



Central Connecticut Woodturners

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BURL AUCTION AT JANUARY MEETING!!! BRING CASH!!!

The January meeting will feature an auction of 30 to 40 burls! About half the burls are cherry. The balance is a mix of maple, oak, birch and other local species. Half the proceeds will go to the CCW treasury (so bring lots of cash). We will also be auctioning off the 3 pieces made by Cindy Drozda at her demo at our October meeting (so bring more cash). This is assuming Corey doesn't "forget" them again.

We will also have a wood swap featuring elm and any other wood that finds its way to the meeting (so bring even more cash and some wood to donate too). And don't forget to bring some interesting turnings for Show and Yell. Did I mention that you should bring cash to the January meeting?

- Albert D'Antonio, Vice President

Attention all Amistad Volunteers:

The Amistad is currently berthed at the shipyard at Mystic Seaport Museum and the crew are making her ready for a transatlantic journey next summer. The captain has asked if the CCW Volunteers would help to fit the vessel out for her long trip.

The first work party will meet at the Mystic Seaport Visitors Center at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 20, 2007. As you will recall, we work until noon then break for lunch at McQuades or bring your own. Then resume work until around 3:00. We are also planning a Wednesday work party beginning January 10th.

We hope to convene a work party each Saturday and Wednesday, except holidays, until the planned deployment for public sails in April or May.

The current schedule the ship is to leave for Nova Scotia, then to England in mid August.

The ship is wrapped with heaters onboard and much of the work will be on removed items in the shop. I would recommend dressing in layers so you can adjust to the conditions.

If you are interested in participating, please let me know so we can plan the work schedule.

- Thanks, John Lorch, Amistad Project Coordinator (JLORCH@aol.com or 860-646-2621).



Next Meeting:

Tuesday,

January 23, 2007

7:00 - 9:00

@

CT. Valley School of
Woodworking

Burl Auction

&

Wood Swap

!!! Bring Cash !!!

**Club dues are due at
the January meeting.**

Annual dues: \$35.00

**Contact: Alan Moltz,
CCW Treasurer**



*CCW is recognized for our contributions
to Toys for Tots. - Thanks to all!*

(Visit the Amistad on-line www.amistadamerica.org.)

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Meeting minutes for November 28, 2006

The November meeting of the Central Connecticut Woodturners was held at the 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.
- Thanked all that participated in the 2006 Freedom Pen Turn-a-thon. 114 pens were donated!
- OOPS!!!! Forgot the Cindy Drozda pieces that were made last month & were to be auctioned off at this meeting.
- Woodturner's Catalogs for the taking.
- 2007 Club Challenge will be decided at the January 2007 meeting.
- Holiday Party Saturday December 10th from 12-4. Guests are requested to bring hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Club will provide the rest of the food. This is also a BYOB event. Please park on 1 side of the street. If you are going to participate in the grab bag, you will need to bring a wood turned item.
- December 16-17th Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking has a Natural Edge Bowl class taught by Al Czellecz. Openings still available.
- 2007 Woodworks Show (http://www.woodworksevents.com/home_ma.shtml) held at the Big E January 12-14th in the Young Building. Woodworks has asked us to turn tops ("Top-a-thon") & sell them at \$2 ea. Monies collected to go to a charity of our choosing. We will also be able to sell our turned items at the show. You can also display your turned items in the Sawdust Gallery and be eligible for prizes in various categories. No entry fee to enter but you must register 2 weeks prior. Additional information is available on their website. Sign up sheet was put out.

Vice President Report: Albert D'Antonio

- Thanked Mike Murray for the cookies!
- Please let us know your ideas, thoughts for the upcoming year.
- The board will be meeting on January 11th at 7PM at Corey's house.
- Brought in Cherry wood for the wood swap.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Moltz

- Dues for 2007 will still be \$35. Please pay as soon as possible. We have 85 members for 2006, lets see if we can bring in more.
- Beginning September Balance \$3,360.84
 - Income 455.00 (Dues, Cindy Drozda seminar)
 - Expenses 1,629.85 (Minute Man Press-September/Oct, Cindy Drozda fee, CD, lunch for seminar, add'l printing)
 - Ending balance \$2,185.99

Secretary's Report: Lynda Zibbideo

- Nothing to report.

