



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturning

Dedicated to the Advancement of Woodturning

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December 2012

Next Meeting

January 22, 2013

7PM

CT Valley School of Woodworking

Upcoming Events

The Woodworking Show
Jan 11-13, 2013
Eastern States Expo
W. Springfield, MA
www.thewoodworkingshows.com

Totally Turning
March 23-24, 2013
Saratoga Springs, NY
www.Totallyturning.com

AAW
National Symposium
June 28-30, 2013
Tampa, FL
www.woodturner.org

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Deadline for the next issue is Jan 10th.



CCW Members

I want to thank everyone who participated in the November challenge. There were a lot of great entries. I personally enjoyed seeing each and every one of them. Tremendous Effort by all!

Thank you to Buster and Jerry for assisting with the judging.

Thanks Lynda for putting together the fabulous winner baskets. Even if I didn't receive one.

One challenge down, one to go.

In January we have our 1st annual 'What did You Learn' challenge. An outgrowth of the Tournaments idea proposed earlier in the year. All who started that challenge, your effort weren't wasted. For those who didn't, you still have time.

President's Note:

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For this challenge we are looking for three things...

1 - Challenge yourself by learning a new technique or embarking on project you've never done before.

2 - It's not about perfection. It's about growth. Bring in example of examples of your effort. Something that shows us where you started (including failures, things you are not happy with, etc.) and an example of what you've been able to learn so far ...

3 - Share a story (Verbal) of journey (why you began it, what you've learned along the way, where you want it to take you, etc.)

Unlike the November challenge which is judged on perfection. **This is not.** This challenge will be judged on :

1 - How are you challenging yourself as a Turner to learn new things

2 - Examples of your early efforts on through to where you are today. It does not have to be perfect, just bet-

ter than where you started.

3 - How this journey has helped you grow. How it might inspire us to take a similar journey.

The challenge is not about mastering something, it is about personal growth. It's about the love you have for this art.

Challenge yourself with something new. No matter what level you are at, there is more to learn....

George Upton

President CCW



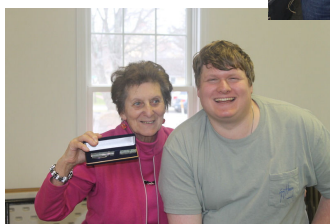
Dues are due!

Club Dues are \$35 for the year.



Come join us at The Wood Working Show Friday to Sunday January 11 to 13, 2012 at the Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA. Hours are Fri 12-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. CCW will once again be having a booth. We will be looking for demonstrators and display pieces. CCW will have a set number of free tickets for our helpers. You will be responsible for your parking. Contact Lynda if you are interested.

CCW Holiday Party. The party was well attended. Great food, excellent assortment of desserts. Joe Stajduhar won the infamous Kingspor "Box-o-Sandpaper"



Wood of the Month

American Walnut *Juglans nigra* (Juglandaceae)



Grows: Canada & USA.

Health risks: Irritation to eyes & skin from the dust and contact with the wood. If you have a nut allergy, this wood may cause anaphylactic symptoms.

Description: The heartwood ranges from a light grayish-brown to purplish-black, with the sapwood ranging from whitish to a yellowish brown. Its dull luster will develop to

a lustrous patina in time. Burls, stump wood & crotches are valued for their notable mottling, curly & wavy figure.

Properties: It works well with machine & hand tools.

Typical Uses: It is prized as a cabinetmaking wood, and the chosen wood in the USA for gunstocks & rifle butts. It is used for furniture making, joinery, boat building, musical instru-

ments, carving & ornamental veneers. As an added bonus its nuts are edible!

Additional Note: Walnut shavings should **NOT** be composed as their chemical compound will damage or kill surrounding plants. Nor should it be used as bedding for animals for this same reason.

Final thoughts



8" Mahogany Ball by Jim Kephart for a newel post



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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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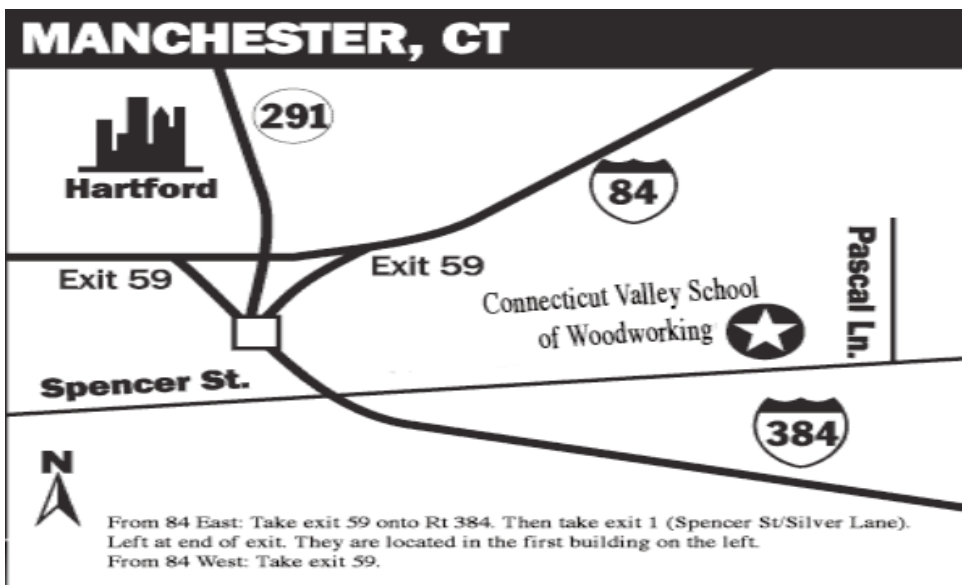
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