



# Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

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September 2011

## Next Meeting

September 27th  
5:30PM

CT Valley School of Woodworking

Pizza, club challenge, spouse show & yell!

## Upcoming Events

Sunday 9/25

Jim Kephart

Open shop

1-4pm

58 Hillard Ave.

Manchester

**RSVP!!!!**

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Bad Dogs Burls Road Trip

Sat 10/8

Meet at Manchester commuter lot at 9:30AM

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Deadline for the next issue is October 10th.



## President's Note

Its not to soon to start thinking about a new slate of Central Connecticut Woodturners officers for the next two years. As Club members, we need think about who would serve the Club well for the next years. Every member in good standing could be eligible to serve as an officer.

The Club will need several positions filled to have a full slate (President and Vice President). Start to think about who would do well as an officer of the Club. Please don't just consider someone else for the officers positions but also seriously consider yourself to serve our Club. Nominations will be open during the October CCW meeting

and a nominations committee (Chris Zibbideo and John Lorch) has been asking various members of their willingness to be an officer. The Club will have a slate of Officers to vote on during the November CCW meeting.

~~Corey Anderson

## Annual CCW Club Challenge

This year's club challenge will be held at the September meeting. This year's theme is "Multiples". This means one item repeated multiple times. Example, napkin rings would be multiple. Prizes will be given for "Most Artistic", "Technical Merit" (combines exact duplication and difficulty) and "Best in Show".

Please note that the September meeting will feature a pizza party starting at 5:30PM. We will also be having a spouse's craft show & yell. Where there is a creative woodturner...there is usually a creative spouse. Time for them to get some recognition too! Plus other fun events.

So remember for September:

- Club challenge
- Pizza party
- Spouse Show & Yell

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 are being raffled off. Tickets will be \$5 each and can be purchased a the meetings.

Please see Lynda Zibbideo.



# Open Shop 2011

Thank you to Lynda & Chris Zibbideo, Eric Holmquist, Al Czellecz and Corey & Laura Anderson/Clete Boothby for opening their shops this year. Members from CCW and the new club WMW participated.



Lynda & Chris had 3 powered lathes, 2 treadles and a carving station. Followed by a pulled pork dinner

Eric made his lathe available. Eric also had his airbrush & NSK available for anyone to try.



Al had Jerry Sambrook come down for a mini demonstration. Jay Shuttle (WMW) brought down some huckleberry and we all tried to make the same piece. Although some of us let the artist out. Al & Sue served up hamburgers & hotdogs for lunch.

Hurricane Irene made for a very light turnout at Corey, Laura & Clete's open shop. Although 5 lathes - no waiting was great! Lynda won the HUGE cherry burl.





**HEBRON HARVEST FAIR**  
Proudly Presented by the Hebron Lions Agricultural Society

*Photos by Tom Stevenson*



Thank you to Al Czellcz, Tom Stevenson, Git Hite, Mike Orenstein, Eric Holmquist, Albert D'Antonio and Corey Anderson. As you can see the club's booth was awesome. In spite of the very wet weather, the club did well. Look at all the smiles!



Congratulations to Eric Holmquist for winning Honorable Mention!



## Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking Open House



Thanks to Corey Anderson, Chris Dudley, Eric Holmquist, Jim Kephart, George Upton, Chris & Lynda Zibbideo. Great weather for the open house.



*Photos by Terry McElrath*  
<http://mcelrath.photoshop.com>



## Wood of the Month Chechen (*Metopium brownii*)



**Grows:** Central America & Mexico.

**Description:** The sapwood is yellowish brown in color, and is clearly distinct from the heartwood. The heartwood is described as dark reddish brown, with dark brown stripes and lighter streaks. The color is reported to be somewhat similar to that of Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*). Color variation is reported



to be rather high within the heartwood.

**Properties:** Planes well, but does have tendency to chip. Although hard wood, it does not blunt tools. Nails and screws should be pre-drilled. Polishes to a high luster.

**Typical Uses:** Flooring, furniture, turnery, veneer, core stock, decora-

tive veneer, dowel pins, dowels, drawer sides, floor lamps, musical instruments.

**Health risks:** The poisonous bark and sap have the same toxic effects as poison ivy. Chechen belongs to the Poison-Ivy or Cashew Family, the Anacardiaceae. However the wood itself is not poisonous

**Additional Info:** Also known as Black Poisonwood

## Ambrosia Maple

*Introduction by Albert D'Antonio*

*I turned my first Ambrosia Maple bowl over 15 years ago when Ken Langworthy brought a few logs to a wood swap and I was lucky enough to get a piece. Flash ahead 15 years. I was recently hosting my parents 60th anniversary party when my cousin's husband, Mike McManus, commented on the beautiful Ambrosia Maple bowl that was set out with a dwindling supply of cashews. Mike is a scientist with the USDA Forest Service in Hamden, CT and it turns out he did his PhD dissertation on the "Ambrosia Beetle" (scientists call it the Columbian Timber Beetle or CTB) over 40 years ago!*

*I recently gave Mike an Ambrosia Maple bowl and he emailed me a note of thanks. The email contained the following summary of his research including photos of heavily figured Ambrosia Maple that he photographed in the early 1960's in Southern Indiana.*

I spent three full years of my grad school life dissecting stumps and splitting through the individual galleries to collect data and have nothing to show for it except for a PhD thesis and a few publications, but now I have

something to show-off. It was very thoughtful of you and I truly appreciate that you remembered our conversation.



