

Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

www.ccwoodturners.org



June 2012

Next Meeting

Tuesday June 26

Jim Kephart's Shop
Regular meeting 7PM
Mini Clinic 6:30

"Corn Cob Stickers" by
Chris Zibbideo.

:bring your own chair

Upcoming Events

Annual Picnic

**sunday july
15th**

**Bihn Pho sat
sept 8th**

Facebook

Facebook
page:[http://
www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

This Issue

George's message... 1
Eric and cub scouts..1

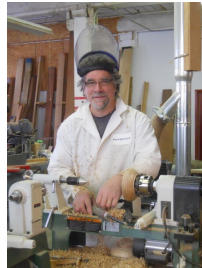
Wood of the Month 2

Gil Hite.....3

Featured Carver.....4

Show & Yell 5

Final Notes 5



CCW Members

As with all
change, change takes time.
It also takes wisdom to
make adjustments as
needed.

Having said this, let's review
where we are with respect
to our CCW 2012 Tournam-
ent. The original pass and
1st adjustment has drawn
very little interest from the
Club. With November ap-
proaching I am making one
final refinement for those
who have not started and
are looking for other op-
tions.

President's Note:

For the few that have al-
ready started their tourna-
ment projects, please con-
tinue. What you are doing is
still valid and will be judged
separately.

For those who haven't yet
chosen and would like to
participate, I recommend
doing a platter. Three based
on skill levels are provide
below:

Apprentice: Simple platter
of your choosing. Judging
will focus on shape and fin-
ish.

Journeyman: Simple plat-

ter with embellishment(s) of
color or texture. Judging will
be focus on shape, finish
and how the embellishment
enhances the overall piece.

Master: Enhanced platter
embellished with any of the
following: segmenting, carv-
ing, and piercing. Judging
will be focus on shape, finish
and how the embellishment
enhances the overall piece.

Have fun turning....

George Upton

President CCW



Eric Holmkrist had a very enthusiastic group of seven
cub scouts at his shop on June 9th. All very happy cub
scouts left with a personally made wood pen.

Hi Ct Woodturners-

I will be returning to Israel at the end of the summer. It's been a pleasure getting to know and share with you.

I have these items to sell:

- * #2 Morse taper drill chuck (1/2") and key (<http://www.harborfreight.com/1-2-half-inch-mt2-mini-lathe-drill-chuck-42340.html>)-\$8
- * Complete Merlin Kit with Proxxon Long Neck Angle Cutter, 5 attachments including mini chain saw, case.- light use only (<http://katools.com/carving-tools/merlin-miniature-cutters/>)-\$150 (available immediately)
- * Shop Vac-16 Gallon with Hepa filter and new hose, attachments-\$60 (available mid August)
- * Chicago Electric Flexible Shaft Grinder and Polisher with 3 months warranty on it (<http://www.harborfreight.com/power-tools/rotary-tools.html>)- \$25 (available mid August)
- * Corner Display Shelves-(2)- to sit on table when displaying at a show- raises you wares to a more sale friendly height-(2)sets of 2 tempered glass shelves and shelf supports with rolling case each shelf is 30" x 14"(a widest part) x 1/4"TH- \$60 obo (available immediately)
- * Beige Table Cloths with 360 coverage from table top to floor to hide unsightly boxes (2) for 2' x 6' table and (1) for 2' x 8' table with carry case- \$80 for all (available immediately)
- * New! Black and Decker Fire Storm 18V Dual Charger model UD-18V2C (<http://www.amazon.com/Black-Decker-5106551-01-station-battery/dp/B001IUZKTW>)-\$20 obo (available immediately)

Please call [203-387-8760](tel:203-387-8760) if interested

Amy Gilron



Wood of the Month

Ebony
Diospyros carssiflora

Grows: Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria and Congo.

Health risks: The dust can cause acute dermatitis, skin inflammations, conjunctivitis and sneezing

Description: Diospyros is the blackest of the ebonies. African ebony is usually only available in short billets of heartwood. Ebony is a very heavy wood 63lbs./cu. ft.

Properties: ebony is a very dense

wood with a very high crushing & bending strength. It has a severe blunting effect on cutting edges and hard to work with hand tools. Pre-boring is required for nailing & screwing. It is advised that you experiment with polishes as oils have a tendency to just sit on the dense surface,

Typical Uses: Ebony is a prized wood for sculptures and carving.

Used for fine turnery, cutlery handles, door knobs, piano & organ keys, bagpipe chanters, parallel rulers & cylindrical rulers

Additional Information: D. crassiflora has been listed as endangered by IUCN. May be distinguished by country of origin

Gilbert J. Hite, 81, of Storrs, CT passed away on June 4th 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. Many of us knew Gil as an accomplished woodturner but he



was much more. Just Google "Gilbert J. Hite"! Gil was an accomplished scientist having earned' his bachelor's degree from the New England College of Pharmacy, and was licensed to practice Pharmacy in Massachusetts. He earned his master's degree, as well as, his doctorate in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He taught at Howard University, Columbia University and the University of Connecticut before retiring in 1996. He also spent two sabbatical years at the University of Pittsburgh. His many contributions to pharmaceutical research will forever impact medical science. During his long career, he was a member of many professional scientific organizations including the American Chemical Society, the American Pharmaceutical Association and the American Crystallographic Association. He received many research grants over the years including from the National Institutes of Health and National Sci-

ence Foundation.

