

June 2026 CCW

Meeting- Tuesday,

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026

At Wethersfield

William J Pitkin

Community Center: 30

Greenfield St,

Wethersfield CT, at

6:30pm.

Kip Lockhart will do a demo on the step-by-step process for producing a criss-cross bowl & vase.



## President's Note

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Hi all, Summer has just begun and what a great time to be turning. We are launching a new Wood Turners Bingo this month, and you can work on marking off your squares up to the October 2026 meeting. For every line you complete on the bingo card you will get one entry into the drawing. 1<sup>st</sup> pick is \$75.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> pick is \$50.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> pick is \$35.00. The last time we did this it was a lot of fun. Find someone in the club that you jive with and egg each other on with this. Share with them what you just made for a bingo square and maybe they'll do the same. Have fun with it!

Talking about having fun. Several of us went to the AAW symposium earlier this month and it was fantastic. Joanne and I each took 9 classes which were great and the gallery was amazing. I strongly encourage everyone to go next year.

The club's picnic is coming up on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and there is a challenge to turn something summery. Maybe it's an ice cream cone or a piece of fruit. Be creative. Bring what you've turned to the picnic. This is one of the bingo squares.

There is a pen-turning event in Meriden on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please email me to let me know if you can attend and if you can bring a lathe.

Keep mak'n shavings, Dan

## May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 CCW meeting minutes—held at Charlotte McDonnell's shop

Dan Merlo, President called meeting to order at approx. 6:45pm

3 guests present-- Bob (friend of Jay); and Jeremy and Robin (friends of Charlotte)

The officers were introduced... Dan Merlo, President; Kip Lockhart, VP; Linda Zibbideo, Treasurer; Joanne Mann, Secretary and newsletter editor.

Minutes from the April 2026 CCW meeting (they are posted in the newsletter) ...Charlotte McDonnell made a motion to accept; Robin Monaghan 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's report: Balance as of May 31 2026 = \$5,025.54. Tim Connolly made a motion to approve; Jay Baker 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Vice-Pres Kip Lockhart report—Reviewed meeting locations and demo schedule:

- June meeting is in Wethersfield-Kip Lockhart demo;
- July meeting is in Wethersfield-Eric Litke demo;
- August no meeting - picnic
- Sept meeting is in Wethersfield-Dan Merlo demo;
- Oct meeting is in Wethersfield -open;
- Nov meeting is in Wethersfield -Lynda Zibbideo demo
- Dec no meeting

### Old Business:

□ Picnic is going to be Aug 22nd, 2026 with carving club.

□ Eastern club wants to have a get-together with CCW. Where when how?...Perhaps 2 or 3 members from each club get together to form a committee for logistics. If not this year, maybe next year. CCW meetings usually Wethersfield, Eastern meetings are held in Lisbon. Committee can make suggestions on location, and maybe have professional turner come in. Let Kip Lockhart know if you want to volunteer for this committee.

**New Business:** Summertime CCW picnic coming up. Turn something summery-- beach ball, ice cream cone, hamburger, etc...and bring it to the CCW picnic for show and yell.

May meeting Show and yell: Charlotte McDonnell won the gift card.

Wood Turners Bingo game!! Rob Robinson won \$75.00; Rob Fowler (Robbo) won \$50.00; Dan Merlo won \$35.00. Seemed that there was interest in having another Bingo game.

Pen turnings- June 27th 2026 at 9:30am Meridan public library; carvers, scrollers. Last year was first year. Please let Dan Merlo know of any members that can come, and if bringing a lathe. Aug. 8th 2026 at 10am at Portland CT, setup is at 9:30am. Stay tuned for information on potential Cheshire event, and Nov 7th or Nov 14th 2026, Berlin wants CCW back.

Meeting adjourned 7:31pm

Then John Webber did a demo on turning a small scoop. He got the idea from an article in AAW magazine and website, and also (on Mike Peace's website); Carl Jacobson and Richard Raffan.

# May 26<sup>th</sup> 2026 Show & Yell







**Winners of Woodturners Bingo!!  
(L to R) Rob Fowler, Rob Robinson, Dan Merlo**



**May 26<sup>th</sup> 2026 demo - John Webber turning a scoop**



Below is the link of video demonstration...  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18rtwPLh5U/>  
This can also be found on CCW Facebook page.



**Oh the fun you have trolling around at an AAW Symposium!!**

# 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 raised a family.  
And had a great time with all things Hawaii. I started turning bowls in 1978 when I was in college.  
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 hooked for all kinds of wood in the islands. I had never heard of  
I had never heard of, I was a bit obsessive in my gathering. I was a bit obsessive in my gathering. I was a bit  
All of the pieces were turned and waxed and at the time I brought the containers of  
Of wood, tools and home furnishings to Vermont to build my retirement home and then turning the forms.  
So here I am, and I have far to many roughed out forms. Here are some details about the wood I use boxes.  
Koa  
The premium wood in the islands is Koa. It grows at about 6000 to 7000' or the Big Island years ago forests of  
Koa were 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 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. The Koa harvested was from stumps of trees cut by gaga.  
Milo  
The dark wood in Milo that was harvested at sea level 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 stumps in the Kona.  
All of the Milo I cut was from Kapaeha on the east side of the Big Island.  
All of the Kapaeha area is now under law from the 2000 eruption.  
Samoa  
Kahiri only grows at sea level and not much is available. Beautiful red wood. The second  
Of the trees is a sapling. I have seen canopies of 25'. Primary trunk 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

