



## Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

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### Feb 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled!!

~~Join us at the William J. Pitkin Community Center in Wethersfield CT on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:30pm. John Webber will do a short demo on turning an egg...if time allows.~~

### Next Meeting- March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Dan Merlo's shop in  
Eastford, CT at  
10am.**



## President's Note

Hello woodturners,

We had a good turnout for the pen turning event in Ashford. Thanks to Dan & Steve for setting it up.

We had 4 lathes, and 25 folks turn a pen, and we might have a few new members. I spoke with a lady who needed guidance on purchasing a lathe and will probably be visiting ECW soon as it is closer for her.

Thank you to Joe Doran for coming up from Eastern. It was good to visit.

Thanks to Joanne for manning the sign up and pen assembly area and Rob, Mike, Steve & Dan for teaching and turning. Let's do it again.

We are working on a few new pen turning events.

This month's meeting will be a busy one if the weather holds out. The current forecast looks bad. Will be checking on an alternate night in case of cancellation.

The plan is an abbreviated business meeting, show & yell, then the tool sale followed by a short demo on turning an egg, if time allows. (All proceeds go to Rick's estate) Cash, check and credit cards accepted.

We are planning on March 18<sup>th</sup> out at Dan Merlo's shop to have a meeting, wood sale from Rick Meir's estate and then a demo and workshop on "a dozen ways to turn an egg". A challenge will be issued to turn and bring in some eggs to the April meeting. 2x4s make good practice wood.

February 24-26, 2023 is the Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium. There are lots of great woodturners and demo's. Cost is \$89.00 and you can re-watch for 30 days.

Totally Turning is March 25 & 26, 2023 in Saratoga Springs NY. Cost is \$200.00. Get your room reservations now.

Dues are now due. Please bring cash or check, or mail to Mark Fields.

Please fill out the application/renewal form to make sure your contact info is up to date.  
[https://ccwoodturners.org/images/phocadownload/2020\\_20\\_CCW\\_Member\\_Application.pdf](https://ccwoodturners.org/images/phocadownload/2020_20_CCW_Member_Application.pdf)

See you around,

John Webber

## CCW Meeting minutes January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Approximately 15 members present.

New members: Dan Thibault turning for a few months; Tom Lindt turning for a few years; Dan Henks turning about 4 years; Dave Davidson, not really a new member turning for about 4 years; Danny is getting a lathe in exchange for some treework. He has not turned anything yet.

Kip Lockhart, CCW VP: A big problem that CCW has right now is finding a place to hold meetings. We are Central CT Woodturners (Meridan, Bristol, etc....) So far, all potential meeting places want \$150 to \$200.00 for a night. Maybe spend some money to have meetings in different locations to get more members. Traveling 20 minutes is okay, but not an hour. If anyone knows of potential meeting sites, please let Kip know. Next meeting is at the Senior Center in Wethersfield CT, and they are charging the club \$35.00. Currently our budget consists of spending \$1300.00 per year on insurance, the CCW website, pen blanks... but the CCW club only takes in around \$775.00. Currently, the CCW club balance is \$3,005.19. Current income is 30 members times \$35 dues. The CCW club has 5 lifetime members (they do not pay dues). Currently, the CCW bylaws say that the club shall meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month; but that doesn't mean the club can't change that, or be flexible. Might be a possibility that we can go to Woodcraft. John will email Bob at Woodcraft, and maybe go in and talk directly to Drew (the owner) asking if we could possibly have 4 dates this year. Woodcraft's hours are currently not conducive to our meeting times, but ask them to please support the wood turners' guilds. We do buy stuff at Woodcraft when there is a meeting.

Treasurer's report: Balance at end of November 2022 = \$2935.19, \$70 collected in dues during Dec 2022, final balance is \$3,005.19. Mark has had 2 more applications for new members in January 2023.

Part of the funds that we have can be used to have a demo from a professional turner.

For the pen turning events, CCW funds all the pen kits. Do we want to put a donation jar out?

Discussion ensued. No one at the meeting was opposed to this idea. Along those lines, John said he should probably buy some more pen kits. The Ashford pen turning event is coming up. The club has enough pen blanks for that event, but will definitely need more. Motion was made and seconded to buy pen blanks. John will shop around for the best buy for the club, and also check with Don Hart. John will probably buy around 300. The club has enough wood for pen blanks ( $\frac{3}{4}$  square by 5 or 6 inches, cut in half.) (Make a mark across the 2 pieces before separating, for later realignment. Then, if known, label the type of wood on the pen blanks. The marking and wood labeling are not mandatory, just helpful). The club will establish a later time for drilling the pen blanks and gluing the pen tubes in. Next event is a pen turning event Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at Knowlton Hall in Ashford CT...please be there at 9am for set-up. Event starts at 10am and ends at 2pm. John will send out an email to the club next week. Currently have 4 lathes to use. No snow date at this time.

Event coming up is Totally Turning March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2023 Saratoga Springs NY. \$200 for the 2-day event. \$150 for one day. John sent a link to the event (and rooms to stay) in one of his CCW emails. There will be remote live demos with Glenn Lucas from Ireland, and Cindy Drozda from Colorado. Also Kathy Ireland. Really good event with lots of good vendors.

All in all, it was a good weekend at the Woodworking show at the Big E in January 2023. CCW had enough members at the Big E event who came, set up, worked, broke down. CCW also helped man the pen-turning booth. Thank you to all.

The Woodworking Expos will be at Mass Mutual Center sometime in February 2023, doing casting, hybrid pen stuff, hybrid type casting and finishing. \$20 for the weekend. John will send an email with the information.

Show & Yell- where the CCW club encourages members to bring something they turn. Mark suggested buying \$5 or \$10 Woodcraft gift cards to give out for Show & Yell, as an incentive for members to bring in items for Show & Yell. The previous gift certificates were donated to the club from Craft Supply. Discussion ensued. Idea was tabled until next meeting. Members were told to give it some thought.

At the Christmas party, members were challenged to do a quick turning.. A Santa Claus ornament, a Christmas tree ornament, and a snowman ornament were turned (by John W, Joe G, and Dan M.). John held them up for an impromptu vote at this meeting, the club members voted, and John's snowman won. John donated the prize back to the club.

## JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 2022 SHOW & YELL:





**JANUARY MEETING DEMO OF A HEART-SHAPED BOWL BY JOHN WEBBER:**



**FEBRUARY 2023 PEN TURNING EVENT IN ASHFORD CT:**





And here's your little dose of humor for the monthly newsletter.....

\*wife saw this and asked me to do one\*  
Nailed it.





