



March CCW

Meeting- Tuesday,
March 25th 2025

At Wethersfield
Community Center,

30 Greenfield St,

Wethersfield CT, at

6:30pm.

John Webber will
demo turning a tulip.



President's Note

Hello woodturners,

April will be a busy month, 2 pen turning events and a meeting. I hope to see you one or three times; your help is always welcome.

Our event at NEAM was fun, 36 pens a lot of scouts, enjoyed talking to the scrollers and carvers and always enjoy checking out the aircraft. Thanks to Kip, Jay, Rob, Blair, Charles, Dayton, Dan and Joanne; your help is very much appreciated.

We now need to prepare about 50 more pen blanks. Let me know if you can help out prepping pen tubes and bringing them to the next event. I will have them at the meeting next week.

This month's demo will be turning a tulip. It will be a challenge that I hope you will accept and try.

See you soon.

John

Minutes for CCW MEETING February 25th 2025 at Wethersfield Community Center

Central Connecticut woodturners minutes for February 25, 2025

17 members present---

Meeting started at 6:41pm

President John Webber introduced officers.

Guests were welcomed...

Tim Connelly from Southington... turning over 20 years. Wants to expand horizons.

Jack Scanlon from Ansonia--getting back into turning. He turned a while back. Looking to turn bowls, pens.

Dues are due!

Events:

- Ashford Pen turning was Feb 15th 2025; 24 pens were turned. Thank you to all who helped out.
- March 22nd 2025 Pen turning at NEAM 10:00am-2:00pm. Carvers, New England Scroll group, and maybe potters will be in attendance.
- CCW March meeting is March 25th 2025 Wethersfield Community Center.
- Totally Turning March 29-30th 2025 in Saratoga Springs NY. New England Wood Workers Association sponsors this.
- April 5th 2025 pen turning 9:30am-3:00pm Berlin Peck Library pen turning.
- CCW April meeting is April 22nd 2025 Wethersfield Community Center
- April 26th 2025 pen turning at Meriden Public Library – Saturday April 26th 2025
- Fine Wood Working New England is May 9th 2025 and May 10th 2025 at Woodcraft Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking
- CCW May meeting is May 27th 2025 at Charlotte McDonnell's shop in Manchester.
- June 7th 2025 pen turning at Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center in Wethersfield CT
- CCW June meeting is June 24th 2025 at the Berlin Fairgrounds
- CCW July meeting is July 22nd 2025.
- July 26th 2025 pen turning at Portland Library 10am-1400.

Charter Oak offspring of nuts were planted in Bushnell Park. Those trees grew, and one had to be taken down.

Keney Park Sustainability Project. John Webber got some wood and made pen blanks. The idea is that CCW members make 2 pens, and give the Sustainability Project one, and they will sell/raffle at their event, which is supposed to happen in March. John Webber will go.

August 2025 is the picnic. There is no CCW meeting in August 2025.

CCW would like to hold a workshop at Dan Merlo's shop some Saturday. Need subject...tbd. Please make a suggestion of what you may be interested in turning.

Something interesting...Watch last Saturday's "Ask This Old House" on CPTV. Tom Silva turned a square bowl.

New business.... Regarding the Meriden pen turning or Portland pen turning, they just want to make a donation. They don't want to have a donation bowl. Does CCW want to do that? We do have a tax number. Mark Fields has it. John Webber will ask Lynda Zibbideo if she wants to send them a form.

Minutes from the last meeting are posted in the newsletter. Mark Fields made a motion to accept, and Charlotte McDonnell 2nd; all approved.

Mark Fields Treasurer's report:

Club balance at end of December 2024 = \$4,395.83. Received \$105 in dues. Final balance = \$4,500.83. Todd Richardello made a motion Dennis Garrison 2nd; all approved. Note: Insurance bill for \$550 from 4.24.2025 and bill for website still to come. Rob Robinson made a motion to pay the bills when they arrive; Todd Richardello 2nd; all in favor.

Moment of safety: Proper disposal of finishing towels and rags. See page below.

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm

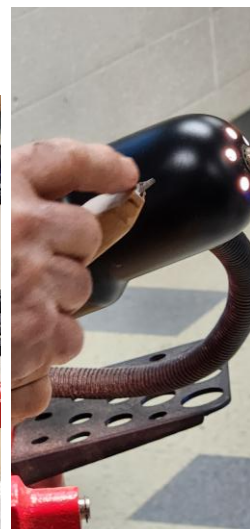
Then Kip Lockhart did a demo on lattice turning.

