



# Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

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## CCW and The Freedom Schooner *Amistad*

In 1839 fifty-three Africans from the area now known as Sierra Leone were captured into the North American slave trade and forced onto a Spanish vessel called *La Amistad*. One of them, a man named Singbe Pieh, escaped from his chains and led a shipboard revolt.

The victorious Africans ordered the two surviving crew members to sail them toward the rising sun, back to Africa. Instead, they were tricked as the ship was turned back toward the coast at night. The *Amistad* zigzagged up the eastern U.S. coast and ended up in the harbor at New London, Connecticut. When Spain demanded the return of "Spanish property", there ensued one of the most important civil rights cases in U.S. Supreme Court history. Ultimately, under a legal defense headed by the former president John Quincy Adams, the Court upheld the freedom the Africans and, more importantly, their right to self-determination. The decision and its surrounding publicity fuelled the growing abolitionist movement in this country. In January of 1842 the thirty-five *Amistad* Africans who had survived the ordeal were returned to their homelands.

In 1999 Mystic Seaport's shipyard staff began construction on a working replica of the sailing vessel, *Amistad*, as a permanent symbol of the struggle for equality and human rights. The ship is a floating educational resource to ensure this very important part of American history is never lost.

During the construction, Mystic Seaport staff asked CCW to turn the belaying pins, parrel beads and damage control plugs for the reconstruction. Since the launch in

2000, our members have created hundreds of turned items from the cut-offs and scraps left over from the construction of the vessel. Funds raised from the sale of these items are used to develop shipboard educational curricula and to promote the mission of the *Amistad*. There is always something to do on a wooden sailing vessel. In the spring of the past two years CCW volunteers have performed much needed vessel maintenance. We sand and varnish the natural wood surfaces, renew paint and perform minor repairs.

This spring 30 CCW members and their guests sailed out of New London, CT aboard the *Amistad* as a gesture of thanks for our work and contributions. Once deployed, we helped with the rigging to raise the sails and some even took the opportunity to steer the vessel. We were served a delicious lunch by Dani, the ship's cook, heard a lecture on the history of the *Amistad* and enjoyed a beautiful day of sailing.

Each year CCW members who make donations or volunteer to work have been afforded the opportunity to sail aboard this beautiful icon of history. More importantly, we gain the tremendous sense of satisfaction of contributing to the mission of the *Amistad* spreading the message of justice and equality in every port she visits. If you would like to participate please contact John Lorch at 860-646-2621 or email [jlorch@aol.com](mailto:jlorch@aol.com).



- John Lorch

### Next Meeting: Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

at

Ken Dubay's  
"Estate"

Annual picnic, Wood auction, &  
Tool flea market.

Presentation/Demonstrations  
Begin at 10AM.

**Rick Angus  
&**

**Jeff Levine**

Lunch at 12 Noon.

\$5 per person

If you were not at the meeting  
but want to attend the picnic  
please call Ken at 860-228-  
2695 (home) or 860-377-2005  
(cell) so that they can get a  
good idea of attendance for  
food.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**August** (No meeting)

**Sept. 26 @ CVSW**

**Oct. 24 @ Bolton**  
Woodturning/Turning 70

**Cromwell Oak chain saw  
party - Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> at  
9AM at the Cromwell  
Transfer station.**

**Delta lathe for Sale** (See  
minutes for details)

Visit the **Connecticut Valley School of  
Woodworking's** web site at:

[www.schoolofwoodworking.com](http://www.schoolofwoodworking.com)

**Central Connecticut Woodturners  
Meeting minutes for June 27, 2006**

The June meeting of the Central Connecticut Woodturners was held at Jim Kephart's shop in Manchester. President Corey Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**President Report: Cory Anderson**

