



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

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President's Note:

The Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking will have their Open House on Saturday, September 22nd. Central Connecticut Woodturners are invited to participate in the event by demonstrating the art and skill of woodturning. Lathes will be set up for use throughout the day and there will be an Instant Gallery area for display. If you are interested helping during the day to demonstrate or to be to answer questions, please give me a call at 860 -267-0830.

The September CCW meeting will have a pizza party prior to the CCW meeting starting at 5:00 pm. The pizza party will be behind the Woodcraft/Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking building. Please feel free to bring a dessert for sharing after pizza. At 7:00pm CCW will have the regular meeting and Beth Ireland will be providing the program.

- Corey Anderson



Veteran's Day - Freedom Pen Turn-A-Thon Saturday November 10th

Once again Woodcraft will support this annual Veteran's day project. We would welcome anyone to join us and help this worthwhile cause. We hope to receive support from Central Connecticut Wood turners as in past years. Woodcraft will supply all materials and lathes, all collected pens will be immediately distributed to U.S. Troops overseas through the organization's founder, SawMill Creek. SawMill founded this program in January of 2004, more than 59,000 customized pens have been created and sent to members of the armed forces on a regular basis. The all volunteer effort was launched by members of the SawMill Creek Woodworkers Forum as a way to remind troops far from home that they are not alone.

Our staff at the store would like to invite any and all members, it's a great time to recruit new club members. If anyone has any questions, please give me a call- Warren Blessing @860-647-0303.

Something new.....

Each month the CCW will purchase a turning tool for any member (free of charge) to both use and critique. The only requirement is that member is to write an article for the newsletter at least 12 days prior to next meeting, which will be published in that month's newsletter, on the evaluation of the item. The evaluator for that month has the first option to purchase the tool at a discount price of 20% (the article is to be submitted to the newsletter

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September Meeting:

Tuesday,
Sept. 25, 2007

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Connecticut Valley School
of Woodworking

5:00 - 7:00

Pizza Party

7:00 pm - 9:00pm

Business Meeting

Topic:

Beth Ireland

Workshop on:

Tools, Jigs & Fixtures

October Meeting:

Saturday,
Oct. 27 2007

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Bolton Woodturning &
Turning 70

Featuring:

Keith Thompson

November Meeting:

Tuesday,
Nov. 27 2007

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Connecticut Valley School
of Woodworking

Club Challenge &
Officer Election

Something New *(Continued)*

editor. If he or she does not meet this requirement, then it will be auctioned off at that month's CCW meeting.

Suggestions of items to be purchased for the following month can be given to the President, Corey Anderson. The lathe tools purchased for evaluation is to be limited to \$115.

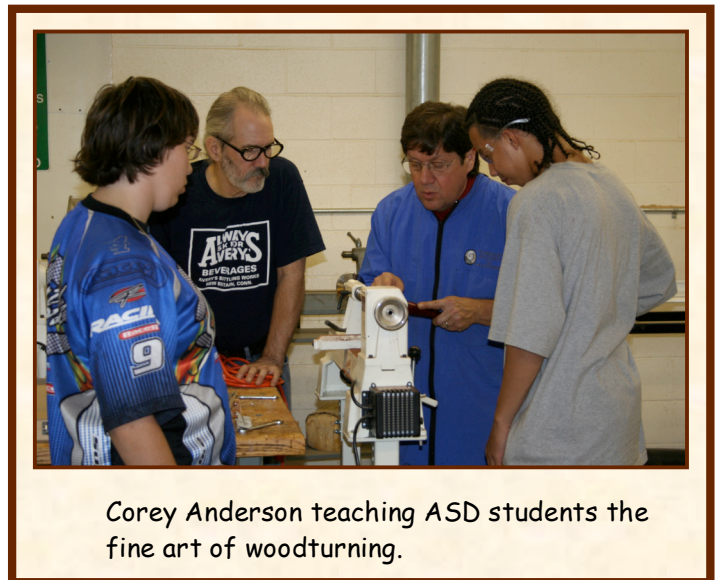
The tool to be evaluated for September is the Termite Multi-Tip Ring Tool, purchased from Packard Woodworks. (Summer 2007, Pg. 17). 'The terminator is a ring tool that can hollow into end grain' 'The tool is very useful in hollowing of boxes, goblets and hollow vessels , it can also be used for face grain bowls'. Purchased with the Termite is what Packard Woodworks call's Option #3, 'the Termite cutter which measures 5/8" in diameter is capable of moving more wood per pass. "The Termite comes with a grinding point that is held in the router to sharpen for cutters. This is easily done with the sharpening fixture that is included. The Termite has a 13" long hardwood handle and has an overall length measuring 21". The cost of the tool and Option #3 Cutter is \$115 including shipping.

~ Alan Moltz, Treasurer

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

by Corey Anderson

For the past 6 years, I've been sharing my love of woodturning by volunteering time with students and faculty at the American School for the Deaf (ASD) in West Hartford. The experiences I've had with them have been extremely rewarding, and ASD has responded very positively. This year, ASD decided to dedicate several thousand dollars to their tech-ed program in the hopes of helping their students develop viable skills that they can use to produce saleable turned work.



Corey Anderson teaching ASD students the fine art of woodturning.

