



Central Connecticut Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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Jan 2026 CCW

Meeting- Tuesday,

Jan 27th 2026

**At Wethersfield
Community Center
30 Greenfield St,
Wethersfield CT, at
6:30pm.**

**Rick Angus will do a
demo on sharpening
tools.**



President's Note

Hi all,

I'd like to thank you for trusting me to be the club's president. I'm a much better turner than I am at writing, but I'll do my best. We're going to have an exciting year and have some fun turning. I hope to challenge you all to try new things and venture outside of your comfort zone. The first way of doing this is launching our 1st ever Wood Turners Bingo. I will go over this in detail at the January 27th meeting in Wethersfield. This is going to be a lot of fun with a chance to win some \$\$\$\$.

I intend to keep up with the moment of safety. This may end up being about what I did stupid since last meeting and well, you probably shouldn't do that. Hopefully we will have some helpful turning tips throughout the year that will help everyone improve their skills. Most importantly is that we're having fun. Don't worry about making a mistake. That's how we learn. Grab another piece of wood and try again.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Remember, to get ahead you have to have one. Keep smiling!! Dan Merlo

CCW November 2025 meeting minutes.

John Webber, President called meeting to order at 6:40pm

Introduction of officers. Guests were introduced.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance \$4,703.83; Dues collected \$35; Donations \$110.00; Expenses \$447.29; 10-31-2025 balance \$4,401.54. Kip Lockhart made a motion and Blair Scoble 2nd ; Unanimous approval.

Meeting minutes Charlotte McDonnell made a motion to accept; Lynda Zibbideo 2nd . Unanimous approval.

Kip Lockhart has schedule of demos ...Jan 2026 demo Rick Angus sharpening; Feb 2026 Kip Lockhart; March 2026 Dan Merlo; April 2026 John Webber; May 2026 Eric Litke; June 2026 Kip Lockhart; July 2026 Dan Merlo; Nov 2026 Lynda Zibbideo.

CCW meeting locations: Jan-Apr Wethersfield Community Center, May meeting will be held at Charlotte McDonnell's shop; June meeting in Wethersfield.

Kip brought CCW rulers for anyone who wanted one.

Moment of safety...

At the pen turning in Berlin, CCW helped turn about 32 pens. Woodcraft Turning For the Troops turned a lot of pens for the Troops.

Jan 27th 2026 is the next CCW meeting.

CCW Holiday party is Jan 10th 2026 at the American Legion Hall in East Windsor CT.

There is a pen turning event at the South Windsor library on Saturday Jan 31st 2026.

There is a pen turning event in Ashford CT on Feb 7th 2026 at Babcock Library/Knowlton Hall.

New pen turning at Newington Library possibly in March 2026.

Arts council in Southington is interested in hosting an event. Possibly do a demo, or a pen turning. Jay Baker will reach back out to her.

Workshops—CCW does about 3-4 workshops per year. Multiple lathes. Quick demo, then members can turn, and get hands-on advice while turning. Usually held on a Saturday.

John Webber is writing an article on schools, and he'll send that out next month.

At the October CCW meeting, Dan Merlo agreed to be the next CCW president; Kip Lockhart would stay on as Vice President; Joanne Mann agreed to stay on as Secretary & newsletter editor; Lynda Zibbideo agreed to be treasurer; John Webber will be CCW Event Coordinator. Chris Zibbideo made a motion that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers; Charlotte McDonnell 2nd . All approved.

Then Show & Yell was held. Tim Connolly won the gift card.

Then members showed their pieces from the challenge (stick pens/ornaments) Kip won the challenge gift card.

Then there was a wood and tool swap.

New business: Charlotte McDonnell has wood logs if anyone is interested oak (pretty big), maple 8-9 inches, and cedar tree is pretty small. 10 foot lengths all stacked.

The bylaws are now on the website. Boiler plate given to us back in 1994 by AAW.

Lynda Zibbideo wrote a letter to the CCW board to nominate John Webber to be a Lifetime member of the Central Connecticut Woodturners, due to his exemplary and continual effort to promote the mission of the organization. The CCW board unanimously approved. Lynda presented John Webber with his CCW Lifetime member certificate.

Note: Other CCW Lifetime members... Mike South, Jim Kephart, Tom Stevenson, and Lynda Zibbideo.

Then Lynda Zibbideo did a demo on making an angel ornament.

The CCW Holiday party challenge will be an angel ornament; and wear an ugly sweater if you'd like.

November 25th 2025 Show & Yell





November 2025 challenge (stick pens and/or ornaments)



John Webber receiving his CCW Lifetime Membership (Lynda Zibbideo presenting)



November 2025 Demo-Turning an Angel ornament- Lynda Zibbideo





CCW HOLIDAY PARTY JANUARY 10TH 2026





Gift Swap



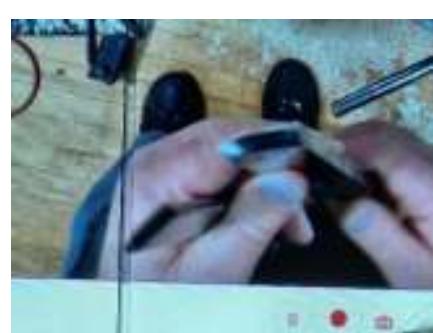




Party games



Party demo and skew challenge issued



And please don't forget to send a picture of what you make from Kevin's roughed in bowls!!



Key word = Super “bowl”