Newsletter: David Miner

- DavidMiner1228@sbcglobal.net
- There will be no newsletter for December.

Librarian: Dayton Simson

- In the process of getting new videos for the library.
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Miscellaneous Business:

- John Lorch: the Amistad is docked at Mystic. Work parties to start sometime in February. Deck will tented, so we shouldn't have to shovel off the snow!
- Gil Hite thanked Mike Murray for the cookies too! WAAC show is from Thanksgiving to Christmas. He didn't do a mass mailing this year, as there are only 5 participants at present. See Gill if you still want to participate as there is still space available. All donated pieces for the garden club have to be returned to Gil by December 16th so they can make the presentation. Presently he has 45 turnings.
- Show & Yell

- Steve Bemont - 2 natural edge cherry burl bowls & 1 natural edge maple bowl
- Albert D'Antonio - hop hornbeam bowl & "Tail of Whale" walnut sculpture
- Bob Ginter - mahogany/corean "Ginter" bottle stopper with presidential seal on top
- Howard Loos - various inside out Christmas ornaments
- Al Moltz - 3 pieces made from Norfolk Island Pine 2 vases & 1 bowl
- Curtis Strong - sumac natural edge bowl & 4 pens (2 dyed corn cob, 1 desert ironwood & 1 denim! Don't use CA glue...causes fires!)
- Ed Weingarten - End grain catalba bowl
- Chris Zibbideo - natural edged Glastonbury maple bowl
- Lynda Zibbideo - 2 spalted beech bowls & 1 spalted beech bottle stopper
- Ken (guest) - segmented bowl (made from 7 pen blanks & glued with Titebond), triangular box(mesquite) & bowl stabilizer
- WAAC Gallery items: Al Moltz (box elder vase & box), Mike Orenstein (black walnut bowl) & Lynda Zibbideo (box elder bowl & plate)
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- **2006 Club Challenge** using the Amistad Iroko wood that was passed out at the March 2006 meeting.
 - Second Place Winners:
 - Best Technical - Albert D'Antonio
 - Best Functional - Ken Guarneri
 - Best Artistic - John Lorch
 - First Place Winners:
 - Best Technical - Ken Guarneri
 - Best Functional - John Lorch
 - Best Artistic - Bob Friedman
- **Presentation followed on Shop layout & facility designs.**
 - Dave Miner - designed his shop when they were building his new home. Planned layout! Everything in its place. Also showed pictures of the East Lyme Middle School where he teaches.
 - Chris Zibbideo - 8x12 shed. Get the maximum use in the least amount of space! Mini jet, full size lathe, 2 drill presses, 1" belt sander, and a storage closet.
 - Dayton Stimson - Uses shower curtains to enclose himself & his lathe to keep the sawdust from going everywhere. Made a handy PVC tool rack to keep his tools close at hand.
 - Corey Anderson - Also uses shower curtains but more to keep the chips from covering his benches. Laura (his wife) was credited for helping in the shop layout - all tools are within reach. Tools are kept in a revolving tool tower right near at hand. Improved on his dust collection system with a larger hood.
 - Al Czellecz - revamped a 2-car garage. Overhead halogen lights are excellent (but can get a little hot). Covered an old hospital IV pole stand with Velcro for holding his Velcro backed sanding disks so that they are right there when he needs them. Rubber mats are a must - not only for you but also for when you drop a tool. Used copper piping to hold rolls of sandpaper
 - John Lorch - gave a demo on making a homemade vacuum chuck. Purchased new from Oneway they can cost \$739, with parts from Surplus Supply & the local hardware stores it costs \$267!!! John handed out spec sheets for those that wanted them.