So I dug out some old slides that I had from back then [1963-66] and had them scanned so that I could send the photos to you; of course I have many more however I just wanted to send a few examples. The one of the silver maple logs in a saw mill in Southern IN shows the extent of the infestation (attacks). I dated individual beetle attacks that went back to the 1890's. The 2nd slide shows the damaged boards...the locals referred to them as "wormy maple." The wood was perfectly sound however their value for furniture was degraded about 60%.

The drawing is a schematic that shows that the development of the stain in the wood is dependent on the depth of the gallery and the # of egg cradles that the female lays. The more extensive the gallery, the longer and wider is the stain. I made measurements on each gallery [3500] that I dissected! The 2nd photo shows a small stem that I

split through showing the gallery, egg cradles, and some have beetle pupae that never completed development. The female bores the cradles-some up and some down but always a much higher proportion upwards, and then deposits an egg in each one. She also injects fungal spores in the process. You can see remains of a white fungus in a few of the cradles which is what the developing beetle larvae feed upon. So the trees are not affected and continue to grow despite the infestation...which is why each tree in fact becomes a historical record of beetle attacks over time. The more tree stumps that we collected and dissected, the better description we had of outbreaks in the area dating back over 80 years! It was really a unique biological problem to research. However it took a helluva lot of hours to dissect all of those stumps!



Now you know more about the CTB than 99.9% of all the residents of CT, including Entomologists!

~~~Michael L. McManus

# Final Thoughts

**For Sale:** Clarke Abrasive Blast Cabinet, Black Bull 20 gal abrasive blaster tank, 1 bag of black diamond grit. Used once for 5mins. Take it all for \$150. Contact Ken Guarneri at 860-887-2884



**For Sales:** 42" Goodell & Water bandsaw for sale. \$1500, includes extra blades. It does come apart....bring truck! Burl not included. Corey Anderson 860-267-0830



**Bad Dogs Burl Road Trip** Saturday October 8th. 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

**Coventry Farmers Market.** Paul Maulucci is looking for participants for a demo day at the market. Sunday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> market time is 11am -2pm. Over 50 vendors regularly. Tented site includes electricity. More information can be found at [www.coventryfarmersmarket.com](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.com). Also please contact Paul Maulucci if you are interested (pmaulucci@sbcglobal.net)

**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.



Tagua nut vase

## From the Turning Cave



Boat knobs

We have all seen pictures and have been up close to some of Jim Kephart's spindle turnings. Whether they are 200+ ballisters or 100+ pickets for a fence or 8 10' fluted columns it always seems that Jim is into big stuff...and lots of it.



Naughty Nurse  
Beer Tap handles  
for City Steam  
Brewery

Well just to let you know, Jim can turn small things too!



Need a picket for a fence? Or are you looking to rid vampires in your neighborhood?



## AAW News

The October/November issue of the *American Woodturner* will have information about membership renewal. The most important asset of our association is you, our members. We look forward to continuing our partnership. Don't forget that the Board of Directors elections are

under way. If you haven't voted yet, please get to it as the deadline for ballots is October 21.

AAW also wants to remind all of us about safety. Accidents can happen in a blink of an eye to both the novice and the most experienced turner.

Also do not forget to spread your turning knowledge. Teaching newcomers, young and not-so-young, is the cornerstone of the AAW and CCW foundation.



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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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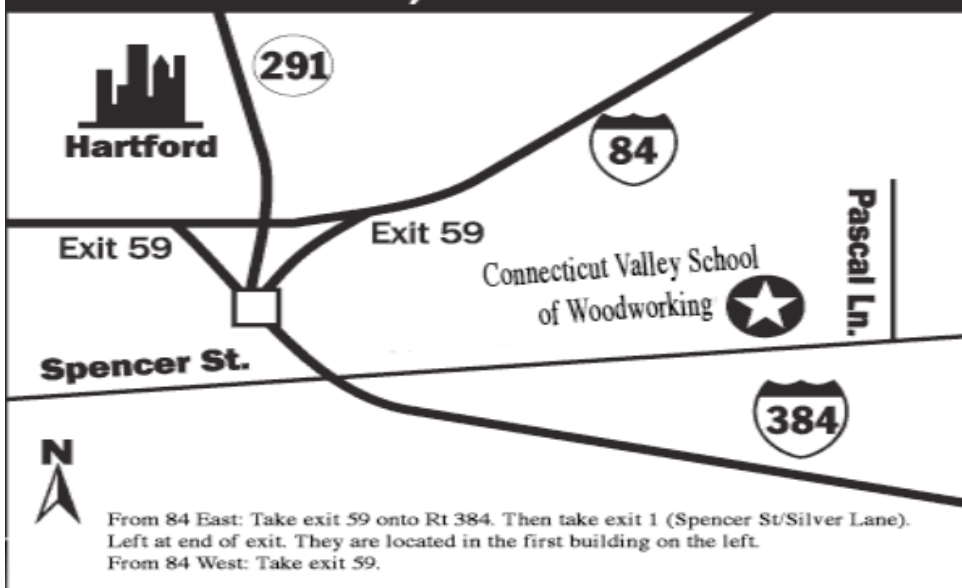
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