



**May CCW Meeting-
Tuesday, May 27th
2025**

**At Charlotte
McDonnell's house,
520 Bush Hill Road,
Manchester CT, at
6:30pm.**

**Dan Merlo will demo
finishing a twice
turned bowl.**

President's Note

Hello woodturners,

We had a good turnout for the pen turning at Meridan Library. Thanks to all of you who came and helped make it a successful event. I believe we had 6 lathes and extra turners, thank you all.

I heard the Fine woodworking show went well also, thanks to Jay, Dan and David along with Jim and Rick.

We will be scheduling a workshop within the next few months out at Dan Merlo's shop. We will have several lathes and will be doing thin wavy flowers and tulips. It should be lots of fun in a relaxed environment. Let me know if you are interested, so we know how many lathes to have available. Just bring your tools and your chuck.

We would like suggestions for what to turn for the picnic challenge in August this year.

See you at the meeting.

John



Minutes for CCW MEETING April 22nd 2025 at Wethersfield Community Center

16 members present

Meeting called to order at 6:46pm

John Webber introduced officers.

Minutes of the previous meeting are in the newsletter. Rob Robinson made a motion to accept; Jay Baker 2nd; All in favor.

Mark Fields gave Treasurer's report—End of Feb 2025 balance \$5,018.83; collected \$70.00 dues in March; Balance is \$5,088.83. Rob Robinson made a motion to accept; Emery Fellingner 2nd; All in favor.

Kip Lockhart: There is a woman at Rocky Hill Library that called him and wants to have a pen turning. She is available every Saturday in July and Aug. – The library is open from 10am-1pm. Kip will talk to her about the hours. Discussion ensued. CCW has Sept, Oct, and Nov all open dates available for pen turning.

CCW club shirts:

Kip Lockhart's Eastern club shirt is Port Authority. He has a local guy with a shop. The guy will get back to Kip with cost but needs clarification. He could do different style for different members. He needs a vector file or pdf. Dan Merlo will give to Kip Lockhart. Once logo is done, it is just a matter of how many shirts of what size. \$30-\$35 per shirt. Machine embroidered. The guy will send setup price when Kip gives him more info. Possibly \$100 setup charge (that's what Eastern club's cost was). The logo on the page might be a vector file. Jay Baker might be able to change a file to a vector file.

Rob Robinson has company American Embroidery \$35 for setup. No minimum order. \$25 to \$30 dollars for golf shirt. T-shirt with heat transfer \$12.00; embroidered

\$15-\$18, but T-shirt might bunch with embroidery. The shirts shown as examples were Gildan and Port Authority.

Kip Lockhart deals with a lot of exotic woods. He has pen blanks all drilled out. He will bring them to the next meeting to be raffled off.

CCW needed pen kits (for pen turning events), which John Webber ordered. John was buying Slimline pen kits (little more durable). Grade below that is Funline pen kits. The difference in price is about a dollar. This time, John Webber ordered Funline pen kits.

Dan Merlo, Rob Robinson, Kip Lockhart, Jay Baker, Emery Fellingner, and James Woodworth will be at the pen turning event this weekend. John Webber has blanks and tubes here at the meeting if anyone wants to put them together.

Scrollers and carvers were there at the last pen turning event, and that worked out well.

Next pen turning event is in Meridan. CCW members can get there at 9:30am. John Webber will send an informational email.

Friday May 9th 2025 and Saturday May 10th 2025 is the Fine Wood workers show at CT Valley School of Woodworking. If anyone has any items to be displayed, the guy at Woodcraft would like them a couple of days ahead.

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June 7th 2025- Pen turning at Eleanor Buck Wolfe Nature Center; CCW meeting June 24th 2025 at Berlin Fairgrounds, where the demo will be Lynda Zibbideo embellishing. CCW meeting July 22nd 2025. Pen turning July 26th 2025 at Portland Library. CCW picnic will be held in August.

If any member wants to do a workshop, let John Webber know. It can be held at Dan Merlo's shop.

Note: The last 4 months of the year, CCW doesn't have any ideas/members to do demos.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Then show and yell. Blair Scoble won the gift card.

Then Kip did a demo on turning a bowl in a bowl.

Moment of Safety: CHAINSAW SAFETY

- There about 36,000 chainsaw injuries per year in the US, per information from the US Forrest Service, US Dept. of Labor, CDC, US Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- The most common injuries are from kickback.
- The most common injuries are on the legs, knees and hands.
- The most common causes are lack of proper safety training, experience and not wearing the proper PPE- Personal Protective Equipment.
- The average chainsaw injury required 110 stitches.
- Most of the accidents occurred during limbing operations, on ladders, saw used above the shoulders and overhead.
- A large percentage of chainsaws are purchased after a natural disaster by homeowners, no license or training required.
- Kickback- when the tip of the bar and chain contacts an object forcing the bar backward and upward.
- Use a low-kickback type chain, and a tip guard, do not cut with the tip of the bar, cut close to the engine of the saw.
- Use 2 hands and a firm grip wrapping thumb around grip.
- Avoid cutting above mid-chest height.
- Maintain a sturdy balance.
- Do not stand directly in line of the cut, stand on one side.

PPE- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Leather gloves \$25.00-\$50.00
- Chainsaw chaps-fibers will slow or stop the chain upon contact \$60.00-\$250.00
- Leather chainsaw gloves \$25.00-\$50.00
- Helmet with ear and face protection \$70.00-\$120.00
- Whole kits are available \$150.00
- Chainsaw boots, OSHA approved \$250.00- holy smokes do not ask \$\$\$.
- Good quality leather steel toe boots are most logical option.
- First aid kit including a tourniquet- stop the bleed kit \$20.00
- Alternative- your belt, rope and a stick (harder to use)
- Some specially designed tourniquets are easier to use especially if you are alone and only have 1 limb to work with.
- Place the tourniquet above the wound and tighten.
- Hemostatic Agents & Gauze- ie QuickClot & Celox- will help to stop bleeding quickly- \$25.00
- A cell phone close by.
- Chainsaw cuts are harder to repair and heal due to the jagged cutting of the teeth, there will be dirt, oil and sawdust in the wound.
- For woodturners a wooden rack with a ramp to roll logs onto top surface so you can securely cut or trim at a comfortable height.

SAVE \$25



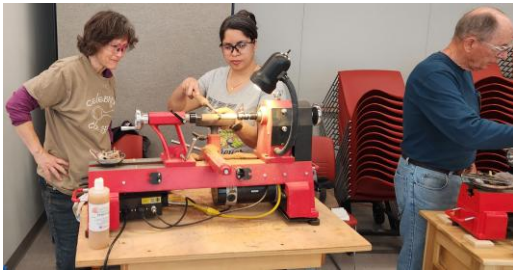
APRIL 22nd 2025 SHOW & YELL:



APRIL 22nd 2025 DEMO: Kip Lockhart turned a bowl in a bowl.



MERIDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY PEN TURNING on April 26th 2025:



FINE WOODWORKING SHOW May 9th 2025:



