



Central Connecticut Woodturners

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July Meeting

Join our ZOOM meeting on Tuesday July 28th at 7:30pm starring Dan Merlo!!!

Dan will demonstrate the steps to go from a log to a bowl & how to keep it from cracking while it is drying.

Check your email for the ZOOM invite!



President's Note:

Hello Woodturners,

I hope all that saw the Sensational Skew demo, learned something and are putting it to good use. I have not made the time yet. I did regrind my skew and hope to make a few beads and coves practice sticks this weekend.

The club challenge is to make 12 – beads and coves sticks WITH YOUR SKEW ONLY.....Pick a 2x4 with minimal knots, cut it up into 1' lengths then cut it in half, round it using peeling or planing cuts, then mark out your beads and have fun. This is definitely a skill builder. The goal is to have 12 completed by the September meeting. That is 12 weeks, 1 per week. I think it will be interesting to see the change between week #1 and week #12.

Who's up to the challenge? We will see in September.

The 1st AAW virtual symposium is now over. Looks like it was a success. A lot more people around the globe were able to attend, although not the same as being there, meeting people, talking with vendors, or seeing the instant gallery in person. It is definitely better than just nothing, cancelled. I had to work that weekend so I am watching the replays. I liked that you could watch the demo, pause it and re-watch if you missed something. Can't do that live. I am usually taking notes and trying not to miss anything. What was missing is the human interaction that we also miss during our meetings. For now that's what we all must continue to do. I was excited that we had a few workshops and events planned. The excitement is still there, just paused for now, but channeling it in a different format.

John Webber

CCW

June Meeting minutes:

June 25 2020 CCW meeting 7pm via Zoom

President John Webber opened the meeting.

Regarding Jim Echter's skew demo on Tuesday, June 30th, 2020, the club is inviting the Eastern Club. There are several members in both clubs. John asked that members please don't forward the invite to just anybody. You can forward it to someone you trust. Also, please do not post the information anywhere. The club is also extending the Skew demo invite to Ocean Turners in RI-- maybe 8 or 10 members. Make sure Roland knows not to post it publicly. Kip will contact Roland.

John wanted to make sure that every member received his email about the scam. The scam looked like it came from John thru the CCW website. Unfortunately, one of our members lost a lot of money. The club wants to help everyone understand scam emails and phishing emails. Maybe during the July meeting, take a few minutes and just cover scams and phishing.

Do we have a demo for July? Not as of this moment. In August we usually have picnic, or we have it off. How many people would come to picnic? Not many. So the picnic is off this year. Do we want to have a zoom demo? Yes. John is asking someone to take a subject like negative rake scraper,,,It doesn't grab flat against wood. What is it and why would I need it? Do a little demo, or do a write up for the newsletter. Maybe bowl gauge grinds, maybe how to cut green wood to turn a bowl. Dan volunteered to do a "log to a bowl" demo...time lapse....Cut in half, cut off pith, how to orient it, etc. etc.. John will go to Dan's shop and video.

We can always create a demo, and John could play it back (from a memory stick. .mrv files, sonycam....). Tom has many videos from over the years...Cindy Drozda, etc....We don't have to ask the demonstrators to use their video. Kip said AAW has good videos on their site. Perhaps we can use some of those videos. Dan said perhaps try not to use those videos as a crutch. Important for club members to get used to doing demos. If someone researches something and learns, they can pass on their knowledge to the club. Finding out about a subject, then teaching it allows you to learn it twice. John said he thinks it helps to come from local club member (internal). The pros who demo most likely wouldn't make mistakes. Tom said he could do a small segment. We could also send John snippets, and he'll put them all together to make the demo for the meeting. Videos do not have to be narrated. Linda has issued a challenge to John to post items. John will post some items on CCW website.