- Corey welcomed guests and new members.
- The Amistad Thank you Sail on June 17<sup>th</sup> was a great time. Members got to "heave ho" the sails, were treated to an excellent lunch, given an oral history of the Amistad and harassed a sub coming to dock and got to see our homeland security in action! There are still pieces of Iroko available for anyone that is interested in turning for the Amistad.
- THE Cromwell Oak is still at the Cromwell Transfer station. Another chain saw party is scheduled to meet Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9AM to cut apart more of the tree. CCW will be donating a bench back to the Town of Cromwell. All those that come to the chain saw party and take a piece of wood are requested to turn a piece that will be donated back to the town.
- The "Yankee Woodturners Symposium" will be held at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT., June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2007. The college dorms will be available for guests at approximately \$30/night. Area hotels are also available. While down at the AAW symposium in Louisville, Corey spoke to many of the presenters about coming up to demonstrate at the Yankee Woodturners Symposium.
- Corey, Laura and Rick Meier attended the AAW symposium in Louisville. They had a great time. There were 2500 pieces in the instant gallery. 35 of them were chosen for a special review. Corey's "Tree of Life" vases were chosen for the special review!
- On July 1<sup>st</sup> the Delta lathe goes on sale. John Lorch has made up a flyer regarding the lathe & it has been sent out to all of the area turning clubs. Starting at \$1800 with the lowest price of \$800 on October 9th. You must contact Corey if you are interested in the lathe and pick up the lathe within 14 days of purchase.

**Vice President Report: Albert D'Antonio**

- July 15<sup>th</sup> is the picnic at Mary & Ken Dubay's house. Presentation/demonstration by Rick Angus at 10AM. Lunch at 12 noon (build your own grinders). Bring chairs. "Flea Market/Tag Sale/Swap Meet". Time to clean out the shop of items that you tried & don't work for you, don't fit your machine, the "just had to have" items, wood, tools, etc. There will be a wood swap and a silent wood & burl auction. Sign up sheet for

the picnic. \$5 per person. **If you were not at the meeting but want to attend the picnic please call Ken at 860-228-2695 (home) or 860-377-2005 (cell) so that they can get a good idea of attendance for food.**

- No meeting in August
- Either September or October we are looking to get in Cindy Drozda for a weekend demonstration.

**Treasurer's Report: Alan Moltz**

- CCW is 83 members strong! 2 shy of 2005 total of 85!

• For June	
Beginning Balance	\$2719.00
Income:	70.00 (Dues)
Expenses	<u>361.10</u> (Presenter for May meeting, Newsletter printing, postage & Fred Ortoli-photographer)
Ending balance	\$2427.91

**Secretary's Report: Lynda Zibbideo**

- Nothing to report.

**Newsletter: David Miner**

- Dave was not present.
- [DavidMiner1228@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DavidMiner1228@sbcglobal.net)
- Looking for any news worthy items for the newsletter: book reviews, new products, web sites, pictures of your turnings, stories, etc. If you send in items to the above email address, please use Comic San 10pt. Items can also be mailed in.
- Submission deadline is 10 days after the meeting. This will allow David to organize/format the newsletter & get it out on time.

**Librarian: Dayton Simson**

- Dayton was not present.
- New DVD on "Duplicating Spindle Turning". Hour and 15 mins long starring Jim Kephart!

**Web master: Mark Lefebvre**

- Mark was not present.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Bob Ginter demonstrated his new bottle stopper. The stopper will fit on bottles from  $\frac{3}{4}$  liter to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  liter (and beer bottles). Stopper fits very snugly with no leakage. There is plenty of room on the top of the stopper for inlays, carvings or other designs. All that were present were allowed to take home a stopper kit & make one. Only catch...you have to send Bob back the comments card. There was also a price list if you were interested in purchasing them.
- Freebies: Craft Supply Catalogs, Tom Stevenson has access to a walnut tree in Willimantic, Jim Kephart has some scraps, Mike South has mahogany cut offs and some one mentioned white ash available in Windsor.



