



# Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

[www.ccwoodturners.org](http://www.ccwoodturners.org)



June 2011

## Next Meeting

Tuesday June 28th  
6PM Mini Clinic  
Spindle Gouges

7PM  
Indexing & Homemade  
Indexing devices  
Jim Kephart

## Upcoming Events

Sunday June 26th  
1PM-4PM  
Jim Kephart's shop  
85 Hillard Ave.  
Manchester

Bad Dog s Burl  
Road Trip  
Sun 8/28

Hebron Harvest Fair  
Sept 8th-11th

Sunday Sept 10th  
CT Valley School of  
Woodworking  
Open House

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Deadline for the next issue is July 10th.



## President's Note:

I am looking forward to the July meeting. Keith Tompkins will be the demonstrator at the meeting. Keith presentation will be on "The Ten Essential Cuts". These are the various cuts that a woodturner makes with the various gouges. Keith does an excellent job with this

presentation, explaining tool presentation and the bevel rub. All CCW members attending the meeting will benefit from Keith's discussion and experience. I am sure that everyone will leave the meeting with at least one great gem of information. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the July meeting.

~Corey Anderson



Photos:  
[www.keithtompkins.com](http://www.keithtompkins.com)

## CCW Open Shop

Jim Kephart opens his shop to CCW members on the last Sunday of the month. Jim has offered his shop to club members on June 27th from 1PM to 4PM. Please contact Corey or Jim so they know how many people will be participating. Bring your tools, pieces of wood and your ideas for a project. And appetite...they go out afterwards.

Eric Holmquist has offered to open his shop on August 14th from 9AM to 4PM for folks who would like access to a small (7x14) metal working lathe, milling machine (6x21) and metal working band saw (4x6) to

do any special machining tasks. Perhaps you would like make some special fixtures to help make some woodturning jigs. If you want to experiment with airbrushing or just do some wood turning while waiting your turn at the metal-working machinery, that's an option. Capacity, 2 or 3 at a time in the room with the milling machine, and 4 or 5 in the garage where lathes are. I have a Nova DVR XP available for woodturning along with a Seig C3 Metal Lathe and X3 Milling Machine. Call me at (860) 654-9252 or email me at [eric.holmquist@hs.utc.com](mailto:eric.holmquist@hs.utc.com) to discuss your project.

Come join the fun. Share your talent, knowledge, shop space, gift to gab. This is a great opportunity to learn from others.

Please contact a board member or myself so that we can get you on the August calendar. No meeting in August.

"Great woodturners are not born that way---it comes from many years of neglecting other important aspects of your life."



## AAW News

Professional Outreach Program (POP)

"The mission of the Professional Outreach Program is to promote a greater understanding of professionalism within the field of contemporary woodturning."

The Professional Outreach Program Committee operates under the auspices of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Woodturners, and will publicize its activities and achievements in the American Woodturner Journal, and at the AAW symposiums.

Our purpose is to:

- ✦ Encourage and assist members of the woodturning commu-

nity in the development of their professional skills.

- ✦ Help advance and promote the woodturning field as a legitimate medium of art.

- ✦ Generate ideas, concepts and programs on subjects of a professional nature to benefit the woodturning community.

- ✦ Organize exhibitions.

- ✦ Conduct a variety of panel discussions of relevant topics on professionalism at AAW symposiums.

- ✦ Recognize individuals who have demonstrated high standards of professionalism throughout their careers

POP Funding is through the POP exhibition auctions held at the AAW symposium each year that

provide funding for all POP programs.

The POP gives biennial "Merit Awards" to individuals selected by the Committee who have shown exceptional development in their careers as artists and whose artworks have directly influenced or had a significant impact on other artists within the field of woodturning as a whole. This award is distinct from the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the AAW, as it focuses on artistic excellence rather than on contributions to the AAW, per se. These awards are given on even numbered years.

~AAW website,  
[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)



## Wood of the Month

### Timborana (*Enterolobium schomburgkii*)



**Grows:** Central & Latin America

**Health risks:** The dust may cause contact dermatitis.

**Description:** The narrow sapwood is yellowish to a deep cream color. With the heartwood being yellowish brown with dark streaks. The grain is often

straight occasionally interlocking.

