



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

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President note:

Planning. Whether you are planning a vacation or what to do with that new burl you just picked up, they all require planning. To keep a club fresh with ideas and new members coming in requires planning. The board is looking to you for help in planning the next 2-3 years worth of events. There are certain demos or presenters that the board would like to see/do....but the club is more than the board. We are reaching out to you for ideas. What would you like to learn more about and who would you like to see? Also, have you ever thought of sharing your knowledge with the club and do a demo for the members? CCW is made up of many very talented turners & I'm sure there are several among you that are capable of sharing your knowledge with us. Please share your ideas with us.

Mark your calendars for the Wood Show up at the Big E, January 9-11. We are looking for volunteers to man the booth & turn. The Saw Dust Café is an instant gallery where you can win prizes. www.woodworksevents.com, check out their site.

Finally, consider ideas for the 2010 AAW Club collaborative. On a personal note, for those of you familiar with the Yankee Magazine, CCW member Curtis Strong (and son, Steve) were interviewed regarding the brush cutting of witch hazel. Eastern Connecticut is the witch hazel capital of the world. For more information on witch hazel go to: www.witchhazel.com or www.whazel.com.

forever green~
Lynda

Central Connecticut Woodturners
Meeting minutes for October 28, 2008

The October meeting of the Central Connecticut Woodturners was held at the work shop of Jim Kephart. Thanks Jim. President Lynda Zibbideo called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Next Meeting:

November 25, 2008
At
Connecticut Valley School
of Woodworking
Subject is pens and
pens for troops

Upcoming Meetings:
Christmas party on
December 14, 2008
Directions in text

For Sale -
2002 Crown
Victoria
45,000miles,
20mpg,
like new!
Howard Loos
860-267-9134

President's Report: Lynda Zibbideo

- Lynda welcomed guests.
- Holiday Party is Sunday December 14th at Mike Orenstein's condo's club house and all those that come will be entered into a raffle for the 5lb box-o-sandpaper from Klingspor. Thanks again to Mike for arranging the use of the community room at his condo. Directions will be made available. A sign up sheet was put out so that we can get a tally of attendees for food.
- The Wood Show is Jan 9th -11th up at the Big E. We have a sign up sheet for volunteers/demonstrators. Looking for participants in the Saw Dust Café. This is an instant gallery where prizes are awarded.
- Lynda has revised the old "new member" welcome letter. New members will now have additional information about us!
- Hartville Tool catalogs are available. Remember 20% off our 1st year of membership!
- Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon is Saturday November 8th at Woodcraft in Manchester.
- 2010 AAW National Show and Convention will be held in Hartford. Is there any interest in a club collaborative entry into the instant gallery?

Vice President Report: Rick Meier

- Distributed a survey for members to indicate who and what you want to see for club demos and presentations for the next two years. (Secretary's note, it sometimes takes two years' notice to book a known wood turner for a demo).

Treasurer's Report: Alan Moltz

- This is the CCW Treasure's Report for September 23 to October 28th, 2008.

Beginning balance	\$ 732.77
Income:	
Dues	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income:	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter (Sept/Oct)	106.70
Bank fees (Sept/Oct)	13.00
Webmaster	250.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 369.70
Amount in Checking Acct as of 10/28/2008	\$ 363.07
Amount in Savings Acct as of 10/28/2008	\$1002.38
Membership stands at 77	

(Secretary's note - Membership voted to close the savings account and combine it with the checking account to save on fees, but the \$1000 remains in reserve for the next symposium.)

Secretary's Report: Chris Zibbideo

- No report.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Next meeting 11/25 at CVSW/Woodcraft, pen challenge. There will be a mini clinic w/Corey Anderson prior to the meeting.
- Member S. Pierce Browning has some yellow birch planks available. If interested please contact.
- Mike South has closed Bolton Woodturning. He will be holding a sale at the shop in Willimantic Dec. 6th from 9 am until he's tired. Call 860 465-7050 between 8 and 10 pm for details.
- Kenny Dubay has some walnut. He is looking for people to come on up to his place & pick the walnut up. Kenny is not looking for money for this, but is asking that anyone that takes a piece make a donation to the club....like our wood swaps.

• **Show & Yell:**

- Jim Kephart - Collection of ornaments, some turned by others, the rest by Jim. Many different styles, some pierced, some with long finials, some hand painted.
- Joe Doran - Spalted maple bowl; natural edge walnut bowl with spalted maple lid.
- Tom Stevenson - small lidded box w/inlaid mahogany detail, small Spanish Cedar bowl.
- Howard Loos - several ornaments, various sizes. Tree crotch bowls.
- Dave Scott - Several ornaments and a small bird house.
- Ken Langworthy - Turned red oak lamp w/ a turned pepridge shade and another pepridge bowl.
- Rick Meier - Three ornaments, one spalted beech, one myrtle, and one of mahogany, ebony and laminate.
- Bob Ginter - a sea urchin ornament.
- Mike Orenstein - a turned, painted soldier nutcracker .

