



November CCW

Meeting- Tuesday,

Nov 25th 2025

**At Wethersfield
Community Center
on 30 Greenfield St.,
Wethersfield CT, at
6:30pm.**

**Lynda Zibbideo will
be doing a demo on
ornament turning.**



President's Note

Hello woodturners,

Well 2025 has been a good year for the club. We've done quite a few pen turning events at several new and old locations averaging 20-30 pens per event. We have gotten a few new members because of them. We had a few club members do their first demo and we held a few small hands on turning workshops which are very enjoyable skill building events. I was hoping for a bit more participation. Maybe we should just schedule them along with the subject quarterly. Please let us know what you are interested in or need help with. We had a few club challenges which are always a fun time to be creative. Sometimes trying to turn something you never would have thought about will set you on a new path of discovery. Try it, I challenge you.

I want to thank all of you who helped with dragging in the lathe and gear for the meetings and pen turning events, helped turn and assemble pens and just showing up for support. Our new club shirts look great.

A big thanks to the CCW board members for helping to keep the club running.
John

Oct 28, 2025 CCW meeting minutes at Wethersfield Community Center

John Webber, President called meeting to order at 6:40pm

Introduced the officers.

New faces: Dan Hanks from Portland CT. He came couples years ago, and is picking up turning again, mostly bowls.

Chris Eady (Portland CT) Bought a lathe. Turning bowls, pens, learning how to turn properly.

Danielle from Berlin--works with Chris Zibbideo. Member at maker space in Hartford. Has turned pens, bottle stoppers, attempted salt and pepper shakers.

Brian Rockefeller (Ellington CT)... friends with Emery Fellingner. Turning for approximately year/year & ½... pens, bottle stoppers, bowls.

Members having trouble sharpening. CCW will see if we can get Rick Angus to do a tool sharpening demo. Minutes are in the newsletter. Rob Robinson makes a motion to accept. James Woodworth 2nd. All approved.

Treasurer's report... Balance \$4703.83. Kip Lockhart made a move to accept. Lynda Zibbideo 2nd. All approved.

Kip Lockhart, VP—always have trouble finding someone to do demos. Please contact Kip Lockhart if you would like to do one.

John Webber—need to purchase 2 more gift cards for stick pen and ornament challenge. Rob Robinson made a motion. Jay Baker 2nd. All approved. John Webber explained how the show & yell, and gift card prizes, and the challenge gift card prizes work. For the ornament challenge, you can turn whatever type of ornament you want to turn.

Events: CCW has been doing quite a few pen turning events. We have donation bowl out. How many pen turning events does the club want to do. Discussion ensued. John Webber just got a request from Haddam, and he spoke with someone at South Windsor (wanted 1st week or so of Jan 2026) who said no donation bowl; and they will give a donation to the club. Discussion ensued. Fred Lorthioir (member) knows about finance and knows taxes. CCW pays \$300-\$400 for pen blanks, has a website bill, and no other bills really. Kip Lockhart said CCW club should make a commitment to do one pen turning a month to pass on art of woodturning and to attract new members.

Pen turning coming up at the Berlin Peck Library. Get there around 9:30am. We'll start turning 10am to 2pm/3pm. 5 lathes, 2 carvers and 3 scrollers. Rob Robinson has tarps for lathes. And 2 extra members to assemble. CCW needs more members to help (but not the same people). Veterans Day Freedom pen turning for the troops. CCW members just bring your tools, show up at 9am on Saturday Nov 8th 2025.

Next month's CCW meeting here in Wethersfield. Lynda Zibbideo is doing the demo on turning ornaments. Holiday party in Jan 2026. 2nd Saturday; Jan 10th 2026.

The CCW open workshop was fun.

Nominations are being accepted for CCW officers for next year. Joanne Mann is willing to give up the secretary position if someone else would like to take the position. CCW needs a treasurer. Lynda Zibbideo said she has never held that office. Kip Lockhart said it is a fairly easy position. Further nominations for officers can take place. Lynda Zibbideo wants to suggest a committee person for all of the pen turning events. John Webber offered to be event coordinator. Discussion ensued. CCW bylaws require elections in November. CCW members present are the ones that vote.

Dan Merlo was nominated for President. Kip Lockhart was nominated for Vice President, Joanne Mann was nominated for secretary, Lynda Zibbideo was nominated for treasurer. And new position was formed "Event Coordinator". John Webber was nominated for that position. CCW elections to take place at November meeting.

Then Show & Yell... Jay Baker won the gift card.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Tool swap will be next month.

Then there was a demo by Eric Litke on how to set up for a segmented turning 360 bowl. The chuck wouldn't fit the lathe, so we pivoted. John Webber (assisted by Dan Merlo) did a demo on drilling and turning a stick pen.

Moment of safety: Fluorescent lights above your lathe? You can get LED replacement bulbs. Cut out transformer. Four footers -- \$23 for a pair at Home Depot. John has a wire cage over his light over his lathe.

