



# Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

*Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning*

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## !!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

The Yankee Woodturning Symposium is coming Soon!

The Yankee Woodturning Symposium will be held June 1-3, 2007 at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. This is a major woodturning conference - right here in own back yard - so don't miss it!

The symposium will feature demo's by well-known international turners Including: Jean-Francois Escoulen from France, Michael Hosaluk from Canada, Fraeme Priddle from New Zealand, and Jimmy Clewes of the United Kingdom. American turners also demonstrating will include: Angelo Iafrate, Beth Ireland, Johannes Michelson, Bob Rosand, Mark Sfiri, Mark St. Leger, and others.

The cost is as low as \$135 if you pay before May 1. If you absolutely cannot afford \$135, you should at least go to the syposium and visit the Instant Gallery and the Trade Show which will be open to the public AT NO CHARGE! At the Trade Show vendors will offer for sale a wide selection of turning tools and supplies, woods and burls.

For more information, visit the website at [www.Yankeewoodturningsymposium.org](http://www.Yankeewoodturningsymposium.org).

Be there or be square! (Pardon the pun.)

- Albert D' Antonio

## CCW and The Freedom Schooner Amistad

In 1839 fifty-three Africans from the area now known as Sierra Leone were captured into the North American slave trade and forced onto a Spanish vessel called La Amistad. One of them, a man named Singbe Pieh, escaped from his chains and led a shipboard revolt.

The victorious Africans ordered the two surviving crew members to sail them toward the rising sun, back to Africa. Instead, they were tricked as the ship was turned back toward the coast at night. The Amistad zigzagged up the eastern U.S. coast and ended up in the harbor at New London, Connecticut. When Spain demanded the return of "Spanish property", there ensued one of the most important civil rights cases in U.S. Supreme Court history. Ultimately, under a legal defense headed by the former president John Quincy Adams, the Court upheld the freedom the Africans and, more importantly, their right to self-determination. The decision and its surrounding publicity fuelled the growing abolitionist movement in this country. In January of 1842 the thirty-five Amistad Africans who had survived the ordeal were returned to their homelands.

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### April Meeting:

April 24, 2007

Jim Kephart's Shop

6:30 pm to 9:00pm

### Amistad Turning Frenzy

All proceeds are being  
donated to the  
Amistad for its Trans-  
Atlantic Voyage.

Bring some tools and  
safety glasses and join  
the fun!

### May Meeting:

May 22, 2007

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Connecticut Valley  
School of  
Woodworking

7:00 pm - 9:00pm

June Meeting: TBD

## Central Connecticut Woodturners Meeting minutes for March 27, 2007

The March meeting of the Central Connecticut Woodturners was held at Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking located at the Manchester Woodcraft. President Corey Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

President Report: Cory Anderson

- Corey welcomed guests and new members.
- Corey thanked all Gil Hite & Mike South for the use of their shops for the Keith Tompkins presentation. A CD copy of Keith's presentation was purchased for the library. Corey will burn copies of the CD for \$1, for those interested in their own copy.
- Mark Lefebvre has access to a 40' walnut tree in Portland. Sign up sheet for those interested in helping with its removal.
- Email from Dan Madar (former Treasurer) "Greetings from VA!"
- Received a thank you note from the Windham Garden Club. CCW donated 50 pieces; helping to raise over \$800!
- Flyer for the Utah Woodturning Symposium.
- From Doylestown, PA - offer for sale of past AAW magazines. 1989 to present. Best offer takes the lot.

Vice President Report: Albert D'Antonio

- Club challenge of Rubber wood was a sell out!
- April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Jim Kephart's shop. It will be an "Iroko Turning Frenzy". All turned pieces will be donated to the Amistad. Meeting will start earlier than usual at 6:30PM. Possible team turning competitions!
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be back at the school. Presentation will be a panel of turners discussing various sanding theories and techniques.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Moltz

- CCW is 59 members strong! 6 New members signed up tonight.
- If you have not paid your dues, you will not get next months newsletter.
- For January 27<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>

Beginning Balance	\$2,180.04
Income:	4,005.78 (wood swap, auction, WAAC, dues, demo fee))
Expenses	3,404.77 (newsletter, postage, gratuity, WAAC, flowers, rubber wood, demo fee, food & fee)
Ending balance	\$2,781.05

Secretary's Report: Lynda Zibbideo

- Lynda requested that if you bring a piece for Show & Yell, please be sure that your name is on the piece. A sticky pad/pencil will be set out for that purpose. Pieces with just initials or no names at all make it difficult to identify who made what. And please wear your name tags.