• **Tonight's Demonstration:**

Demo on turning a birdhouse Christmas ornament by Rick Meier. Follow along directions were made available. Thanks Rick.

Next meeting: November 25th at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking located at the Manchester Woodcraft, Spencer Street, Manchester. Club challenge, bring your pens! Prizes awarded!

Respectfully submitted, Chris Zibbideo, Secretary.

DIRECTIONS TO THE 2008 CCW HOLIDAY PARTY

LOCATION: The Villages at Freedom Green Clubhouse (no sign)

Liberty Drive Mansfield Center, CT

CONTACT: MIKE ORENSTEIN

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DIRECTIONS:

From Hartford and West: Route 84 E to I-384 E to Route 6 E ("Providence, Willimantic") Take Route 6 to Columbia (about 11 miles). Take a left at the light just past Columbia Ford/Lincoln/Mercury onto the Route 6 Expressway towards Providence. Get off at the second exit ("To 195 University of Connecticut Storrs"). At the light at end of exit take a left. Go straight at the next light and take a right onto Independence Drive (Freedom Green). Go to the end of Independence Dr. and you will run right into the parking lot of the Clubhouse (no sign). The Clubhouse is flanked by the pool on the left and the tennis courts on the right. Park in the parking lot. If the lot is full, park on the street, but only on one side of the street.

From Bloomfield, Windsor, etc., I-291 E to I-384 E and follow the same directions as above from there. Go to the end of Independence Dr. and you will run right into the parking lot of the Clubhouse (no sign). The Clubhouse is flanked by the pool on the left and the tennis courts on the right. Park in the parking lot. If the lot is full, park on the street, but only on one side of the street.

From Norwich, etc., Take Rt. 32 to Windham and go over the "Frog Bridge" to Willimantic. Go straight at the light at the bottom of the Frog Bridge and follow that road until you get to a large intersection. There will be a traffic light and a Cumberland Farms on your left and a Hess(?) Chucky's gas station on your right and Mama's Pizza almost directly ahead. At that light bear left. The left side of Mama's will be on your right. Follow that road to the end. At the stop sign, turn left and go to the light. Turn right at the light and go to the next light. Go straight at the light and take your second right onto Independence Drive (Freedom Green). Go to the end of Independence Dr. and you will run right into the parking lot of the Clubhouse (no sign). The Clubhouse is flanked by the pool on the left and the tennis courts on the right. Park in the parking lot. If the lot is full, park on the street, but only on one side of the street.

From Rhode Island and East Take Route 6 W to North Windham and bear right onto the Route 6 W Expressway. Take the first exit to the light at the end of the ramp and turn left. Go to the next light and turn right. Take your second right onto Independence Drive. Go to the end of Independence Dr. and you will run right into the parking lot of the Clubhouse (no sign). The Clubhouse is flanked by the pool on the left and the tennis courts on the right. Park in the parking lot. If the lot is full, park on the street, but only on one side of the street.

From Storrs, etc. Take Route 195 (Storrs Rd) South toward Willimantic to Puddin Lane. Go right onto Puddin Lane and a left onto Liberty Drive. Go to the end of Independence Dr. and you will run right into the parking lot of the Clubhouse (no sign). The Clubhouse is flanked by the pool on the left and the tennis courts on the right. Park in the parking lot. If the lot is full, park on the street, but only on one side of the street.

Before the invention of barbed wire, what plant was used for fences?

Wood of the Month!

Ebony

Diospyros carssiflora

Grows: Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria and Congo.

Health risks: The dust can cause acute dermatitis, skin inflammations, conjunctivitis and sneezing

Description: *Diospyros* is the blackest of the ebonies. African ebony is usually only available in short billets of heartwood. Ebony is a very heavy wood 63lbs./cu. ft.

Properties: ebony is a very dense wood with a very high crushing & bending strength. It has a severe blunting effect on cutting edges and hard to work with hand tools. Pre-boring is required for nailing & screwing. It is advised that you experiment with polishes as oils have a tendency to just sit on the dense surface,

Typical Uses: Ebony is a prized wood for sculptures and carving. Used for fine turnery, cutlery handles, door knobs, piano & organ keys, bagpipe chanters, parallel rulers & cylindrical rulers

D. crassiflora has been listed as endangered by IUCN.

Answer: Osage Orange.



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