OCTOBER 2025 Show & Yell

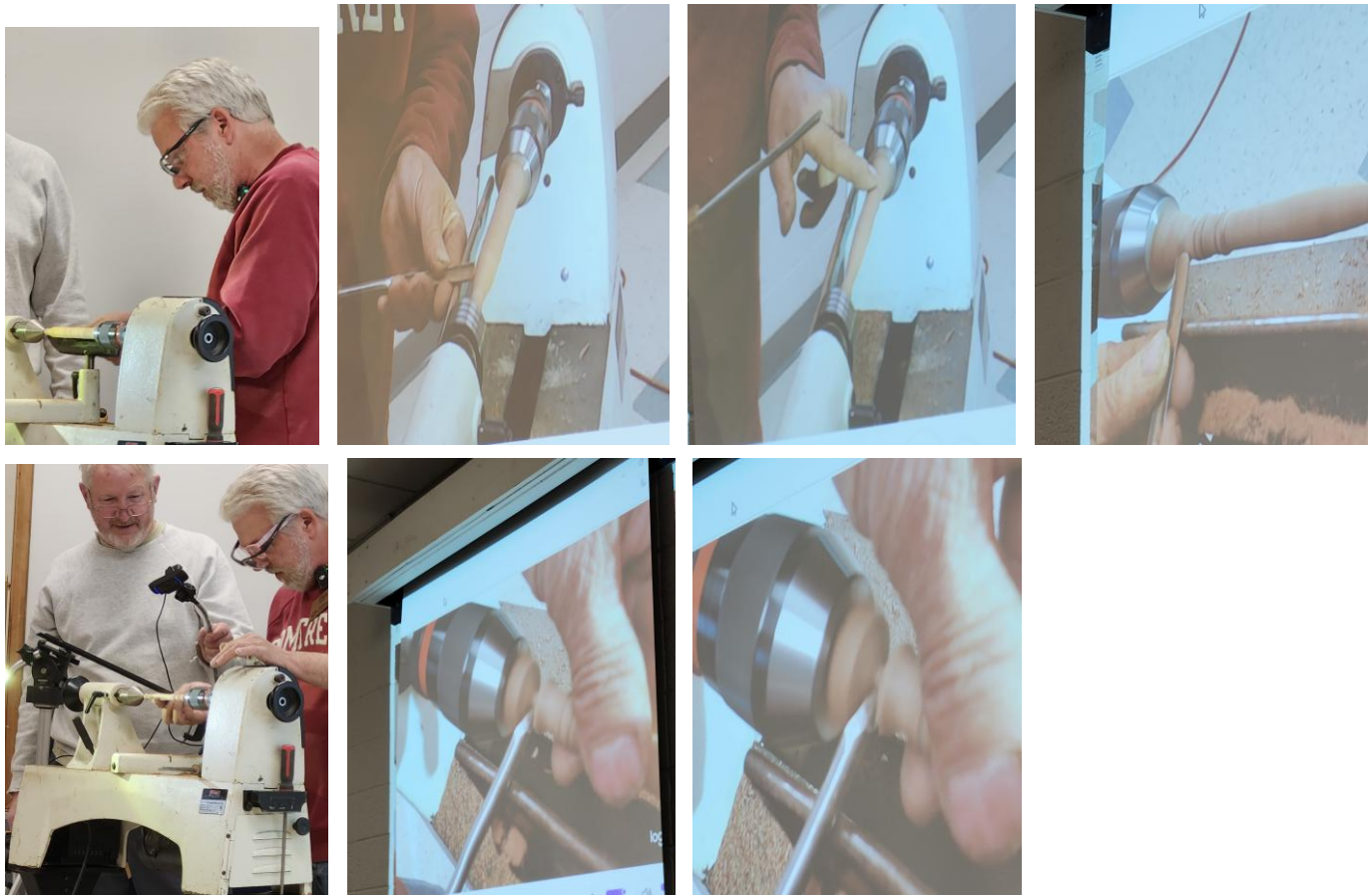


OCTOBER 2025 Demo - Eric Litke



Then a pivot to a demo of turning a stick pen (John Webber/Dan Merlo)





More pics from ROCKY HILL CT LIBRARY PEN TURNING EVENT



Pen turning Berlin Peck Library Saturday November 1st 2025



Turning for the Troops pen turning - Nov 8th 2025



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

Hello fellow wood turners
First off I would like to thank you for these first turned items.
Here is the story of how I came about this wood. I lived in Hawaii for 37 years and raised a family.
And had a great time with all things. Hawaii I started turn (I started to start) that was building
When I lived in New England and in my youth I did a lot of wood work. I was a carpenter and a joiner.
Kia and that was it. I was constantly looking for all kinds of wood for the hands that so many had used.
I had never heard of it was a bit obsessive in my gully (in the hands that so many had used).
All of the pieces were turned in a wood shed and I brought the containers of
Of wood, tools and home furnishings to Vermont to build my first home and finish turning the forms.
So here I am and I have a lot of many roughed out items. Here are some details about the wood in the boxes.
The premium wood in the islands is Koa. It grows at about 6000' to 7000' or the Big Island years ago in forests of
Koa. Koa were cut down to allow for cattle.
This is the wood the Hawaiians used to make canoes and the only trees that survived was on the islands.
Or in deep gulches. Two years ago the last of the rare trees stopped cutting Koa. Some small 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 size. Logs that have been harvested from stumps of trees cut for a long time.
Mio
The dark wood in Mio that was harvested at sea level and it only grows with its roots in the salt water. I lost the
stock I cut was under water for many years. These trees come down in storm in the 60s
All of the Mio I cut was from Kapa. No big trees on the east side of the Big Island.
All of Sappho Bar. Area is now under lava from the 2000 eruption.
Samoa
Kauai is only grown at sea level and not much is available. Beautiful red wood. The canoe
Of the trees is massive. I have seen canoes of 25'. Primary trunk 7' Dia with secondary
limbs 2' Dia turning parallel to the ground for a 100' plus
If you have a question email me at kelleywoodworking@gmail.com

