



## Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

*Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning*

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President note:

Mark your calendars for Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking's open house, Saturday September 13th from 9-3. They will be demonstrating woodworking, woodturning, blacksmithing, Sharpening, Kayak building and more all day

Many of you expressed interest in the Demonstrators Handouts book that was sold at AAW's 2008 Richmond Symposium. AAW advised me that the booklets are available through AAW for \$7.50 plus S/H.

I would like to thank Vivian & Ken Rowe for opening their home for our summer picnic. Although a bit warm, the food and lively conversations were great. There was a variety of mallets and balls for the CCW club challenge. Lots of prizes were awarded. Followed by an exciting game of croquet. The Rowes have offered their home to the club for the 2009 summer picnic.

*Since January CCW has lost a librarian, webmaster and now our newsletter editor. The club needs your help!*

Tuesday Night  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Meeting at  
Connecticut Valley  
School  
of  
woodworking  
  
7:00 pm

# WANTED A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

The position of the librarian is to make sure that all members have access to the books, videos and DVDs that the club has to offer. The 'library' does not leave CVSW, so you would not have to travel with it. The library needs to be available to the members before and after the meetings.

Newsletter Editor makes sure that all of our members stay informed about upcoming meetings and/or events. This person would be responsible for getting the newsletter out on time (email and snail mail), adding articles of interest submitted by club members and a good presentation.

The Web Master puts our face out there to the world. It can bring in, as well as send away a potential club member. The web master would be responsible for adding the newsletters to our home page, updating it with pictures submitted by members (member's pages) and event notices. This position can either be a club member with experience in webbing or we can obtain the services of a professional web master.

I would like to thank Dick Rybak for his time and effort as our newsletter editor.

We are also soliciting ideas for club challenges and meeting programs for 2009 - yes I know it is early.

Lynda

## Wood of the Month!

### English Yew

*Taxus baccata*

**Grows:** Europe, Algeria, Turkey, northern Iran, N. Africa, the Caucasus, the Himalayas and Burma.

**Health risks:** Headaches, nausea, fainting, intestinal irritation, visual disturbances, lung congestion and reduction in blood pressure. It is highly toxic to humans and cattle.

**Description:** There is a clear differentiation between the near white sapwood & the golden orange to brown heartwood that is often streaked with mauve and darker brown to dark purple patches. The grain varies greatly from straight to wavy to even interlocking. Yews can live for over 1000 years!

**Properties:** It is fairly difficult to work by hand. The straight grained areas plane well but the irregular grain sections are prone to tear out. Gluing can be tricky due to the oily nature of the wood. Pre-boring is recommended.

**Typical Uses:** At one time it was the preferred wood from which the English long bows were made. It can be used for musical instruments, cabinet making, the bent parts of Windsor chairs and decorative turnery. The magnificent burls make it highly sought-after in veneers and is highly prized by woodturners.

### Special Notice

September 27 and 28 - Al Stirt ([www.alstirt.com](http://www.alstirt.com)) will be demonstrating at Cape Cod Turners ([www.capecodturners.org](http://www.capecodturners.org)). His program is called "Enhancing Aesthetics of Work: From the log to finished turning". Demonstration will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday. It will be held at Wayne Shepard's home on 1558 Race Lane in Marstons Mills, MA. Cost for the 2 day event is \$60 or \$35 for one day. Lunch is included in the cost. Questions: Steve Patzman, 508 432-0665, [patzman-dis@comcast.net](mailto:patzman-dis@comcast.net) or James McCroskery, 508 430-4031, [jamjan17@comcast.net](mailto:jamjan17@comcast.net). Mail check to: Steve Patzman, 69 Doane Rd, Harwich Port, MA 02646-1



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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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