to the symposium now both you or your spouse can show off your talent!

~~Lynda Zibbideo



CCW Open Shop

This year, like most years, CCW will have no August meeting. What's new this year is something we would like to try, and that is to encourage several of you to host an Open Shop event at your shop on a date of your choosing sometime between the July and September meetings. Your event could be on a weekend or during the week, whatever suits your schedule.

You as host, know how many people you can accommodate in your shop can set that limit on atten-

dance. You as host can set an agenda if you wish, perhaps you would like to host a hands on segmented turning event where folks would get a chance to cut segments and glue up rings or maybe an embellishment event where folks would bring turnings and they could experiment with embellishment techniques, or maybe just have some of the other members over and make some chips together.

If you have an idea for an agenda that can be accomplished in only an

hour or two, maybe you would want to consider multiple sessions during the day if lots of folks seem interested, once again you as the host are in charge. If you want to have an all day event, perhaps folks can chip in for pizza and take a break to just socialize during the meal.

Anyone interested should give me a call or send me an e-mail and we can discuss any concerns you have and hopefully get an announcement in the newsletter.

~~Eric Holmquist

Wood of the Month

European Ash *Fraxinus excelsior* (Oleaceae)



Grows: Europe, North Africa & western Asia.

Health risks: Decrease in lung function, rhinitis and asthma

Description: The sapwood & heartwood are not clearly defined. The color is generally cream to tan to dark brown. The wood is tough, heavy and straight grained.

Properties: Ash is excellent for steam bending, but the curving grain can catch, splinter or tear. Works well with both hand and machine tools with a moderate blunting. Pre-drilling is necessary

Typical Uses: Used for sports equipment such as bats, racquets, polo mallets, cricket stumps and oars. Also used for cabinetmaking, turnery, tool handles, paneling and decorative veneers. It was tradition-



ally used for coachbuilding and wheelwrighting.

Mini Monthly Club Challenge

At the January meeting it was announced the formation of monthly mini club challenge. Which unlike our traditional large chapter challenges, these challenges will not be judged and have no prizes. Their intent by having smaller, short timeframes will have you focusing on a variety of skills through the year in order to expand the skills of the membership and stimulate broader participation in the monthly Show and Yell..

See the results!!!

For the March challenge: Weed pots!



Photos by
Larry Graves Douville

Final thoughts.....

Remember if you are working on the club collaborative, please bring your finished piece(s) to the May meeting (5/25 at CVS) for a final assembly. IF you unable to finish or work on the item that you signed up to do, please contact Larry Graves-Douville as soon as possible, so that we can continue on with the collaborative.

Looking for your articles of interest for the newsletter. Have you tried a new tool, finish, found a website, visited a gallery, attended a seminar. Write an article, send a picture and get instant fame in our newsletter! If you do not have a computer...no problem. Write it up and I will type it in. Articles need to be to me within 10 days after the meeting to make it to the next newsletter.

~~Lynda Zibbideo



Dues are due!

See Al Moltz

Club Dues are \$35 for the year.



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The Central Connecticut Woodturners (CCW) was founded in 1994 to support the needs of woodturners in the central Connecticut area. Its purpose is to promote a higher standard of excellence in woodturning by providing an ever expanding source of information and resources to its membership. Memberships are calendar basis from January 1 through December 31. Annual dues are \$35 or \$20 for six months or less.

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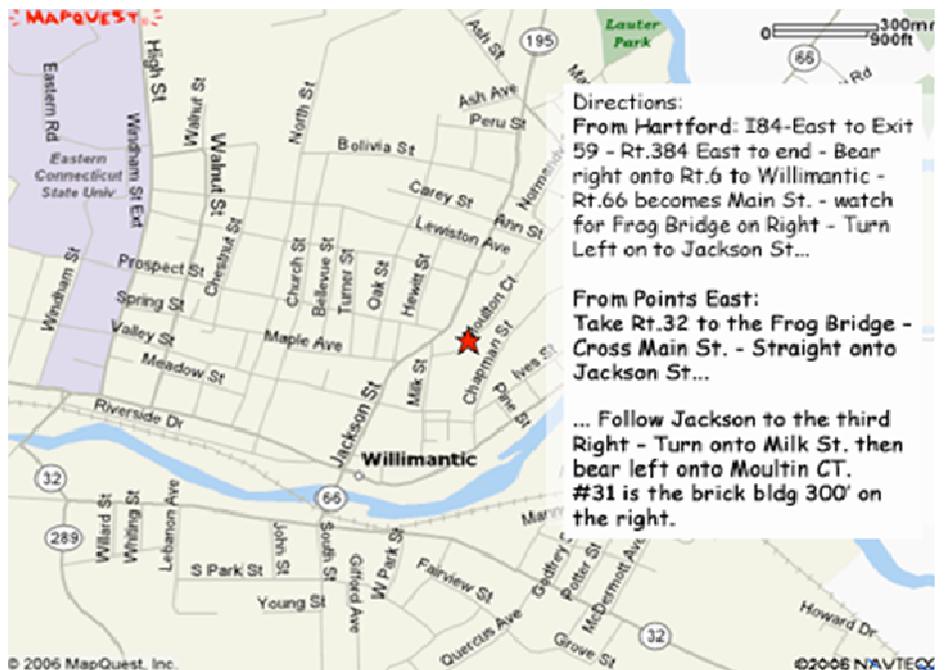
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From Hartford: I84-East to Exit 59 - Rt.384 East to end - Bear right onto Rt.6 to Willimantic - Rt.66 becomes Main St. - watch for Frog Bridge on Right - Turn Left on to Jackson St...

From Points East:
Take Rt.32 to the Frog Bridge - Cross Main St. - Straight onto Jackson St...

... Follow Jackson to the third Right - Turn onto Milk St. then bear left onto Moulton CT. #31 is the brick bldg 300' on the right.

Central Connecticut Woodturners - Membership Information

New: Renew:

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