



## Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

*Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning*  
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### February Meeting

The February meeting will take place on Tuesday February 27th at 6:30 PM at the [Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking](#) in the Manchester [Woodcraft](#) located at 249 Spencer St., Manchester, CT.

Don Merlo will be discussing the box making.

\*\*\*\* NOTE\*\*\*\* Don Hart will be doing a mini clinic on "Wood & acrylic pen finishing" before the meeting at 6pm!

### Open Shop at Jim's

Jim Kephart Open Shop - Sunday Feb 25th from 1-4PM. Bring your tools, wood & come have fun. If interested please contact Jim at [jimkephart@aol.com](mailto:jimkephart@aol.com)

### Membership Dues

## President's Note

Hello wood turners, I want to start off with thanking Jim Kephart for hosting our January club meeting at his shop and providing some great sharpening and honing techniques on a variety of turning tools, something we all need.

This month's demo by Dan Merlo is on making boxes, pay attention, ask questions, and take notes. I am issuing a challenge to all members make a box and bring it to the March meeting, we'll put you in the drawing for a gift certificate so you can buy more tools, and you will have a present for someone already done & it's not even December.

We have several pen turning events planned, why not lend a hand for a few hours. The crew needs blanks cut & drilled which you can do in your own shop at your leisure, assemblers at the event & helpers to set up, take down & clean up. We could probably use someone who enjoys meeting people & chatting about what we all like to do, woodturning.

So what's in it for you? Seeing the joy of someone turn their first pen. Remember the first time you turned something? Help plant the seeds, let George Upton know if you can help.

Now is the time to make reservations to Totally Turning, it's a very inspirational weekend.

John



## Help Keep Our Hosts Happy

Where ever we have our meetings, we are to leave it as clean as when we got there. Jim found: some one left their 3 tools from the Mike South's sale, survey sheets not turned or thrown out, red ticket stubs, wood, he now has 5 folding chairs and worse a cup of coffee left in the corner.

Our various meeting places let us use their place for free. Sometimes they have to clean up work or shuffle work out of the way for us. The least we can do is not make or leave a mess behind.

Please contact Jim Kephart to collect your tools, wood and chairs!

## Retirement Sale

CT Wood Group (18 Mullen Rd., Enfield) is having a retirement sale....all must go. All in stock lumber, plywood & millwork 25% off while supplies last.

[www.cwghardwoodoutlet.com](http://www.cwghardwoodoutlet.com)

## January Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the CCW Meeting of January 23, 2018

Jim Kephart's Shop

Approx. 31 members present and one visitor

Call to Order 6:30 pm

Officers present at the beginning of the meeting:

John Webber (President)

Don Hart (Vice President)

Kip Lockhart (Treasurer)

Curt Gould, (Secretary).

Treasurer Kip Lockhart presented the Treasurers Report for January 2018.

Motion to accept - passed.

President John Webber thanked previous Board Members for their service to the Club, and introduced new Board Members.

Secretary Curt Gould asked members to pick up their name badges and retain them.

VP Don Hart passed out a survey to all present regarding meeting demos.

**Announcement:** Bad Dog Burl Source (<http://burlsource.com/>), is still in business and located in Seymour, Connecticut.

Totally Turning Symposium (<http://www.totallyturning.com/>), Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25, 2018, Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs, NY

Mike Orenstein Librarian, reported on materials available for members. Discussion ensued regarding coping VHS recordings to CDs.

Show and Yell, 13 presenters

Demonstration on tool sharpening presented by Jim Kephart

## Equipment For Sale

Attention Nutmeg Woodturners:  
Lathe For Sale

As a result of a generous grant, the Brookfield Craft center was able to upgrade the demonstration lathe to a Powermatic 3520B. This good fortune has made the lathe at station #1 no longer need, so it now for sale. It is a JET JWJ-1440VS with 14 inch swing, 40 inch bed and Reaves Drive variable speed. The headstock slides on the ways and can also be pivoted to accommodate blanks larger than 14 inches. The 1 HP motor can be run on either 110 or 220 volts. This lathe is practically brand new and is offered at \$1000.

Anyone interested should contact either Carl Ford (carl@carlford.us), Jim Degen (lostloon@charter.net) or Howard Lasser (director@brookfieldcraft.org).

Jim says..."The lathe is almost brand new, hardly used. We obtained it from Fine Woodworking Magazine after they did a product evaluation on it. I have actually used the lathe and found it to work quite well. The Reaves Drive variable speed is certainly more convenient than a step pulley arrangement."

Anyone interested can stop by Brookfield Craft Center on Tuesdays 9 am to 3:30 pm when Carl Ford is there to check it out and/or pick it up.

## January Demonstration

### Sharpening!

*Jim Kephart's Sharpening Tips.*

The demo for our January meeting was how to sharpen. Jim Kephart demonstrated his technique for sharpening a variety of turning tools.



# Show N' Yell



Tom Stevenson



Mike South



Richard Stoddard



Joe Garofalo



Kip Lockhart



Butch Watson



Dan Merlo



Rob Robinson

# Show N' Yell



Matt Clancy



Lynda Zibbideo

## Wood Give Away

Martin Gerndt has taken down two maple trees and is offering the wood to our members.



He reports "One tree shows signs of ambrosia and the other seems clear. The pieces range from 11" down to 3" and all the wood is in the back of our house" You can contact Martin at

[martin\\_gerndt@me.com](mailto:martin_gerndt@me.com) or [\(203\) 868-9198](tel:2038689198).

The wood needs to be moved manually to the driveway (aprox. 60yards).

# The First Annual Wood Works Fair

Sunday April 22, 2018 10-4

White Water Park, 28 Bridge St.

Willimantic, Ct.

The 325 Trees/Shrubs Project Year Two is organizing a Wood Works Fair sponsored by the Beaver Brook Saw Shop in Scotland, no admission and open to all.

There are two parts of the Fair. One part includes demonstrations of chain saw carving, portable sawmill operation, woodturning, and the like. Children are invited to use handsaws, drills, and hammers under supervision. It also includes meeting tree farmers, timber haulers, land trust stewards, arborists, wildlife specialists, land clearers, growers, conservationists, pruners, and bio-consultants. Also included is a history of the Connecticut Charter Oak now pictured on the Connecticut state quarter, and hybrid chestnut seedlings from the Ct State Forestry Dept. Groups invited are Goodwin Forest, GROW Windham, Willimantic Wildlife Habitat, Joshuas Trust, Eastern Ct Woodturners, Windham Tech, and more.

The second part of the Fair showcases the work of local artisan/vendors working with wood as a basis of their craft. We have invited artists from WRAC, the Ashford Arts Council, Swift Waters, Artists Open Studios, library shows, other galleries and guilds to come display their items for sale. Carving, furniture, pyrography, bird/bat boxes, burl creations, folk art, whimsies, garden pieces, planters, repurposed wood, sculpture, home décor --- all work welcome from everyday useful to fanciful. All work is to be locally made. There is a \$50 charge for vendors.

This fair is to remind people of the success of the 325 Trees/Shrubs Project so far (107 native-habitat trees and shrubs planted in 2017 in Willimantic), and to work with us to finance similar success in Year Two.

Please come enjoy the day. For more information, contact Faith Kenton organizer at [phiona8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phiona8@sbcglobal.net), or 860-456-0817.