



# Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

September 2010



## Next Meeting

Tuesday September 28th

5:30PM

CT Valley School of Woodworking

Pizza, club challenge, spouse show & yell, raffles & more!

No demo but lots of fun events

## Upcoming Events

Oct 19th Sorby Demo

Nov. 6th Turn for the Troops

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Deadline for the next issue is Oct 10th.

## President's Note:

WOW !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What a great time members of the Central Connecticut Woodturners had on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking Open House. Thanks to Jim, Alan, Chris, Eric, Lynda, Clete, Jerry, Tom, Ken R. and especially Bob Van Dyke, who is the director of the School. I had a great time seeing old friends and making new

friends.

One of the groups at the open house was the Mystic Wood Carvers. They need the help of the CCW. They are involved in a project called the Eagle Cane Project. They carve and personalize the cane shaft of a specific injured American soldier. They need the help of the CCW to turn the shafts. The Mystic Wood Carvers will be attending



our next meeting to

show examples of their work. They will also have spec. sheets for the cane shafts. Let's see if we can't step up and lend a hand, an American soldier will thank you of your help and generosity.

~~Corey Anderson

## Annual CCW Club Challenge

This year's club challenge will be held at the September meeting. This year's theme is a turned item PLUS A NON-WOOD ELEMENT. This means you can incorporate plastics, metals, minerals, glass, fibers, etc. Let your imagination go wild!!! Prizes will be given out for most artistic, technical and functional. There will also be a grand prize for best in show. Please note that the September meeting will feature a pizza party starting at 5:30PM (\$5 to cover cost of pizza & such). We will also be having a spouse's craft show & yell. Where there is a creative woodturner...there is usually a creative spouse. Time for them to get some recognition too! Remember

the Kip Christiansen demo??? Kip left his demo pieces for us, so we will have a silent auction for them.

Wood swap of some gorgeous Norway Maple.

Plus other fun events.

So remember for September:

- Club challenge
- Pizza party
- Spouse Show & Yell
- Regular Show & Yell
- Silent Auction
- Raffles
- Wood Swap

Welcome new CCW Member!!!!

Glen Peterson  
Manchester, CT

Paul Maulucci  
Coventry, CT

# CCW Open Shop Days

Thanks to Al Czeliecz, Ken Rowe, Corey Anderson, Eric Holmquist and Rick Meier for opening their shops to the club members. All that participated had a great time. We learned new things like unusual ways to texture your wood creations, how many people can you get in a shop at one time, pepper mills, metal machining, airbrushing and pyrography. There was a lot of laughing, turning and a great time had by all that came.



*Photos by:  
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*Lynda Zibbideo*



# CT Valley School of Woodworking Open House Sept 11th



Eric Holmquist



CCW display of some great turnings.



Corey Anderson



Jim Kephart and Clete Boothby

Thanks to Corey Anderson, Clete Boothby, Eric Holmquist, Jim Kephart, Al Moltz, Ken Rowe, Tom Stevenson, Chris Zibbideo and Lynda Zibbideo. And all of the CCW members that came by to say hi.

## Thank you.....

This year's Open House was one of the best ever- and it was because of all of you who helped out with your time, expertise and enthusiasm. Thank you so much- The school has come an amazing distance in the last 10 years and it would not have happened without the help of all of you.

~~Bob Van Dyke

Director

Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking

## While on vacation.....

I was out for a walk with a friend and saw this large lathe that was sitting in someone's front yard in a nice neighborhood in Montreal. It has been sitting there for over a year. The bed was at least two car lengths long, and the tailstock probably weighs more than a Prius. The chuck was over 6 foot in diameter. I think I have discovered what it was used for. One of the pen makers, in his younger days, used a similar lathe to machine main propeller shafts for large ships. Given the close proximity of the Port of Montreal, this would make sense.

~~Eric Holmquist





## AAW News

The American Association of Woodturners will celebrate its 25-year anniversary in 2011 at the St. Paul symposium. One of the many special events there will be an exhibition, Turning 25 – A Celebration. Each chapter of the AAW is encouraged and welcome to enter this exhibit. The exhibit goal is to have every AAW chapter represented and for each chapter to enter a lathe-turned work that exemplifies and represents that chapter.

The chapter can choose its own process for selecting a piece for the show, whether it is collaborative effort, or a chapter juried selection from members' work. Entries for the show will be submitted online on the AAW website. Ground rules for each piece are:



- One piece per chapter
- Piece must fit in an 8" cube
- Weight limit is 3 pounds
- Entry fee is \$40
- Entry deadline is **February 28, 2011**
- All entered work must be for sale
- All pieces must remain with the exhibit for any traveled venues after the symposium
- Sales will be shared 70% with the chapter/or artist and 30% with the AAW
- Sold work will be shipped to the buyer at the end of all exhibits,

and unsold work will be returned to the chapter

The entry fee will help defray the expense of a special display setup, return shipping to the buyer or the chapter, plus a very nice exhibit catalog for each participating chapter that will have a picture and description of each exhibit piece. The exhibit will be displayed in a prominent area at the symposium and each participating chapter will be clearly recognized for their contribution.

At the last meeting it was decided that we would enter. A new club challenge will be announced & the winning piece will represent CCW at the 2011 AAW Symposium. So start thinking of something that represents CT & CCW!!!