**Properties:** Timborana causes moderate blunting of cutting edges. Pre-boring is not required. It sands, turns, stands and polishes well.

**Typical Uses:** Used for interior paneling, interior and external

joinery, flooring, cabinetry, sliced veneer, heavy carpentry, hydraulic works, sleepers, tool handles, turned goods, bridges, stairs, rail road ties.



"Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut--that held its ground."

# Meet Jim Kephart



Many of you know Jim Kephart as that guy that opens his shop to CCW for our meetings and Open Shop Sundays.

Jim's woodturnings include Architectural, Reproduction and Artistic work. He turns by hand, not duplicator, so he is the perfect choice when you need small to medium quantities of parts. His attention to detail insures that all edges are crisp and surfaces are ready for finish, whether painted or left natural. He specializes in thin and delicate parts.

Jim has been turning wood since 1976. The early years of woodturning were primarily a hobby and source of gifts. Although he created artistic pieces



and bowls, his main interest seemed to be related to making items. This led more to spindle turning. He currently owns and operates a woodturning business located in Manchester Connecticut where he specializes in hand woodturning of furniture parts, balusters, columns, and prototype woodturnings.

Over the years, Jim has done more than a few demonstrations and classes on many topics including:

- Spindle turning
- Skew use
- Tool Control, safety and turning projects
- Tool making
- Hollow form turning
- Tool sharpening
- Duplicating spindles by hand turning.



These demonstration were performed for or at many locations including:

- A A W Symposium at Purchase NY 1993
- Granite State Mini Symposiums (all)
- CNEW Symposium 1996
- New England Wildlife Art Expo from 1994-2001
- Local Woodworking shows in Springfield, MA, including paid seminars
- Harris Enterprise Open House 5 years.
  - Nutmeg Woodturners
  - Central New England Woodturners
  - Central Connecticut Woodturners
  - Long Island Woodturners
  - Woodcraft Woburn, MA
  - Arnold Arboretum, Waretown, MA
- Woodcraft in Manchester, Connecticut, Albany NY



away his projects. So this was interesting to see all that he was working on. The picture to the left shows what Jim had in the works that day. Broken balusters, chair rungs, knobs, lamps and an assortment of what nots filled the table. There was a wooden crate from Texas with a very ornate baluster that Jim worked on while I was there. Jim turned the majority of it, but it needed some specialty carving. Anneliese (Jim's wife) is an excellent carver and helps Jim when the lathe tools just won't work.

Lunchtime came and we went to a local Mexican restaurant for a quick bite to eat and then back to work.

By the end of the day, Jim had finished his part on the Texas balusters, had several customers come in for orders, answered some calls, were entertained by the various bands that are tenants of the building & joked around a bit.

Jim is a stickler for safety, as we all should be. Recently while turning a HUGE piece on his big green General, his spindle gouge broke and his lathe bed cracked.

Without proper safety precautions, more than a gouge and lathe bed could have been damaged!

Jim is also an inventor/creator. Why buy when you can make it. Recently Jim purchased 2 Rikon lathes and created a handy tool organizer that is bolted to the back of the lathe.



I had a great day at Jim's shop! If you want to learn more about Jim Kephart & see what he can do, check out his website:

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

When we come to Jim's shop for a meeting or open house, he has cleaned up & put



On May 8th Jimmy Clewes came to CCW for an all day demonstration. Jimmy demonstrated the African Drum box, Oriental Box and a Colored Piece. The African Drum box and the Colored Piece will be raffled off at the September meeting. Tickets will be \$5 each and can be purchased at the meetings.

Both pieces are currently with Jerry Sambrook and will be traveling to the AAW Symposium to get Jimmy to sign both pieces.

# Show and Yell



May's Mini Club Challenge was "Toothpick Holders". Thank you to all that participated in the challenge.