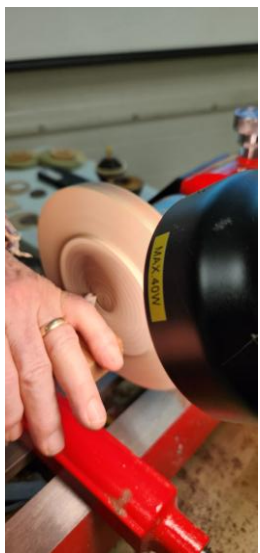
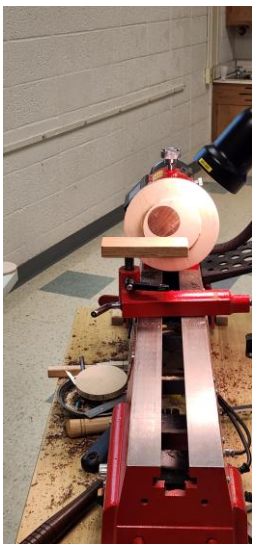
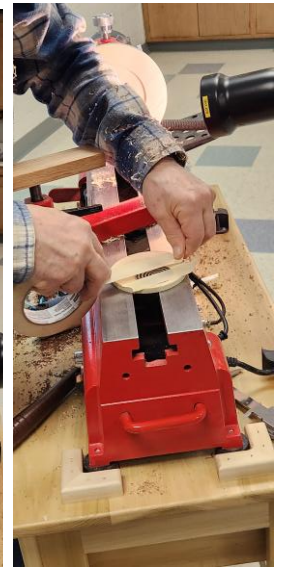
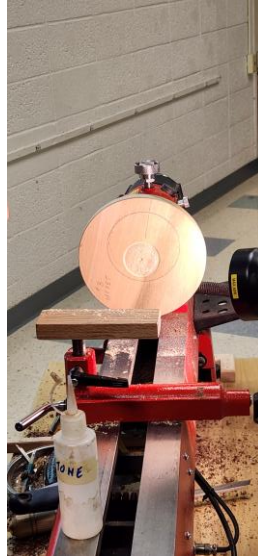
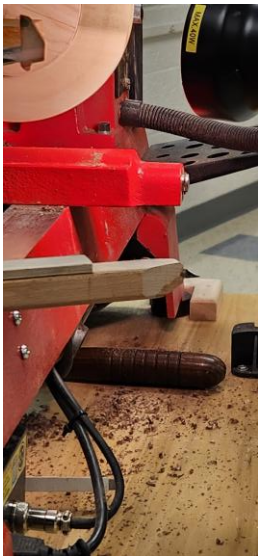
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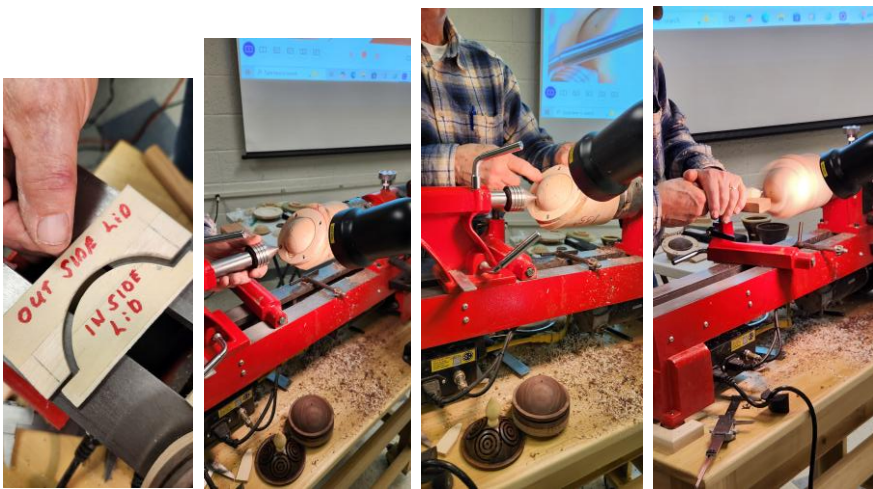




February 25th 2025 demo by Kip Lockhart







NEAM PEN TURNING:




***** MOMENT OF SAFETY!!

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A MOMENT of SAFETY

April's "Moment of Safety" was on proper securing/disposal of finishing towels and rags.

Used rags and towels used to apply some of the oil based finishes we use can spontaneously heat or combust if not properly handled. If we ball them up and throw into a pile or open can they can heat up as they dry, potentially creating spontaneous combustion, this can take up to 48 hours. To safely dry lay out separately and flat on the edge of a can or on the floor or hang them until dry, there are metal cans designed to contain oily rags, the price range starts at \$80.00 and goes up. You can also rinse them off or place in a can of water.



WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THIS TREE?



JENGA WITH PEN BLANKS.



A HUGE BURL.

Don't forget to send a picture of what you make from Kevin's roughed in bowls!!

Hello fellow wood turners
 Here is the story of how I came to find the wood I love - it started 27 years or so raised a family
 And had a great time with all things Hawaii, I'd heard about the burl wood and I was looking for it
 When I lived in New England in my youth and returned to Hawaii, one day a large piece of
 Koa and that was it - I was constantly looking for it in knots of wood up the islands here so many of the woods
 that I've never heard of, most of it is in the mountains in my path (ing, perhaps some of it is on the way)
 All of the pieces I've turned, I've seen it, it is a dream and I think I thought I was dreaming of
 Of wood, tools and home furnishings! I want to build my own home and I'll be turning the wood forms
 So here I am, and I have to be many roughed out forms. Here are some details about the wood I love
 Koa
 The premium wood in the islands is Koa, it grows at about 6000 to 7000' or the Big Island, it grows in forests of
 Koa, were cut down to give for cattle
 It is the wood the Hawaiians used to make canoes and the only trees that survived here on all the islands
 Or in deep gulches. Two years ago the last of the rare trees stopped cutting Koa. Some of the pieces can be found
 On the 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 I harvest was from stumps of trees cut for logs.
 Milo
 The dark wood is Milo that was harvested at sea level and it only grows with its roots in the salt water. I lost the
 stool, it was under water for many years. There is no more of it in stores in the 60's
 All of the Milo I cut out is from Kapa'oa Bay on the east side of the Big Island
 All of the Kapa'oa Bay Area is now under lava from the 2000 eruption
 Canary
 Kanna is only good at sea level and not much is available. It is a red wood. The canopy
 Of the trees is in apples. It has been seen in the 20's. Primary in the 70's. It is in secondary
 forests. It is a turning material to the wood for 100 plus
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