Dave Woodward, head of the ASD Technical Education Department, recently contacted me to let me know that his program had purchased 3 Jet mini-lathes and a variety of woodturning tools with their grant monies. Having only limited exposure to woodturning himself, he asked if I might be able to provide some instruction for turning pens and pencils, which the students would like to sell through the ASD gift shop.

Note from the Editor:

I am retiring from CCW this year and would like to help whoever takes over as the newsletter editor with a smooth transition. At this time, no one has stepped up to the plate and volunteered for the position. If this is something that interests you, contact me or Corey Anderson.

Thanks, Dave Miner



New Turning Woods

Just a quick note let folks know that we have added considerable new turning stock at the Woodcraft Store in Manchester. We've added such species as Osage Orange, Argentine Lignum Vitae, Honduran Rosewood, Cocobolo, Redheart, Olivewood, Tuplipwood and Pink Ivory to name a few. The sizes generally are 1x1x12, 1.5x1.5x6, 2x2x12, 5x5x2 and 6x6x2. There was also 4/4 lumber added that can be glued up as well. New inventory was put out late August, it's been moving well. If there is something you especially like, let me know, we will be reordering.

- Warren Blessing

Wood of the Month!

Bubinga (*Guibourtia Demeusei*)

Grows: Central & West Central Africa

Health risks: Dermatitis, skin lesions

Description: The heartwood is med red-brown with lighter red to purple veining. The grain runs straight with distinctive annual rings. .

Properties: Works satisfactorily with hand tools, although moderate to severe dulling may occur due to the silica in the wood. Pre-drilling is required and gluing maybe difficult due to glue pockets.

Typical Uses: Primarily used as a veneer for cabinetwork, furniture, and paneling. Other uses include boatbuilding, flooring and prized for turnery.

Purpleheart (*Phoebe porosa* (Laureaceae))

Grows: Central American & Northern South America

Health risks: Dust can cause irritation & nausea

Description: One of the most distinctive woods in the world, purpleheart is prized for its very unusual deep purple color. When freshly cut, this dense hardwood is light brown. Within minutes the surface turns an astonishing bright purple. Upon prolonged exposure to sunlight, the color gradually changes to a chocolate-purple color. This beautiful wood is straight to wavy grained, fine and uniform textured and fairly smooth with a medium to high luster. Purpleheart turns smoothly, is easy to glue, takes finishes well and is highly durable

Properties: It is a fairly hard, heavy & dense wood. It is difficult to work by hand & blunting of cutters is moderate to severe.

Typical Uses: Flooring, bridge building, quality furniture, siding, vats, pilings, turnery, billiard or pool-cue butts, boatbuilding, inlays, handles & decorative veneers.

African Padauk (*Pterygota bequaertii*)

Grows: Tropical West Africa

Health risks: Sawdust can cause skin & respiratory problems, swelling of the eyelids, itching & vomiting.

Description: Straight to interlocked grain with a moderately coarse texture and large pores. Rich red to purple red heartwood and pale-beige sapwood.

Properties: Hard, heavy, and strong with exceptional decay resistance and dimensional stability. Not suitable for steam bending. Only slight blunting of cutters. Pre-drilling is advisable.

Typical Uses: Furniture, joinery, cabinetmaking, parquet flooring and decorative veneers.



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The Central Connecticut Woodturners (CCW) was founded in 1994 to support the needs of woodturners in the central Connecticut area. Its purpose is to promote a higher standard of excellence in woodturning by providing an ever expanding source of information and resources to its membership. Memberships are calendar basis from January 1 through December 31. Annual dues are \$35 or \$20 for six months or less.

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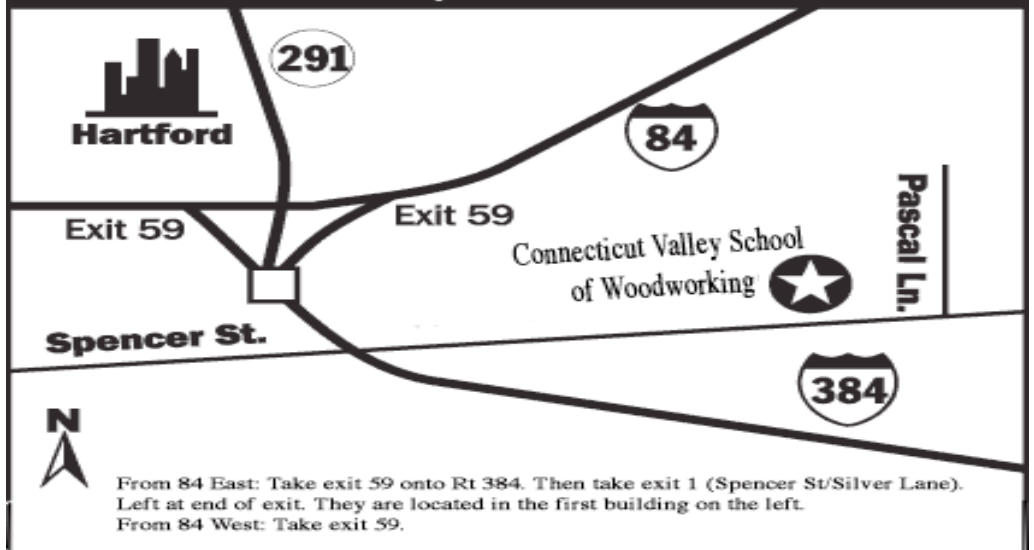
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