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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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- **Show & Yell**
  - Steve Bemont - rhododendron root bowl with natural edge. Cromwell Oak & mahogany footed plate. Cromwell oak turns great-but turn it to final dimension-no twice turning because it shrinks severely!
  - Albert D'Antonio - sculptured piece of mahogany & ash "Chasing Nonproliferation", maple bowl with wood burnings "Bowl of Life" and sculptured piece of mahogany, rosewood, steel and aluminum "Unholy Matrimony"
  - Annalise Kephart - butternut 3-footed bowl (feet with toes!)
  - Tom Stevenson - maple & walnut bowl
  - Lynda Zibbideo - swamp maple bowl
- **Presentation** followed given by Mike Alison demonstrating piercings. Mike started off the demo by using a NSK Presto - which is a dental type tool for about \$375. It uses a simple airbrush compressor and turns at 400,000 RPMs! As soon as Mike turned it on & used the tool on a demo bowl, all cringed at the high-pitched dentist drilling sound it makes. The other piercing tool he brought was a Micro motor at 38,000 RPMs. Although it doesn't have the speed of the other, it didn't make as many people cringe. Thinner walls are always better than thicker walls. With thicker walled vessels you need more pressure and there is more smoke from the burning. Ash is very hard to pierce where cherry is easy. Wall thicknesses range from 1/8-1/16" thick (or thin). Mike explained the different ball end grinders, diamond burs, roto-zips and mini hand files he uses. Always hold the tool perpendicular! Someone asked how long does it take to do his piercings.....Mike's comment "Who knows - you do it to add beauty to the piece or hide a flaw."
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Respectfully submitted,  
 Lynda Zibbideo



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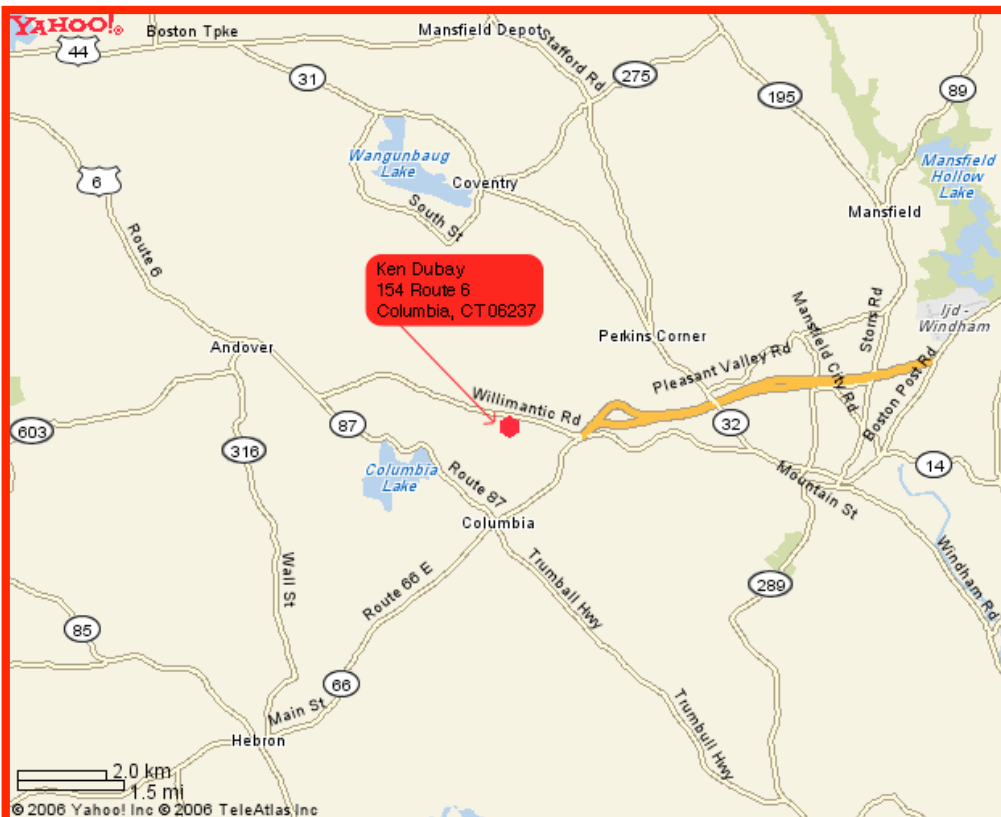
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### Directions

From Hartford Area:

I-84E to Exit 59a  
I-384 go 8.6 miles  
Continue on Rt.6 go 10.1 miles  
Arrive at Ken's on Right

From points South/West:

Travel North/South via Rt.2,  
Rt.85 or Rt. 9 (Depending on  
your location.) to Rt.66.  
Travel Rt.66 (NE) to Rt.6  
Turn left (NW) onto Rt.6  
Travel 1.2 miles  
Arrive at Ken's on the left.