



Established 1987

First Woodturning Club in New England, AAW #26

**Next Meeting
1870 Town Hall
May 2nd, 2024**

**Richard Hunt Memorial
Learn N Turn
5:30—6:30**

**Times below are
Subject to change**

**6:30
Show N Tell**

**6:50
Business Meeting**

**7:50
Demonstration
Francois Huet
Off-Center Turning**

**8:20
Wood Swap**

President's Message April 2024

The problems of a woodturner (or any woodworker) come in many species. Here are the four I deal with most.



Problem number one: I'm addicted to wood.

I am an addict. Yes, I'm addicted to collecting wood. I have a two piles of bowl blanks, some wood under my workbench, and another pile of logs at the end of the shop. (not counting what's outside) And then there are those bins under my out-feed table/work bench. They are full of cut-offs that may come in handy someday. You just never know.

A few years ago, when I got my first lathe, I had to make room. I pulled out a ton of wood from the shop and piled it in the yard. Since this wood was all "pre woodturning" wood, it was dry, flat stock. It included old table legs, other furniture parts, and cut-offs and scrap from 30 years of projects.

After the purge, I brought my chop saw and circular saw outside and cut it all up into 18-24" inch lengths. The next spring I used it to boil about 80 gallons of sap down to maple syrup. That's right, I had enough scrap wood to boil 80 gallons of water down to 2 gallons of syrup. I didn't use a single piece of wood from my wood pile!

Unfortunately, I think I'm back to that point, but now it's all logs and bowl blanks.

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CNEW STORE PRICE LIST

CA Glue (all thicknesses) \$8.00

Accelerator

Small 2 oz. pump \$5.00

Medium 8 oz. pump \$9.00

Large 16 oz. Pump \$15.00

6 oz Aerosol \$9.00

10 oz. Aerosol \$12.00

Pen supplies

Pen Kits \$6.00

Bushings \$5.00

Replacement Brass Tubes \$1.00

Abrasive Pastes 2 oz. \$2

Sanding Butter (food safe) 2 oz. \$2

Shop Push Sticks \$2.00

Anchor Seal \$10.00/gallon

Sanding supplies

Sanding Disc

All grits, 2 and 3 inches 10 for \$2.00

Sanding Pad Holder

2 inch \$5.00

3 inch \$6.00

Sanding Repair Kit

2 & 3 Inch \$1.00

Sanding Pad Cushions

2 & 3 INCH \$3.00

Walnut oil (food safe) 16 oz. \$9

Glue Shop Brushes 8 for \$1.00

Nitrile disposable gloves 50 count \$13

CNEW Club Store Message

Kits for making your own sanding butter and abrasive pastes will be available for purchase at the April meeting. I will be demonstrating the process for making these useful woodturning shop products.

The kits will include the following items:

Small slow cooker

Measuring cup

Mixing spatula

Bees wax

Mineral oil

Diatomaceous earth (abrasive)

Three different size kits will be available!

I wish to thank all the CNEW members for supporting the club store! I would appreciate any suggestions from club members for new items you would like to see for sale at the store.

Thanks Steve

WEBSITE INFORMATION—PHIL GROVE

Here are a few updates regarding the CNEW website

All pending new members have been approved

Current membership list with details has been attached

A new photo and video sharing page has been published to the public

<https://cnew.org/wp/cnew-gallery/>

A place has been created for members to post photos and videos

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-pxXQz4>

Instructions on how members can upload images has been created and shared via email

<https://cnew.org/wp/forums/topic/activity-4-upload-an-image-of-your-work-for-show-tell-online/>

Statistics of various types have been collected (see below)

of special note is the 35K video views on YouTube across our 29 videos and our 350 subscribers

