



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Throughout the year the wood turners of Central Connecticut Woodturners are called upon to donate their time, expertise, knowledge and turned items to help others. Come join us at the Wood Show on March 6-8 at the Expo Center in Hartford.

Show off your items and knowledge. Inspire a wood turner! Volunteer to man the booth or if you are unable to we have \$3 discount coupons available.

Windham Memorial Hospital is having their annual Bountiful Bowls Charity event on April 7th, noon to 2PM at the Atrium. This will be their 4th year holding this event. It has become quite popular, and the addition of wooden bowls last year to the pottery bowls of years past created quite a stir.

Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will go toward paying for acupuncture, massage therapy and other alternative therapies (usually not covered by health insurance) for financially challenged people with life-threatening illnesses and also for our combat Veterans of the Iraq/Afghanistan War.

Bowls can be brought to the February and March meetings. If you are able to, please donate a bowl(s) to this cause.

And lastly.....check out our newly renovated web page. Forget when the next meeting is, want to contact the board, view some great pictures or check some great woodturning tips; check out the website! www.ccwoodturners.org

Wood Trivia:

What tree has "knobby knees"?

**Next Meeting Feb. 24, 2009
at Jim Kephart's Shop.**

**Subject is "The Taming
of the Skew"
(Apologies to William Shakespeare)**

Central Connecticut Woodturners
Abbreviated Meeting minutes for January 27, 2009

The January meeting of the Central Connecticut Woodturners was held at the Connecticut Valley School of Woodworking located at the Manchester Woodcraft. President Lynda Zibbideo called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: LYNDA ZIBBIDEO

- Lynda welcomed guests Announced the memorial service for Leslee Morabito, a CCW founding member, will be held Monday February 16th.
Announced there will be a new Woodworking show at the CT Expo Center in Hartford, March 6-8, see the club web page for details.

Vice President's Report: Rick Meier

- February meeting will be at Jim Kephart's shop in Manchester on the 24th. The demo for February will be "Taming of the Skew". (This ought to be fun)
- Announced we are holding a special raffle of some donated items. We received two large Australian burls from "Bad Dog Burl Source" and an ebony platter blank from our own Manchester Woodcraft (Thanks again, Drew). Tickets are available at the meetings; the winners will be drawn at the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Moltz

- Dues for 2009 will still be \$35. Please pay as soon as possible.

Secretary's Report: Chris Zibbideo

- November minutes were published in the January newsletter.

Librarian: Walter McMahon

- Please return your items!

AAW - Corey Anderson

Contacted by a person with barn board (rough hewn chestnut)

Talked about the AAW symposium in Albuquerque this June.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Howard Loos told us about a new source for bandsaw blades - PS Wood Machines, 3032 Industrial Blvd., Bethel Park, PA 15102. (800) 939-4414, www.pswood.com

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Demo of segmented turnings by Ken Rowe.

Thanks to Ken for the great demo!

Full meeting minutes will be available on the web. Next meeting: February 24th at Jim Kephart's.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Zibbideo, Secretary.

Wood of the Month!

Boxelder

Acer negundo (Aceraceae)

Grows: Canada & USA

Health risks: Allergic bronchial asthma and rhinitis

Description: Boxelder is the lightest of the American maples. It is the only North American maple to have compound leaves (consisting of 3-7 leaflets). Can grow to 50' in height, but more often it is seen in cane-like gatherings. In some areas it is considered a weed. The coral-red streaks are caused by a pigment of the fungus *Fusarium negundi*. It is yellowish in color, light, porous and close-grained.

Properties: It has good steam-bending qualities. Medium blunting effect on cutters, care is needed when nailing.

Typical Uses: Inexpensive furniture, woodware, crates/boxes, cooperage, pulp and charcoal. Some artistic use is made of the red-streaked wood in decorative turnings & sculptures.

Wood Identification & Use by Terry Porter

Botanica by Konemann

Wood trivia answer: Baldcypress

WARNING!

Do Not Use Roughing Gouges to Rough Turn
Bowl Blanks

Roughing Gouges are designed to take square spindle stock down to round and should never be used for roughing bowls. Using a roughing gouge to rough turn a bowl blank may result in a serious catch that may break the tang of the tool and result in serious injury. Always wear a full-face shield when operating the lathe at all times.

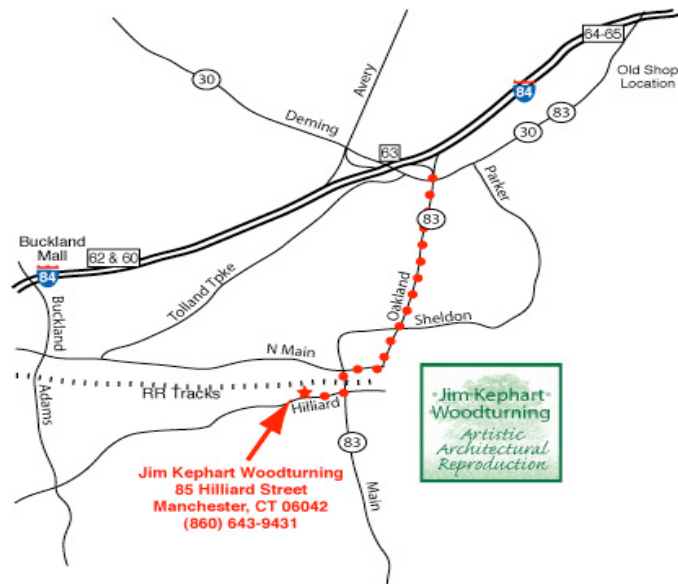
Proper Use-

A Roughing Gouge should be used with the cutting edge slightly above the centerline of the work with the tool handle held 2 to 3 inches below center of the spindle. The toolrest should be positioned approximately 1/2" away from the work and should be adjusted as needed to maintain a safe working distance over the tool rest. Always keep the tool rest within 3/4" of the work piece. Do Not Over Reach.

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