In his retirement, he enjoyed woodturning and created many works of art which have been enjoyed by his family and friends alike. He won many awards for his work and, was a member of the Central Connecticut Woodturner and the American Association of Woodturners. He also enjoyed opera, astronomy, ballet and spending time with his grandchildren. Not only did he have



an endless curiosity, he had a keen understanding of the world around him and was always willing to share his knowledge with others.

Gil joined CCW in 1995 and has been active with many of our events. Gil was an integral part of the 2 club collaboratives for the AAW symposiums. Gil was involved with the



Chaplin Tree Project of 2006. And in 2006 Gil won a Delta Lathe from the AAW! Gil also organized the club's participation in the holiday Windham Area Arts Collaborative (WAAC). He also participated



in Annual Artist Gathering Celebration, Artists in the Country, and the recent 2011 Hebron Harvest Fair.

Gil was particularly fond of turning box elder pieces. Then looking at the staining like a Rorschach test, he would come up with a unique name. He also loved to turn pens....cigar pens that used a real cigar band. At the Woodworking Shows, Gil would turn pens to the delight of those watching.



And a lucky person would walk away with the pen they just saw Gil make.

Gil Hite inspired many a turner, and he enjoyed sharing



his talent with all. Gil will be greatly missed by all.

Featured Carver

Rick Meier recently did a demo at Woodland Gardens in Manchester, CT. The weather was great. Many people stopped to ask questions of Rick's displayed work. As Rick turned, he went through the steps in turning a plain chunk of wood to a beautiful plate/bowl. He got lots of ooohs & ahhhhs.



Don Hart Presentation

Don Hart demonstration on casting acrylic pen blanks was very professional and well received by club members.

David Poisson recorded the presentation and then transcribed to a document. Larry Graves took some pictures that I incorporated into the document. I am sending that document as an attachment to the newsletter. For those of you who receive the newsletter by mail, I will bring copies of the document to the next meeting.

CCW would like to encourage all members to bring a piece to Show and Yell. You do not need to be an experienced turner to display.

George has received a number of gift certificates to Craft Supply. Each month one of the exhibitors will be picked to win a gift certificate.

Pictures were not available at publish time but will be included in next month's newsletter if possible.

Open Shop

Jim Kephart's open shop
May 27th



Final Notes

ARTISAN AND CRAFT SHOW, HEBRON HARVEST FAIR, September 6-9, 2012 Discussion held on Hebron Harvest Faire. The demo portion of the faire went really well last year and we are looking forward to doing that again. In order to help make the sales portion of the event go better, the sales participants need to reach consensus before-hand on pricing and shelf space. We need someone to lead the effort who will ensure that everyone stays with the program. We are investigating some arrangement with Craft Supplies USA to have a pen turning station as a part of the demo area. We would promote CSUSA as a part of this effort in exchange for some kits and prepped blanks. Motion passed to do the Hebron Harvest Faire again this year (September 6 through 9)

SAFETY TOPIC: LUNG PROTECTION

The cause of lung problems has a long broad list. All individuals have different thresholds for various pollutants. This explains why some smokers develop lung cancers in a short period of time while others may take longer. Records show asbestos problems can take up to 40 years to show up. That said, we have to prevent as many pollutants as possible from entering our lungs. They all have varying effects on us and we all can react differently.

As wood turners, we have to be aware of the added pollutants we are bringing into our lives. Dust from sanding, polishing, etc., Different types of woods, such as the exotics., Spalting in wood, which is a type of fungus., Finishes such as oils, wax, sprays, etc.



Central Connecticut Woodturners
c/o Carol Roffey
234 Reidy Hill Rd.
Amston, CT 06231



~ Legal Stuff ~

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.

President: George Upton

860-742-3271 uptongeo@hotmail.com

Vice President: Chris Zibbideo

203-686-1207 lzbibideo@gmail.com

Treasurer: Alan Moltz

860-665-0284 alanmoltz@cox.net

Secretary: Eric Holmquist

860-654-9252 eric.holmquist@hs.utc.com

Newsletter Editor: Carol Roffey

860-989-4103 croffey@comcast.net

Librarian: Walter McMahon

860-875-1420 wpdamcmahon@sbcglobal.net

Video Coordinator - Tom Stevenson

860-643-9214 milton_stevenson@sbcglobal.net

Webmaster: Nutmeg Web Service

From I-84 Eastbound:

- Take Exit 63
- At end of ramp, go Straight (Rt 83)
- Turn Right onto North Main
- At next light, turn Left onto Main
- At next light, turn Right onto Hilliard
- 85 Hilliard is the building just after the Time Machine hobby shop. Jim's shop is on the second floor.

From I-84 Westbound:

- Take Exit 63
- At end of ramp, go Right (Rt 30)
- At second light, turn Right onto Rt 83
- At next light, turn Left onto Main
- At next light, turn Right onto Hilliard
- 85 Hilliard is the building just after the Time Machine hobby shop. Jim's shop is on the second floor.

Central Connecticut Woodturners - Membership Information

New: Renew:

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dues (\$35) payable to:
Central Connecticut Woodturners
c/o **Alan Moltz**
21 Decosta Drive
Newington, CT 06111