



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

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Presidents Message

April showers bring May flowers and yard clean up. Many of you may be taking down a tree or know of some one that is and has too much wood and needs a source to get rid of it. Central Connecticut Woodturners to the rescue! CCW members are always looking for sources of wood and are there to remedy the dilemma. Also if you seem to have an abundance of wood that you would like to donate to the club, we do have a Wood Swap at our monthly meeting, at a dollar for a chance to win a piece of wood. Also note that the Wood Swap is not just limited to wood, in past swaps we have had magazines, finishes and corian show up.

I would also like to thank all that donated bowls to the Windham Hospital Ladies Auxiliary "Bountiful Bowls" fundraiser

Linda Zibbideo

April Meeting
Tuesday
April 22nd
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
At Jim Kepharts

Next Meeting
May 18th
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Central Connecticut Woodturners
Meeting minutes for March 25, 2008

Corey Anderson held a mini clinic prior to the meeting at 6:30. Guest demonstrator and club member Jim Kephart discussed the care and use of the roughing gouge.

The March meeting of the Central Connecticut Woodturners was held at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking located at the Manchester Woodcraft. President Lynda Zibbideo called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

President's Report: Lynda Zibbideo

- Lynda welcomed guests.
- Reported that Peter Lagerstedt of Constitution Saw was injured at his shop and is now at the Bridgeport Hospital burn unit.
- Lynn Castelli, Mike South's wife, has requested donations of turned bowls for a fundraiser at Windham Hospital called "Bountiful Bowls". The proceeds go to fund services not covered by insurance for Oncology and Cardiac patients. Donations can be left with Mike, or Jim Kephart at their shops.
- Mike Silver retired to Pennsylvania, good luck in your retirement Mike!
- We still need a Librarian, anyone interested?
- Request from the club on Cape Cod for a demonstrator for a regular meeting and for their summer meeting for a full day.

Vice President Report: Rick Meier

- April meeting will be at Jim Kephart's shop. Tonight's demo will be Corey Anderson and wood burning/texturing techniques. The demo for April will be on turning a sphere by Jim Kephart in preparation for the summer challenge.
- Rick had some more hand outs for the challenge that cover such details as materials, dimensions, etc. See Rick for details. A sign up sheet for glue ups was put out.
- Sign up sheet for the May demo by Mark St. Legere.
- Rick also spoke about the up coming AAW convention in Richmond (June 20-22) and encourages our members to attend.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Moltz

- This is the CCW Treasure's Report for Feb. 08 to March 08.

Income:

Beginning balance	\$1562.65
Dues	490.00
Total Income:	\$ 490.00

Expenses:

Newsletter	60.89
Bank fees	6.50
Refreshments Feb. Meeting	33.74
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 101.13</u>

Amount in Checking Acct as of 3/25/2008 \$ 1951.52

Amount in Savings Acct as of 3/25/2008 \$ 1001.13

Membership stands at 51

Secretary's Report: Chris Zibbideo

- February minutes were published in the March newsletter

Librarian: Dayton Stimson

- *Still looking for a replacement librarian.*

Miscellaneous Business:

- Ken Guarneri brought up the subject of food safe finishes, a discussion ensued.
- Norman Hewitt has maple blanks available.
- A local carpenter circulated a flyer for a used lathe.

• **Show & Yell**

- Al Moltz - Pepper Mill, cherry lidded box w/finial.
- Ken Guarneri - various pens.
- Mike Murray - oak bowl finished w/spray lacquer.
- Albert D'antonio - Small Elm Bowl.
- Dayton Stimson - Cherry burl bowl w/hand filed feet.
- Ken Rowe - several wood spheres.
- John Fleming - Walnut burl bowl.
- Corey Anderson - Sasafra bowl from the "Tree of Life" series and a turned/carved elm burl "tree".
- Joe Doran - Cedar bowls, natural edge pear bowl.
- Steve Bemont - Elm dyed sand blasted sculptures.
- Dick Ryback - Black cherry burl w/stand & small eccentric bowl.
- Lynda Zibbideo - Hickory bowls.
- Chris Zibbideo - small "scaled Maple" platter.

Thanks to our demonstrators and participants, nice job!

Next meeting: April 22nd at Jim Kephart's shop in Manchester.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Zibbideo, Secretary.

Interesting Web Site

Mike Murray sent me an e-mail regarding a very interesting web site that our members would find interesting. Steve Russell's lathe talk has a lot of very interesting and very useful information. Please check it out; also if you have found an interesting web site let us know so we can share with others.
<http://www.woodturningvideosplus.com/>

Upcoming classes at Manchester Woodcraft store

Woodturning with Al Czellec

Description: This six-evening class starting April 30th is designed for beginning (or frustrated) woodturners and features extensive hands-on practice each night. Al Czellec has been turning and teaching for a number of years. His work is featured in a number of galleries in the New England area and he was the president of the Central CT Woodturners for three years. Students will learn basic spindle turning techniques used in furniture work, along with bowl turning, sharpening and general information about lathes, tools, chucks and various jigs used in woodturning.

Beyond "Round & Brown" Woodturning with Al Czellec

Description: Take your woodturning skills and imagination to the next level and join Al for this two-day hands-on class starting Saturday May 17th that is guaranteed to expand your creativity. You will learn how to "dress up" your turnings and make them truly unique. Al will teach you techniques ranging from how to add a simple bead to the edge of a bowl to how to add carvings and "piercings" to your projects. So many bowls are just a boring natural finish- what about using some color? Various techniques for adding color and metallic looks along with texturing with power carvers and gunpowder (yes- that's right!) will also be utilized. Don't miss this chance to open up new creative horizons.

Making Turned Boxes and Lidded Containers with John Lorch

Description: Turned wooden boxes are attractive, practical and make great gifts. They combine the skills from spindle, bowl and hollow turning. You can complete a turned box quickly and easily from inexpensive lumber and they are great projects that can really show off your creativity and imagination. The class will cover wood selection, grain orientation and design considerations. Students will learn secure wood mounting, tool use and the importance of project planning and design. John will demonstrate various box styles and students will complete two or more boxes. Finishing techniques, decorative possibilities and variations on some basic designs will be an important part of this fun and unique class. John is an accomplished woodturner and teacher whose work is exhibited in galleries and gift shops throughout New England. Don't miss this exciting new class starting Saturday June 7th, as you will be sure to have a great time.

Check them out at <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=534&nav=classes>

Wood of the Month!

Makore'

Tieghemella heckelii and *T. africana* (Sapotaccae)

Grows: West Africa. Presently considered as endangered.

Health risks: Dermatitis, nose & throat irritation, nosebleeds, nausea, headaches and giddiness. It can affect the blood and central nervous system.

Description: The heartwood can vary from pink/pinkish red to rich red-brown/blood red. Texture is normally uniform.

Properties: Is known to be a superb mahogany substitute. Although unlike mahogany this wood has a high silica content & may cause severe blunting of tools. TCT saw blades are recommended. Required pre-boring for nails and screws. Also note that it is susceptible to attack by insects.

Typical Uses: Boatbuilding, furniture & cabinetmaking, laboratory benches, flooring and marine plywood

Wood Identification & Use by Terry Porter