**June's challenge: Salt Vaults or salt cellars**



Participants: Al Czellez, Albert D'Antonio, John Fleming, Larry Graves, Gil Hite, Eric Holmquist, Dick Ivany, Jim Kephart, Bruce Major, Keith Merwin, Al Moltz, Ken Rowe, Jerry Sambrook, Tom Stevenson, Butch Watson, Lynda Zibbideo



Congratulations to those that won in the wood raffle. This wood was donated to CCW by Butch Watson and brought in \$100!

Bob Borello, John Pointkowski (2), Jerry Sambrook, George Upton and Chris Zibbideo

## AAW's Return to the Community Charity Donations

AAW's Return to the Community Exhibition is Empty Bowls, a Grassroots Movement to Help End Hunger. The goal of Empty Bowls is to raise money to help fight hunger and raise awareness about the issue of hunger and food security. The proceeds from sales will go to Sec-

ond Harvest Hartland, the largest hunger relief organization in the upper Midwest.

If you are interested in donating to this cause, please contact Buster Shaw at 203-794-0346

**Bad Dogs Burl Road Trip** Sunday August 28th. Two years ago several of us took a road trip to Bad Dogs Burl Source in Belchertown, MA. It was a great trip. This year Rob Doyle is offering to set out a bar-b-que for us. However we need a headcount. If interested, please contact Lynda Zibbideo 203-686-1207

**CT Valley School of Woodworking Open House** Saturday September 10th. CCW has in the past always had a presence there. If interested in demonstrating, please contact Lynda Zibbideo 203-686-1207

**ARTISAN AND CRAFT SHOW** HEBRON HARVEST FAIR, September 8-11, 2011 CCW has decided to take a booth for demonstrating and selling. For additional information please check <http://hebronharvestfair.org/pages/JuriedArtsandCraftsShow.html> Contact Arlene Snyder or Carol Roffee if interested

**Articles:** Looking for articles that you want to share with your fellow CCW members. No computer...no problem, write it out & mail it to me.

### For Sale:

**Mike's Going Out of Existence Sale** All of the items listed are used and are being sold as is. They all work well and, to the best of my knowledge, suffer only normal wear and cosmetic deterioration. You can (and should) test each item yourself before buying. Mike Kormos Phone (203) 922 -1273. A complete listing is on CCW website

Delta Type 2 Model #50-850 Dust Collection System Single stage 110/220 1.5hp Includes: 50' 4" hose, 20' 2.5" hose, 2nd stage 30 gal cover, T's, reducers, hangers, hose clamps, blast grates \$250 Joe Doran 860-376-3170

## There's an App for that.....

If you've ever wondered what type of tree was nearby but didn't have a guide book, a new smartphone app allows users with no formal training to satisfy their curiosity and contribute to science at the same time.

Scientists have developed the first mobile app to identify plants by simply photographing a leaf. The free iPhone and iPad, app called Leafsnap, instantly searches a

growing library of leaf images amassed by the Smithsonian Institute. In seconds, it returns a likely species name, high-resolution photographs and information on the tree's flowers, fruit, seeds and bark.

Users make the final identification and share their findings with the app's growing database to help map the population of trees one mobile phone at a time.

Leafsnap debuted in May, covering all the trees in New York City's Central Park and Washington's Rock Creek Park. It has been downloaded more than 150,000 times in the first month, and its creators expect it to continue to grow as it expands to Android phones.

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## Websites are Us!

Penn State Industries Woodturning:  
[www.penstateind.com](http://www.penstateind.com)

Packard Woodworks Inc.:  
[www.packardwoodworks.com](http://www.packardwoodworks.com)

Lee Valley:  
[www.leevalley.com](http://www.leevalley.com)

Wood Pen Pro:  
[www.woodpenpro.com](http://www.woodpenpro.com)

Bush Products, Inc.  
[www.bushproducts.com](http://www.bushproducts.com)

Thompson Lathe Tools  
[www.thompsonlathetools.com](http://www.thompsonlathetools.com)

Cousineau Wood Products  
[www.cousineauwoodproducts.com](http://www.cousineauwoodproducts.com)

Peachtree Woodworking Supply, Inc.  
[www.ptreeusa.com](http://www.ptreeusa.com)

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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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