



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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May Meeting

The May meeting will take place on Thursday May 28th at 7:00PM on ZOOM via the internet. Kip Lockhart will be demonstrating 3 pointed bowl.



President's Note

Hello woodturners,

It was good to see you folks last month, I hope you are all well. How did you like meeting virtually? I know I have a few technical kinks to work out but overall it was fun. We miss show & yell; Please take a good photo of what you have been doing & send it to me a few days before the meeting. I will SHOW it during the meeting & you can YELL about it; then we can all talk about it. If we get enough participation, we will have a few gift certificates. I will mail them to the winners. Don't forget about the CCW Facebook page -- Check in to see what we are doing, post what you are up to.

Along that line, we have some new members and new turners. What do you need help with? Maybe picking out a tool or chuck, or how to get started? We can set up demos on just about anything. Let us know your interests and we will work on it.

Last Saturday, several club members helped one of our club founders Jim Kephart move into his brand new shop. Although I am happy for Jim, I'll miss the old shop, the Sunday open shop, and the comradery over a good meal.

Thank you Jim for opening up your shop for meetings and demos through the years.

Thank you for sharing and passing on your knowledge of woodturning. It's appreciated by all.

John

April Meeting minutes:

President John Webber opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining the meeting in this Zoom format. Discussion ensued about possibility of using Zoom for inclement weather, or having no venue to meet at, or for a member who cannot make the meeting for any reason. John can move video stuff to wherever the demo would be.

28 members have paid this year. If you don't know if you've paid this year, email Mark Fields, Treasurer at MarksWoodworks@JanFields.com. CCWT lost some members when the club split.

Challenge for the year: Bowls for Beads of Courage—Children going through serious illnesses get a bead for each treatment they go through. John bought beads, and will mail/pass them out. Some details: 6" diameter x 4" deep. No paint. Loose fitting lid. AAW website has a plethora of information at www.beadsofcourage.org>bead-bowls.

Kip Lockhart secured Bristol Senior Center as a venue (There would be no charge for this venue). Other potential venues to hold meetings: Martin Gerndt's shop and Woodcraft.

Treasurer's report was read by Mark Fields. John Webber was reimbursed for pen kits. A motion was made to reimburse John Webber for January pizza party. Dan Merlo 1st, Kip Lockhart 2nd, unanimously accepted in favor.

A suggestion was made to possibly get a CCWT credit card. Discussion ensued. Discouraged at this time.

A suggestion was made to pay for upgraded version of Zoom. Right now, it's free for a meeting no longer than 40 minutes for up to 100 participants. For \$14.99 per month, 100 participants for a meeting time of up to 24 hours; Full year = \$150.00. A motion was made by John Webber, 2nd by Dan Merlo to hold off on yearly subscription, and pay for Zoom monthly. Unanimously accepted in favor.

Kip volunteered demo for May meeting.

Discussion about whether the club would we like to have a professional demonstrator via Zoom. Yes, but not to exceed \$400.00. John Webber to research.

Jim Kephart is moving soon. He will be looking for volunteers to help with the move. Jim will let us know when the time is closer.

Just an fyi that Kip Lockhart has the CCWT display. Jim Kephart will take the shelves.

Question was asked about updating the membership list. Fyi that the website is only paid members.

John Webber gave a tour of the CCWT Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned.

John Webber Zoom Demo of non-rolling screwdriver:



The Big Move





A HUGE THANK YOU to George Upton, Lynda & Chris Zibbideo, Chris Dudley, Joe Garofalo, Emery Fellingner, and John Webber for helping Jim Kephart move his shop. MUCH APPRECIATED!!

AND NOW IT'S TIME TO VOTE!! (Did I get your attention?)

Here are 3 turners we can choose from who would do a professional demo for us. Please take a look, maybe research on your own? We will discuss at the May meeting, and get a consensus of who the favorite is!

- 1) Cindy Drozda - finials, boxes, "fabulous finials".
- 2) Lyle Jamieson - hollow forms, deep hollowing with captured hollowing system, bowls
- 3) Jim Echter - spindle turning "the sensational skew".

Did you know?.....

This is the largest sycamore in CT, from Wikipedia,

The **Pinchot Sycamore** is a large [American sycamore](#) (*Platanus occidentalis*) in [Simsbury, Connecticut](#). It is the largest tree in Connecticut. When measured by the Connecticut Botanical Society in 2016, the Pinchot Sycamore's trunk was over 28 feet (8.5 m) around and 100 feet (30 m) tall, with an average canopy diameter of 121 feet (37 m). The sycamore is estimated to be at least 200 years old, and possibly over 300 years old.^[1] The tree was named in honor of influential conservationist and Connecticut resident [Gifford Pinchot](#). It was originally dedicated to Pinchot in 1965, and re-dedicated with an engraved stone marker in 1975.

The Pinchot Sycamore is located on the east bank of the [Farmington River](#), near the base of [Talcott Mountain](#), south of the town center of Simsbury. Since the completion of the Pinchot Sycamore

According to the conservation group [American Forests](#) in 2000, the Pinchot Sycamore was scheduled to be listed in the 2001 edition of the [National Register of Big Trees](#) as one of the two largest known American sycamores in the United States, tied with a tree in [Bath County, Virginia](#).

Check out the pictures below!!.....