Next get together is the Holiday Party December 10th 12-4PM in Mansfield Center, CT

Next meeting: January 2006

Respectfully submitted,; Lynda Zibbideo, Secretary

Turn, turn turn, to everything there is a season

The following commentary was written by Terese Karmel and published in the Willimantic Chronical on October 20, 2006

What I should have asked after a massive tree was uprooted in my front yard during last May's wind and rain was "Where are the woodturners when you need them?" Not quite ghostbusters, they are, however, equally community-minded and *welcome when they roll up to a property in their vans and trucks, wearing thick gloves and carrying saws, ready for work.* They are the Central Connecticut Woodturners and they have a rare gift: they can make something dead come to life again.

This they have done with an historic copper beech that was cut down a few years back (amid much controversy) at the University of Connecticut's Avery Point campus. There they tamed a limb or two (I'm really oversimplifying this) into a collection of lovely, polished wood pieces and sculptures that are now permanently on exhibit in the historic Branford house in a display case also created by the woodturners.

They are currently engaged in creating works from the limbs of a quartet of ancient trees in Windham (a box elder, a hickory, a black walnut and a copper beech) which had to be cut down because of rot, safety and other concerns. They will be presented to the Windham Garden Club in time for a Dec. 16 fundraiser for the new Windham Garden on the Bridge.

But the immediate concern here is the (fortunate) fate of a 250-year-old sugar maple that spread itself across the heart of Chaplin Street, in the heart of the town with the same name.

(Is there a lovelier street this time of year than Chaplin Street?) CL&P had been badgering the various property owners and the town to take the tree, the oldest in town, down for years because the utility feared it would fall on a transformer across the street. (They finally moved the transformer: Score one for the natural world.)

Sometime in the late 1990s, it got a stay of execution thanks to a petition from residents. But two years ago the tree, which stood on private property, finally had to come down after a branch fell across a driveway and almost hit a child.

Even then, there was great reluctance by everyone to take down this piece of history but sometimes practicality has to take precedence over nostalgia.

For who knows how long, families had picnicked in the shade of that tree. In the spring, a Chaplin schoolteacher used to bring her class to that tree to tap it for syrup. In the fall, its burst of orange, red and copper drew residents from miles to wonder at its beauty. In the winter, no doubt, it had been home to a holiday ornament or two. It even had a nickname, "Grandma," given it by residents who each Halloween gave the tree a kind of SpongeBob SquarePants face with two large puffy eyes wedged between branches and a big grinning mouth with two (widespread) front teeth.

And so the tree, by this point fortified with steel bars, came down. That's when the Woodturners, from their various communities throughout the state, arrived to claim the wood and keep the tree alive in the hearts of those who loved it.

A year ago, the woodturners presented the town with 44 beautifully lacquered vases, pens, platters, bowls, honey dippers - everything and anything that could be made out of wood that have been on display at various places throughout Chaplin. But Saturday, these pieces will be auctioned off at a 7 p.m. event at the Chaplin Senior Center to raise funds for the library, the museum and other good causes and institutions.

Gil Hite, titular head of the woodturners -this designation will infuriate him since they're nothing if not egalitarian - said some of the wood was "punky" (read "soft") while he was working on it and, once, as he was turning a piece, a bunch of ants came flying out at him.

Still the lathes kept turning in Willimantic, in Columbia, in Mansfield and other places where the woodturners turn, and the pieces were turned out. And now they can belong to anyone with the high bid and a love of the past.

As I was writing this earlier this week, I left my desk for a few minutes and when I returned found a lovely pen created by Hite from scraps of Angelique, a brown wood from South America, used in the construction of the Amistad freedom schooner. (The woodturner had been there too).

I know all about the limits to accepting gifts in this profession but this one I'll keep. And when I use the pen, I'll know I'm holding the passion of an artist as well as a piece of history in my hand.



~ 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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