**Grows:**  
Europe including

United Kingdom, Turkey and USA

**Health risks:** Dust can cause decrease in lung function

**Description:** The heartwood is creamy white but ages to a light tan. Usually straight grained that can have wavy or curly sections.

**Properties:** Tends not to chip or tear. Dull tools can burn the surface. Pre-boring is recommended for nailing. Sapwood is susceptible from the common furniture beetle. Stains, glues & can be polished to an excellent finish.

## Wood of the Month Norway Maple (*Aceraceae platamoides*)

**Typical Uses:** Turnery, furniture, flooring, kitchen utensils and decorative veneers.

**Add'l facts:** It can be treated with chemicals to produce a grey harewood which is used for decorative veneers and marquetry.

Norway maple is distinguished from other maples by the milky fluid that oozes from freshly broken leaf petioles (stems). The tree leafs out and produces seeds earlier than other maples. Norway maple have shallow root systems so it competes with other plants in the landscape, including grasses, and can cause damage

to pavement in urban settings.

Also used as one of the maple varieties that are used in the making of maple syrup.



## Final Thoughts.....

### Don't forget.....

If you have borrowed any items from the CCW library, please return them during the September meeting.

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Woodworking Woodturning Woodcarving

**Robert Sorby Tools** made in Sheffield, England, are well known for producing a wide selection of turning tools that are of high quality. The Manchester Woodcraft will be bringing in a Sorby representative for a demonstration of their tools on Tuesday October 19th. There will be 2 demos - one at 1PM and the other at 7PM. These demos are FREE, so come and join us at one of these sessions. Big thanks to Warren Blessing for arranging this event.

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**Turn for the Troops** - Saturday November 6th at the Manchester Woodcraft. For a fifth year, Woodcraft stores nationwide will conduct the Turn for TROOPS handmade pen turn-a-thon program during Veterans Day Weekend, Saturday November 8, 2008, with the goal of making and then sending thousands of handcrafted pens to American service personnel actively deployed overseas. Every year CCW turn out to help this event. Lathes will be set up, blanks will be prepared, tools & finishing products will be made available. Come turn a pen for the cause, learn to turn a pen or show someone how to turn a pen. Stay for 1 pen or the entire day, come support our troop.

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**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS , COUNCIL #6** is seeking Artist/ Craft persons for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ART/Craft Show to be held April 9, 2011. If you are interested in joining our juried show, all information and application forms can be obtained on our web site: "[www.cromwellkofc.com](http://www.cromwellkofc.com)."

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**Ravenswood Natural Health** 1606 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070 860-264-1587

Buy fine art right off our walls, sturdy, stylin' shopping bags, jewelry, and more. All made by talented local artisans and artists.

Ravenswood is looking for artisans/crafters for a juried show running every weekend from 10/16 through 12/19 on Route 10 in Simsbury. By having the show every weekend, we give the exhibitors the chance to pick the date or dates that work for them, and the public the chance to see new displays every week. Elizabeth Gardner wanted to make sure that local woodturners have the chance to exhibit and sell their work. She has full information packages available to email anyone interested.

If interested please call Elizabeth Gardner at 860-264-1587 ([ravenswoodnaturalhealth@gmail.com](mailto:ravenswoodnaturalhealth@gmail.com)) with any questions. Thanks!

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**FOR SALE:** Pratt & Whitney metal lathe. 36" between centers, 15" swing, 10" 4 jaw chuck. If interested please contact Howard Loos at 860-267-9134

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**LOOKING.....**for some words or pictures. Have you tried a new tool (good or bad), visit a museum, do you have a gallery event coming up. Send them to me to share with the club.

~~Lynda Zibbideo



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~ Legal Stuff ~

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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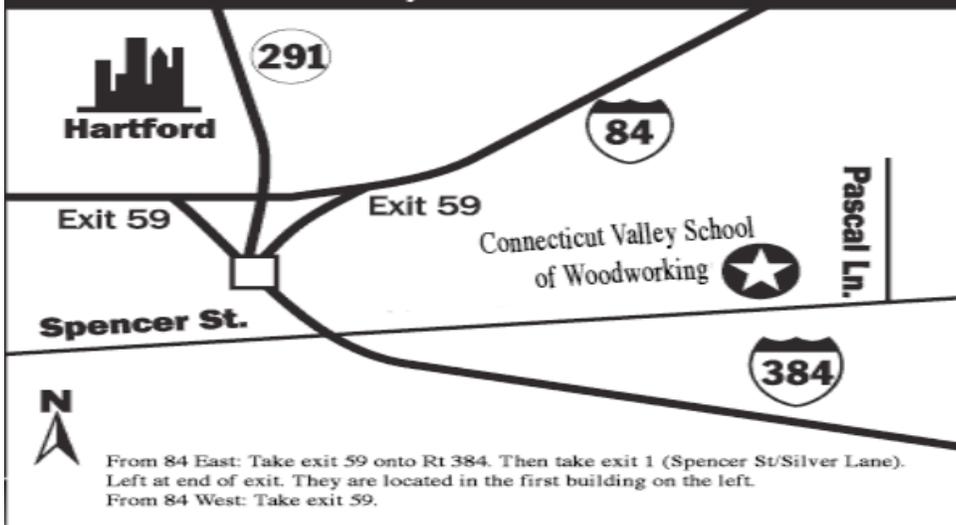
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