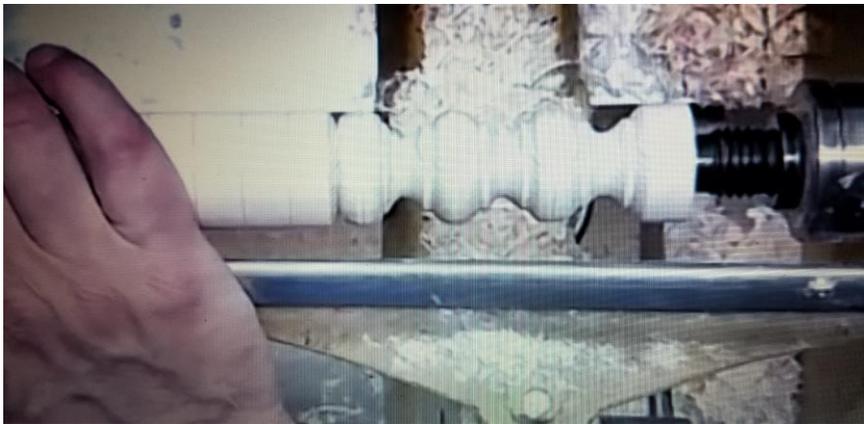
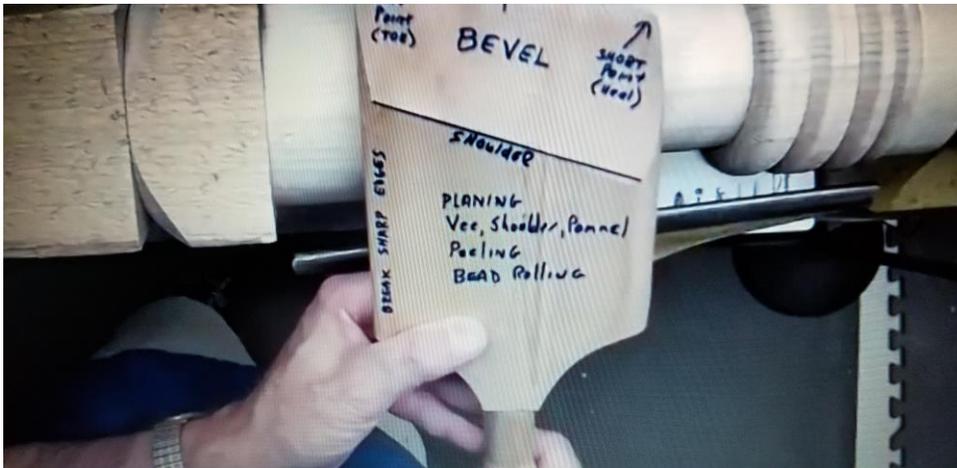
John appreciates any suggestions and ideas. We will have to deal with Covid as best we can. Need to come up with demo for July and August. Dan will do demo for July on green wood. Discussion ensued on drying green wood. Tom said that David Ellsworth does a great demo on turning a green bowl. That would be another good demo.

Tuesday June 30th, 2020 is Skew demo by Jim Echter. No business meeting. John is just going to introduce live demonstrator, and let him do his thing. Starts at 6pm for chat. Demo starts at 7pm.

We have 48 bowls that were donated by Emmerich--most 6 inches or less. It's been 5 months. John would like to give them out to people who have never turned a bowl. John will bring it up at another meeting. Do we want to charge for them? Or just give them out? Not sure. We will wait and see.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

June Sensational Skew pictures



THE BUTTONBALL

While out on an errand, I saw this huge Sycamore tree. On the way back, I stopped to get a good look at it. To my surprise, it is believed to be the largest American Sycamore on the East Coast. It is massive. It's located on HWY 116 in Sunderland Ma. near Deerfield and called the Buttonball Tree. It's girth measures 25' 8" at 4.5', 113' tall and 140' wide. There is a plaque commemorating the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution and the tree's age; arborists estimate it is 350-400 years old. I was in awe. It is hard to show on a photo, but for perspective this would almost shade an entire little league baseball field.

So, if you're up in the area, take a few minutes to stop and take a gander, and reflect at one of the few survivors from centuries ago.



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