Newsletter: David Miner

- [DavidMiner1228@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DavidMiner1228@sbcglobal.net)
- If you have not paid your dues, you will not be getting next month's newsletter.
- Looking for newsletter contributions. Have you tried a new tool, read a great article in a magazine, had an interesting turning experience; then we are looking for your contribution!

Librarian: Dayton Stimson

- Library has several new videos and DVDs; including ones on tool sharpening.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Gil Hite suggested that the Board of Directors consider purchasing the AAW magazines for the club.
- Mike South suggested that the club purchase a wireless mike, sound system and video equipment for our presentations. Monies that CCW made on the sale of the Delta lathe were to go to the purchase of these items. A good system for our needs could be gotten for as little as \$500. A motion was made & carried to purchase these items. Mike also suggested that a volunteer coordinate the PA setup for our various events. Mike stressed that it need not be the same person all the time either.
- Ken Guarneri had no new information regarding the Norwich Gallery
- Pierce Browning spoke of the Telacon Furniture Co of Norwich going out of business. Wood working equipment will be auctioned off on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Pierce also has willow wood available for turning. Also available

a 18"x5' willow table slab.

- Lynda Zibbideo brought in some baby food jars to share. Great for wood dust, small parts, paint mixing, doodads & whatzits.
- Board meeting will be at Corey's house on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Board and club members welcome.
- Wood swap and Show & Yell
  - Steve Bemont - maple burl bowl
  - Curt Blosd - red cedar burl bowl
  - Albert D'Antonio - 2 maple burl bowls, spalted maple bowl & sugar maple bowl
  - Bob Friedrich - natural edge maple bowl & pecan vase
  - Ken Guarneri - 4-footed sycamore bowl & natural edge apple bowl
  - Rich Johnson - pens & a letter opener using wood and spent bullet shell casings
  - Howard Loos - an assortment of bowls, boxes & vases made from yew wood
  - Al Moltz - natural edge black oak burl dyed yellow on the inside & walnut bowl with dyed red neck & green interior
  - Lynda Zibbideo - 3-footed sugar maple dish & 3-footed golden rain tree vase with copper leaf interior
- Presentation followed given by Mark Petterson of DMT Sharpening ([www.dmtsharp.com](http://www.dmtsharp.com)). DMT Sharpening is an internationally recognized company for their innovation in sharpening. DMT sharpeners are a sea of diamonds bonded in nickel to steel. The recessed dots provide for chip clearance, to prevent loading & speed sharpening. The DMT sharpeners are color coded for quick identification. From black (extra coarse - 60 microns - 220 mesh) to green (extra fine - 9 microns - 1200 mesh). Mark brought a variety of DMT's tool sharpeners. Although wood turning tools have very specific shapes; the DMT sharpeners can hone an edge quickly without removing a lot of material from the tool. Thereby saving tool material and sharpening time.

Next meeting: April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Jim Kephart's shop at 85 Hillard St. in Manchester. It will be an "Iroko Turning Frenzy". All turned pieces will be donated to the Amistad. Meeting will start earlier than usual at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Zibbideo

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### **Amistad** (Continued from page 1.)

In 1999 Mystic Seaport's shipyard staff began construction on a working replica of the sailing vessel, Amistad, as a permanent symbol of the struggle for equality and human rights. The ship is a floating educational resource to ensure this very important part of American history is never lost.

