



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

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**October CCW
Meeting- Saturday,
October 21st 2023**

**Dan Merlo's shop
198 Ashford Road
Eastford CT, at
10:00am.**

**Roland Lavoie will
be demoing Deep
Hollowing with The
Big Rig.**



President's Note

Hello woodturners,

Wow September was a busy month, three events and 60 or so pens turned, I had a blast and hope you did also. Thanks to all who came out to make it happen.

This year Dan & Rob coordinated a new event in their towns and Rob & David found us more meeting places, thank you so much. We are working on scheduling Feb, April and probably June pen turning events. We may need an old timey sign "WOODTURNERS, coming to a town near you". Let us know if you would like to do an event in your town.

Last month's meeting was pretty full, thanks to the donation of koa and milo bowls and hollowforms. I have not had time to work on it yet. Lynda shared a bunch of storage tubes and we have more once turned bowls to auction off along with a couple of chucks and various other tools this month. I am done dragging them around.

Dan Merlo demoed a copper wire inlay. Hope some of you have tried it. I turned the bowl but have not finished it yet. Not much shop time for me lately.

Remember, we will be voting next month for club officers, if you want to help out, please speak up.

And in the not too distant future we have an ornament challenge going on. Bring them to the Christmas party which is barely 2 months away. If you need help give me a ring.

See you soon.

John Webber

CCW Meeting minutes September 26th, 2023

CCW September 26, 2023 at William J Pitkin Community center

Meeting started at 7:07pm

John introduced himself and the other CCW officers

New members and guests: Kathy Wallace from Wallingford; relatively new to turning. Turned pens, ice cream scoop handles, couple bowls.

July minutes: Dan Merlo makes motion to accept. Lynda Zibbideo 2nd; all approved.

Treasurers report: Balance on 7/31/2023 \$3104.09; no income or expenditures, so balance remains the same at \$3104.09. Kip Lockhart makes motion to accept; 1st Rob Robinson 2nd; all approved.

Elections in November 2023. Mark Fields stepping down as treasurer. Joanne Mann stays as secretary/newsletter person. Kip Lockhart said he can move into treasurer's spot if needed. John Webber is fine with whatever. If someone wants to be president, it is up for grabs. Oct we will have nominations. CCW will go by Roberts Rules, which state officers can stay in office until such time that new officers are elected.

CCW October 2023 meeting is Saturday Oct 21st 2023 at 10am at Dan Merlo's shop. Roland Lavoie will be doing the demo. He is in Ocean State club and Eastern club. He has large coring hollow form rig.

Nov 11th 2023 Turning for Troops 9am-4:00pm. Bring lathes, and bring mandrels. WoodCraft furnishes pen blanks, etc

CCW November meeting will be November 28th 2023 at Ken Rowe's shop. Elections will be held. Lynda Zibbideo will do demo on ornaments (Rick Meier used to make them).

Christmas party-Maybe the same place as last year, VFW in Windsor Locks CT.

2 pen turning events were successful-NEAM 18 pens.; then Berlin Peck Library 39 pens turned.

Upcoming events:

January 2024 Woodturners Show;

February 2024 Ashford pen turning event again. Possibly set up a schedule instead of walk-ins. Do we need more pen blanks? Yes, John Webber has wood and blanks, he will bring to next meeting. John will send out dates, and Lynda will put it on website.

Mark Fields has lots of turning blanks 3 x 3 , etc, big stack of boxes full of stuff. Contact him, and go to his house if you are interested.

John has a lot of items... Calipers, one way chuck, face plate, jaws, and a box of bowls, and also Ken Rowe donated a chatter tool with couple other blades (almost brand new). Bowls and stuff will be raffled off at next month's meeting.

Moment of safety: How fast is too fast? Can turn spindles pretty fast because they are between centers. Bowls start slow, use tailstock support as much as possible. There is a formula for lathe speed. 9000 divided by diameter in inches. And stay out of line of fire when turning on lathe. Under 1000 rpm, it will usually fall down. Variable speed on lathes make it safer. Be safe!!

Demo began at 7:56pm. Dan Merlo -- Adding copper inlay to a bowl.

Kevin Kelly woodturner in Hawaii is donating a bunch of roughed-in items. Kola woods, Milo woods, misc woods....all from Hawaii to 3 clubs-- Eastern, Nutmeg, and CCW. 12 boxes, Kip separated, and divided as equally as he could. Please take only one. Kevin doesn't want any money. Just wants a picture of what we make from his roughed in bowls.

Hello fellow wood turners
 First off I expect nothing for these first turned forms.
 Here is the story of how I came about this wood. I lived in Hawaii for 37 years or I raised a family
 And had a great time with all things Hawaii. I started turning bowls for staircases that I was building.
 When I lived in New England in my youth And continued in Hawaii, one day I was given a large piece of
 Koa and that was it. I was constantly looking for all kinds of wood as the islands have so many hard woods
 I had never heard of. I was a bit obsessive in my gathering, perhaps some of you can relate.
 All of the pieces were turned in a vessel and air dried and kiln dried. I brought two containers of
 Of wood, tools and home furnishings to Vermont to build my retirement home and finish turning these forms.
 So here I am, and I have far too many roughed out forms. Here are some details about the wood in the boxes.
 Koa
 The premium wood in the islands is Koa. It grows at about 6000' to 7000' on the Big Island, years ago forests of
 This is the wood the Hawaiians used to make canoes and the only trees that survived was on private lands.
 Or in deep gulches. Two years ago the last of the rare trees stopped cutting Koa. Some small pieces can be found
 On line but for the most part that's it. It will take years for the trees that are being planted now are allowed to
 grow to saw logs. The Koa harvest was from stumps of trees cut long ago.
 Milo
 The dark wood is Milo that was harvested at sea level it only grows with its roots in the salt water. Most of the
 stock cut was under water for many years. These trees came down in storm in the 60s.
 All of the Milo I cut was from Kapa, to say on the east side of the Big Island.
 All of Kapaono Bay. Areas now under lava from the 2000 eruption.
 Kaniro
 Kaniro only grows at sea level and not much is available. Beside the red wood. The canoe
 Of the trees is massive. I have seen canoes of 25'. Primary trunk 7' Dia with secondary
 Limbs 3' Dia, running parallel to the ground for a 100' plus
 If you have a question email me at kellywoodworking@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER 26th 2023 SHOW & YELL:



September 26th 2023 meeting's demo – Copper inlay





