



# Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

**NEXT MEETING**—March 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm

**Where**—Parkerville Wood Products

580 Parker Street, Manchester

Note for GPS users: Use **22 Mitchell Drive, Manchester**

## **Meeting Demo**

Don Hart will be demonstrating Casting

## **Reminder**

2017 membership fees are due

The \$35.00 dues will be collected at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** —OPEN SHOP at Jim Kepharts shop.

If you would like to attend please email or call Jim.

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**April 1-2**—Totally Turning Symposium, Saratoga Springs, NY

David Ellsworth, Jimmy Clewes, Kurt Hertzog, and more will be demoing. Plus many vendors will be selling their goods. For more information go to [www.totallyturning.com](http://www.totallyturning.com)

## **Pen Turning Events**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** — Norwich Slater Museum

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** — Cardin Library, 10am- 4pm

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** —Lebanon Historical Society, 10am- 3pm

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** —Lisbon Community Center, 9am- 3pm

## Meeting Demo

Jim Kephart demonstrated sharpening techniques



## Hebron Maple Festival Penturning



Show and Yell



**Butch Watson**



**Roland Lavoie**



**Joe Garofalo**



**Matt Clancy**



**Jared Ramsdell**



**Kip Lockhart**



**Dan Merlo**



**Albert D'Antonio**



**Corie Mader**



**Camille Westfall**



**Joe Doran**



**Rob Robinson**



**Tom Stevenson**



**Jim Kephart**

## Memories of Kenny

Kenneth W. Langworthy- (1942-2017)

On February 16th, our friend Kenny passed unexpectedly from this life. He had been wrestling with numerous health issues for many years but was never one to quit. I guess the cards were just stacked against him and now we have one less gifted craftsman, friend and wild man in our midst.

When I was a kid, I used to ride the school bus past the house of this guy who worked in the auto body field. One day I noticed a very customized, wildly painted VW Beetle parked in the yard. I was a Beetle enthusiast myself and vowed that someday I needed to stop over and find out more about the owner.

This car had custom wide wheels and tires set under hand fabricated fiberglass fender flares. It was just TOO COOL!

I never got around to introducing myself to the guy but always wished that I had.

Fast forward a few years to just after graduating from college. I was invited to a party at the house of an old friend who happened to live across the street from the VW guy. As luck would have it, he was at the party and I introduced myself and we started talking about cars over a few cold beers. This was the start of a friendship that spanned more than 30 years.

Fast forward again to the 1990s. I had gone into the custom woodturning business and joined the CCW. There was a maple tree in R.I. cut up for auction and a couple of other members needed a ride so I offered to drive since I had a van that could haul us and a fair amount of wood.

That Saturday morning, I reconnected with Kenny (and another very dear, now departed friend, Gil Hite) and off we went. My connection with the CCW enabled me to stay in touch and share many happy hours with Ken ( and Gil).

Ken was an innovator, inventor and artist. His turnings leaned towards natural forms and he thought nothing of sticking a huge, gnarly, oddly shaped tree root on the lathe, spin it up and have at it with a tool he had fashioned from a used up old lawnmower blade.

He had built his own lathe from various modified parts including a multi speed drive fashioned from a lawn tractor transmission and a washing machine motor.

One of Kenny's specialties was lamps and (to me) his crowning achievements in turning were his exquisite lampshades. Ken turned logs of up to 15" in diameter and a foot long into lampshades less than 1/16" thick and they were amazingly translucent. He especially loved Ambrosia Maple and Box Elder but used any wood that showed promise of stunning visual rewards.

This was, in itself, quite impressive but also compounded by the fact that Macular Degeneration had rendered Ken LEGALLY BLIND!



I could go on for hours with stories about Ken (as, I'm sure could many other members of the club) but will bring this to a close with just a few more words.

Kenny Langworthy was a thoughtful, artistic and devoted craftsman who cared deeply about his art, his family and his friends. His presence will be sorely missed and memories of him very much treasured.

Rest well old friend.

Mike South, C.G.B. (formerly of Bolton Woodturning)

### **Meeting Minutes**

- **6:30 meeting brought to order**
- **Treasury report read and accepted**
- **Motion made to pay club insurance**
- **Club Picnic date TBD**
- **Next year's officers needed**