From YouTube

www.youtube.com/@centralnewenglandwoodturne6800

350 subscribers

29 videos

35,675 views

CNEW Website Traffic last 30 Days

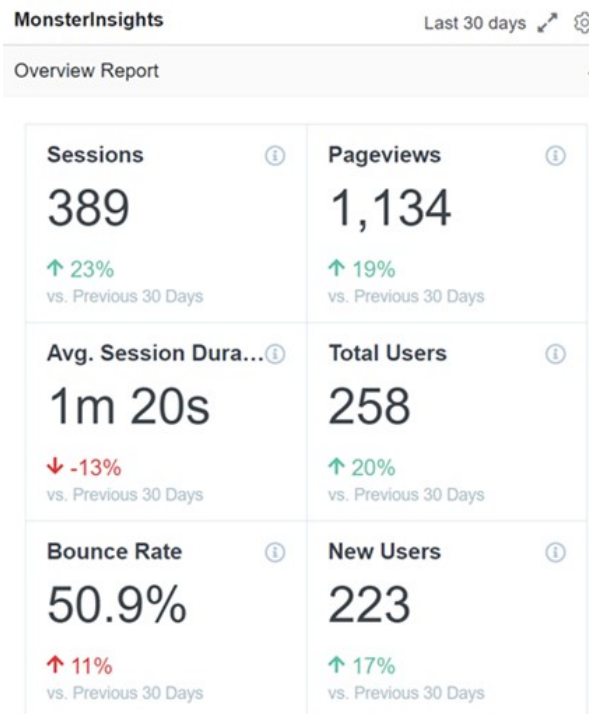
[3 Posts](#)

[53 Pages](#)

[30 Comments](#)

[9 Forums](#)

[77 Topics](#)



IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the near future an update will be made to combine the membership mailing database with the active members database. All members who have not kept their membership current by paying their dues will be removed from the mailing list and will no longer receive newsletters, club mailings or access to the website. You can prevent this from happening by submitting your membership dues in a timely fashion.

SHOP TIP – RUST BUSTER

As all of you know humidity in the shop can be a real detriment to your tools. Both power and hand tools. If you're like me and have a basement shop the problem gets even worse.

In my shop I run a dehumidifier with a drain attached so that it constantly empties into my workshop sink. This helps a great deal but doesn't eliminate the problem completely. Having those little silica packs that come with electronics and other items we may buy are great but only last for so long. Trying out a tip I had read many years ago provided an alternative. Clumping cat litter. That's right! And I found the finer the better.

Cut a strip of nylon stocking 2-3 inches long and seal on end with a twist tie (or any other method that comes to mind). Then fill it part way with the litter material and secure the other end. Put these in your tool box, cabinets or any other place you store tools, hardware, etc. They last quite a while and are easily replaceable.

MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2024

Business Meeting:

- Mark Durrenberger commenced the meeting at 6:25 pm.

> Mark informed the members that starting with tonight's meeting we will be having a short Safety discussion at every meeting.

- Safety Discussion – Greg Carell

> The focus for tonight's safety discussion is on protecting yourself from harmful wood dust.

Greg informed everyone that there are numerous ways of protecting one's lungs from wood dust. His focus was on reviewing the various options for turners from the simplest (aka cheapest) to the most complex.

* Cloth and N95 type masks work to some degree but can be difficult to get a tight seal, especially if you have facial hair.

* Non-powered masks with filters – Offer more protection but do not work well with face shields and can still be difficult to get a tight seal. Most are in the \$30 – \$75 range.

* Powered mask respirator – Resner Air purifier mask: is an N95 mask that is attached to a small fan/filter unit that is light enough to hang on a lanyard around your neck. Filtered air is fed into the N95 mask. Approximate Retail cost = \$38 (Amazon.com)

* Powered respirator/shield masks – Offer the most protection for dust protection, but are expensive. Some masks that Greg showed:

+ Trend Air Shield – Works well but the weight of the battery, filters, and fan are completely incorporated in the helmet itself which can be tiresome for some as well as being noisy. Retail cost = approximately \$500.

+ 3M Versa Flow (and similar pack mounted powered respirators) – Your head is completely covered by mask/shield with the battery pack, fan and air filter being contained in a pack which is strapped to your waist. This eliminates the weight on your head/neck but does transfer it to your back. These offer the most protection

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CNEW Mentors

Below is a list of members willing to spend their valuable free time with other members in hope of helping to promote education and skill building by sharing of their knowledge. Anyone interested in being "Mentored" by a more advanced or seasoned turner please contact one of the members below. Their contact information can be found on the Members section of our website.

Rick Angus

Moosup, CT

Peter Wilcox

Boylston, MA

Joe McGill

Sudbury, MA

Reid Gilmore

Upton, MA

Marty Goulet

New Braintree, MA

Bob Pacini

Holliston, MA

MEETING MINUTES (cont'd)

for your lungs by feeding filtered air directly to your face. Approximate Retail cost = \$1,200 - \$1,800.

