



May 2026 CCW

Meeting- Tuesday,
May 26th 2026

At Charlotte
McDonnell's shop:
520 Bush Hill Road,
Manchester CT, at
6:30pm. Bring a
chair!

John Webber will do
a demo: The scoop
on scoops.



President's Note

April President's Note:

Hello fellow turners.

We're finishing up our Wood Turners Bingo this month. Bring your Bingo card to the meeting with your name on it so we can get your entries into the drawing. Please be sure that you are current on your dues to be eligible for the Bingo drawings. If you can't make the meeting and you have some of the lines completed, email me your bingo card by noon tomorrow. You will still get your entries into the drawing.

The AAW Symposium is approaching fast. There is a Virtual option to attend if you're interested. The cost is \$175.00 and you can sign up online at <https://americanassociationofwoodturne.regfox.com/aaw-2026-virtual-symposium>

Be sure to bring a show and yell to the meeting. I always look forward to seeing what everyone has been working on.

See you Tuesday night, Dan

April 28, 2026 CCW meeting minutes at Wethersfield Community

Dan Merlo, President called meeting to order at 6:57pm

20 members and 0 guests present

The officers were introduced... Dan Merlo, Kip Lockhart, Linda Zibbideo, Joanne Mann.

Minutes from previous meeting -- Jay Baker made a motion to accept; Charlotte O'Donnell 2nd.

Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's report: 3/31/2026 Balance \$5,417.54; Dues \$70.00; Berlin Pen event donations \$209.00; Insurance expense \$550.00; Balance on 4/30/2026 \$5,146.54. Rob Robinson made a motion to accept, Robin Monaghan 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Vice President Kip Lockhart-2026 Demo-no changes: April-Dan, May- John, June-Kip, July-Eric; No mtg in Aug; Sept-Dan, Oct open, Nov-Lynda.

Motion for picnic - Wood carvers would like to have a combined picnic (Woodcarvers and CCW club); Picnic to be held at Zibbideo house.

Eastern woodturners club (meetings at Senior Center in Lisbon, and Kip belongs to as well) expressed an interest for both clubs to get together to meet each other. Yes, CCW would love to. Note: there is also a Nutmeg Woodturning club.

Kip Lockhart has lots of shelves (8) & racks and a big shield for lathes that someone else has to store. Kip Lockhart said CCW could hold turning workshops in his shop in Bristol. He can host.

CCW turned 30 pens at Berlin Peck on Sat 4/25/2026. There were 6 lathes and 6 members. Good turnout with people coming at a reasonably spaced out timeline.

Next event is Friday and Saturday CVSW at Woodcraft. We must tell Bob who will be attending. Dan Merlo would like a list by tomorrow. Looks like at this time, there will be 3 CCW members on Friday, and 3 CCW members on Saturday. CCW members are just asked to go there and turn.

There is no pen turning in May. June is Meridan Library. (Other possible venues...Berlin Community Center, Cheshire, and New Britain). Kensington wants CCW back in November.

7:16pm business meeting adjourned.

Then Show & yell.

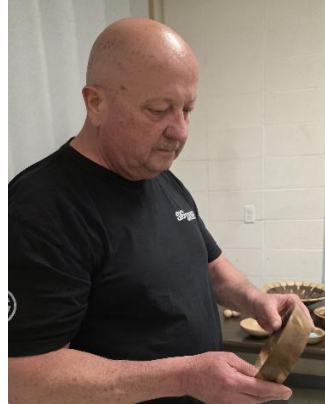
CCW Bingo game goes almost to the end of May 2026. Turn in Bingo cards at May CCW meeting. Does anyone have any pictures for gallery on CCW website? Send them to Dan Merlo or Joanne Mann.

Bring a chair to the May CCW meeting at Charlotte's house.

Then Dan Merlo did a demo on turning a 3-sided bowl. Note: Start with a cube.

April 28th 2026 Show & Yell





April 28th 2026 demo



Below is the link of video demonstration:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BMgcsSAmJ/>
This can also be found on CCW Facebook page.

Fine Woodworking event May 1st & 2nd 2026 CVSW



Rob Robinson article...

Fellow wood turners, if you are turning a pen, wine stoppers, or anything using colorful Spectraply blanks, save your shavings to use to fill voids in whatever you are turning instead of coffee grounds. Gives the piece a little more character.

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 expect nothing for these first turned forms.
Here is the story of how I came to get the wood I have for 37 years and I raised a family
And had a great time with all things Hawaii. I started turning bowls in a workshop that was in Kailua
When I lived in New England in my youth and continued in Hawaii. One day I was given a large piece of
Koa and that was it. I was considerably looking for all kinds of wood in the islands. I had never heard of
I had never heard of a tree that was a tree in my path. I was in a good place. I was in a good place.
All of the pieces were turned in a workshop that I had at the time. I brought the containers of
Of wood, tools and home furnishings. I went to build my first home and then turning the forms.
So here I am and I have had many roughed out forms. Here are some details about the wood in the boxes.
Koa
The premium wood in the islands is Koa. It grows at about 6000 to 7000' or the Big Island years in forests of
Koa. We cut down to allow for cattle.
It is the wood the Hawaiians used to make canoes and the only tree that survived on an island.
Or in deep gulches. Two years ago the last of the trees disappeared. Some are still growing in the forest.
On the other hand, the most part of the trees that are being planted now are allowed to
grow to size. The trees harvested were from stumps of trees cut by gophers.
Mio
The dark wood in Mio that was harvested at sea level and grows with its roots in the salt water. It is lost of the
stock. It was under water for many years. These trees come down in stumps in the Kailua
All of the trees from Kailua are on the east side of the Big Island.
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Sama
Kailua only grows at sea level and not much is available. Beautiful red wood. The color
Of the trees is a little. I have seen canopies of 25'. Primary tree 7' Dia with secondary
Limbs 3' Dia turning parallel to the ground for a 100' plus
If you have a question email me at kelleywoodworking@gmail.com



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