During the construction, Mystic Seaport staff asked CCW to turn the belaying pins, parrel beads and damage control plugs for the reconstruction. Since the launch in 2000, our members have created hundreds turned items from the cut-offs and scraps left over from the construction of the vessel. Funds raised from the sale of these items are used to develop shipboard educational curricula and to promote the mission of the Amistad. There is always something to do on a wooden sailing vessel. In the spring of the past two years CCW volunteers have performed much needed vessel maintenance. We sand and varnish the natural wood surfaces, renew paint and perform minor repairs.

CCW members who make donations or volunteer to work have been afforded the opportunity to sail aboard this beautiful icon of history. More importantly, we gain the tremendous sense of satisfaction of contributing to the Amistad mission of spreading the message justice and equality in every port she visits.

- John Lorch, Reprinted from CCW Newsletter, April 2006 Issue

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### **Wood of the Month!** ~ Iroko ~ (Chlorophora excelsa & C. regia (Moraceae))

**Grows:** East & West Africa

**Health risks:** Dermatitis, Furunculosis, asthma, nettle rash, oedema of eyelids, respiratory problems, sneezing & giddiness.

**Description:** There is a clear differentiation between the yellow-ish white sapwood & the golden orange to brown heartwood. The grain is moderately interlocked with a fairly coarse and even texture. The wood is mildly lustrous and is often a substitute for teak.

**Properties:** Works satisfactorily with hand tools. The interlocked grain can cause tearing & the mineral deposits can blunt cutters rapidly.

**Typical Uses:** Boat & shipbuilding, piles & other marine work, furniture, carving, joinery, laboratory benches, factory flooring, plywood, wall paneling & decorative veneers.



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**~ Legal Stuff ~**

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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**Directions to Jim Kephart's Shop:**

From I-84 Eastbound:  
 Take Exit 63  
 At end of ramp, go Straight (Rt 83) ...  
 OR  
 From I-84 Westbound:  
 Take Exit 63  
 At end of ramp, go Right (Rt 30)  
 At second light, turn Right onto Rt 83 ...

... Then:  
 Turn Right onto North Main  
 At next light, turn Left onto Main  
 At next light, turn Right onto Hilliard  
 85 Hilliard is the building just after the Time Machine hobby shop.  
 Jim's shop is on the second floor.



**Central Connecticut Woodturners - Membership Information**

New:  Renew:  Dues (\$35) payable to:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Central Connecticut Woodturners  
 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ c/o Alan Moltz  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 21 Decosta Drive  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Newington, CT 06111

**Yankee Woodturning Symposium  
Registration Form**

Location: Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center, Middletown, CT  
Dates: June 1 - 3, 2007

Attendee #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Standard Registration:** (Based on postmark date)

**Before 5/1:** Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_ x \$135 = \_\_\_\_\_

**From 5/1-5/26:** Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_ x \$150 = \_\_\_\_\_

**After 5/26:** Please pay at the door at \$165 (cash or check only, no credit cards)

**Number of Spouse, Student** (under 21, with id), **or One-Day Registrations:** \_\_\_\_ x \$100 = \_\_\_\_\_  
(No Charge for Admission to Youth Program ONLY)

**Number of Box Lunches:** (\$10 each, per day) Qty Sat \_\_\_\_ + Qty Sun \_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Banquet Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Embroidered Polo Shirts:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$23 = \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Circle Color: Blue Red Tan

**Embroidered Hats:** (tan, one size fits all) \_\_\_\_ x \$11 = \_\_\_\_\_

Advance Purchase Strongly Recommended,  
very limited supply of shirts & hats at event

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I will submit up to 3 pieces for the Instant Gallery.** (Circle One) Yes / No

Directions:

Please print this form, complete, and mail along with your check:

Make check out to:

**Yankee Woodturners Association**

Mail to:

**Yankee Woodturners Association**

c/o Gary Bashian  
66 Cherry Hollow Rd.  
Nashua, NH 03062

Advance Registration Deadline 5/1/2007

Inquiries to: [garybashian@hotmail.com](mailto:garybashian@hotmail.com) or call (401) 829-8293

Registration by email or telephone will not be accepted.  
No Refunds after 5/15/07.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**