



## Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

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**July CCW Meeting-  
Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
2023**

**Ken Rowe's shop,  
55 Main Street,  
Durham CT, at  
6:30pm.**

**The demo will be  
"Having a ball  
making a sphere"**



## President's Note

Hello woodturners,

We had a good meeting last month at the Berlin Fairgrounds thanks to Rob Robinson. Hopefully we can return there again.

Lynda brought leftovers from Rick Meier's estate. There are a few things left. Contact Lynda if interested.

We had a demo on finials. In November we'll have a demo on ornaments & Christmas ornaments so I am issuing a challenge to turn an ornament and bring it to the Christmas party ( this is separate from the gift exchange). All entries will be eligible in the raffle for a Woodcraft gift card. If there is interest in a globe hollowing demo or hands on workshop, let me know and we can set one up. I really enjoy participating in the workshops.

The CCW picnic will be on Saturday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at Dan & Joanne's place, they just built a beautiful new patio and will have tents set up to keep cool. Joanne will be sending out a food signup sheet soon.

We will have show & yell...The theme will be to turn a summertime fruit, vegetable, or dessert item. This should be a fun project to turn, texture and color. Who is up for this challenge? Need ideas? Feel free to reach out to me. This is about fun and creativity.

This month's demo will be on turning spheres. Have you made any? Let's share your techniques and experiences.

See you soon,

John Webber

## **CCW Meeting minutes June 27<sup>th</sup> , 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:09PM at Berlin Fairgrounds in Berlin CT

President John Webber introduced the current officers... Mark Fields absent.

New members: Steve Brainard from Cheshire CT - 6 months turning. Found us online; looking to turn bowls.

Treasurers report balance on April 30 2023 = \$2,914.20; Income: Tool sale \$320.99, dues \$140.00, raffle \$325.00; Expenses \$496.10; Balance May 31, 2023 = \$3,204.09.

Kip Lockhart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Rob Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval. No one opposed.

Kip Lockhart said this is a great location if we can get it again. Rob Robinson will try.

Name badges: Kip Lockhart has blanks and Joe Garofalo will use design file. Kip has about 40 blank wood badges and 2 packs of magnets. Previously, CCW had a treasurer that had a box that the badges were stored in between meetings. Presently, each member will all take care of their own badge. Kip had a list of members that didn't have a badge. Another option: A guy in Springfield will make the name badges for approximately \$11.00 each.

Next CCW meeting is July 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.... We don't have place or demo yet.

CCW Picnic – Date was decided -- August 12<sup>th</sup> 2023. 11am to whenever at Joanne and Dan's house in Eastford CT. In July, Joanne Mann will send John Webber the sign-up genius link, and John will send it out to all members.

CT Valley School of Woodworking has their open house in September 9th 2023.

Pen turning - Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at NEAM 10am to 3:00pm

Pen turning - Sat Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 Berlin Peck Memorial Library 234 Kensington Rd 10am to 2pm

CCW Sept 26<sup>th</sup> meeting – demo TBD

CCW Oct 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> at Dans shop....Roland Lavoie will do a demo on hollowing 10am to 2pm.

Nominations for club officers at this time.

Turning for Troops November 2023 at Wood Craft

November 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting – Elect officers; Demo= Lynda Zibbideo Christmas ornaments

CCW Christmas party – December 2023 – TBD

One of our CCW members went to AAW symposium and talked about it. Lots of great demonstrations. Kip Lockhart's video on segmenting was playing at a demo out there. Cindy Drozda was there. His wife turned a pen and a yo-yo. Favorite demo was Seri Robinson on spalting. Next AAW Symposium is in Portland Oregon.

Show and Yell

Then a tool sale was held with some remaining items from Rick Meier's collection.

Then a final demo by John Webber.

JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 SHOW & YELL:









# JUNE meeting's demo -- Turning "Finials"



## Some helpful information:

Finial demo  
Cindy Drozdra, Janice Levi, Ashley Harwood, Avelino Samuel and Keith Tompkins are all excellent finial instructors to reference.

These are not rules, just guides to think about while designing and turning a finial.

Wood choice for finials- straight and closed grain wood- hard maple, maple, holly  $\$$ , ebony  $\$$ , African blackwood, cherry, sapele, some walnut, exotics like cocobolo. Avoid open grain wood like oak & ash.

Here is where you want the plain knot and feature free wood.

Less is more- try to not make it look to busy with too many features as it could distract from the overall piece.

The top finial should be proportional to the bottom finial and the rest of the piece.

Consider using the golden ratio or rule of thirds. (Fibonacci)

A plain wood globe can be enhanced with a few more features whereas a spectacular globe might look better with a plain but elegant finial.

Light colored woods draw your attention.

Start turning at the tailstock end and only work on about an inch at a time finishing turning and sanding before moving to the next section towards the headstock. Do not go back to the tip.

Use sharp tools, light and supported cuts and use lots of RPMs on the lathe.

Tools- spindle roughing gouge, spindle or detail gouge, thin parting tool. I have seen finials turned with micro carbide tools.

It is helpful to draw a few designs to see what looks good and have a plan.