> Greg finished by stressing that wood dust can adversely affect you health so whatever dust protection you have..... USE IT!!! Anything is better than nothing at all.

- President's Report: Mark Durrenberger -

> Mark informed everyone that he is changing the meeting agenda for the May meeting to accommodate the President's challenge. Since the challenge is for members to create a piece that is a collaboration with a non-turner we will have the Show n' Tell at the beginning of the meeting so that "collaborator's" could attend the meeting without having to sit through our normal business meeting.

> Since the first Thursday in July happens to fall on July 4th Mark asked whether the members want to cancel the July meeting. Members suggested to either move the meeting to the following Thursday (7/11), or possibly having the club picnic in July rather than August. We will check to see if the Town House is available for us on 7/11.

> Mark also informed everyone that we are changing the way we will conduct the wood raffle. Rather than have Reid or Beth shout out the raffle numbers they will staple the winning ticket to each piece of wood. Raffle ticket sales will end at 7:00. Members can pick up their "winnings" AFTER the demo. To make things easier, members should write their names on their tickets for easier identification. Unclaimed wood will be retained for subsequent raffles.

> New Lathe stand update – It appears that using a portable chop saw stand works for the lathe, but it is a bit high. Michael Peters recommended that we cut the legs shorter and make some riser blocks for it. This will be further explored.

> Mark then discussed club sponsored booths at local fairs as well as community outreach programs and charity events:

* Hudson Community Fest (Saturday, June 8; 9:00am – 3:30pm): Our booth is confirmed for this event. Last year we had a number of members staff the booth and a fun day was had by all, plus members sold a number of items. June 8th.

* Sterling Fair (Friday, Sept. 8: 5pm – 11pm; Saturday, Sept 9: 8:00am – 11:00pm; Sunday, Sept. 11: 8:00am – 5:00pm): Beth Weiner volunteered to be project lead for this event.

• New London Sailfest (Saturday July 13; Sunday July 14) – Mark informed members of last year's participation in this event and asked members if we should do it again this year. Motion was made and approved.

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* Woodturning Open House at Berlin Town House: This is something we would like to do in the future. No further discussion.

* Woodturning Kids Day at Berlin Town House: Sophia Moroney volunteered to be the project lead on this event. Some members voiced concerns over liability for this, it was agreed that we would check with AAW on insurance coverage.

> Mark requested volunteers for snacks and drinks for next month's meeting - AJ & Bob volunteered.

> Sophia Moroney gave an update on the club's search for viable charity events / charities to sponsor or participate in. Sophia stated that the options were for the club to donate turned items to charities for them to use to generate donations, or for the club to sell items and donate the cash to a charity. She has looked at several charities and needs help with planning and the logistics of such efforts. Joe McGill and Brad Killam volunteered to assist Sophia.

- External Vice President Report – Rick Angus:

> Donna Banfield is booked out for the rest of this year so we may have to look into getting her for 2025.

> Rick spoke with Michael Foster but he is not doing demos at this point in time.

> Rick informed the group of a turner from the Central Connecticut woodturners who has demoed how to create a vase out of cracked wood; multi axis bud vases; and two-tone dye coloring on pieces. Rick and Reid said he does very good demonstrations. Rick will talk with Michael Peters about a good time to schedule him.

> Rick also spoke with Carl Jacobsen about a demo. He does do free interactive remote demos related to the items that he sells (NilesBottleStoppers.com). Rick suggested that this may be a good thing to schedule for Jan or Feb. when weather may be an issue since folks could tune in from home for the demo. Rick offered up several different demo options for the group and an off-center turning jig demo garnered the most interest from members.

- Treasurer's Report – Carolyn MacDonald:

> Nothing new to report on tax exempt status.

- Carolyn informed the group that we are raffling off the club's old grinder. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and tickets will be on sale during this meeting as well as the May meeting, when the raffle will be held. We are encouraging that only new turners, or those who do not already have a grinder, participate in the raffle.

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- Internal Vice President Report – Michael Peters:

> Michael discussed the items that members suggested, and made samples of, for the Arnold Arboretum annual gala. He requested that the club to agree on what three (3) items that we will submit to the Arboretum team to select a finalist from. After much discussion, the group selected the three items we will present to the Arboretum to determine their finalist for their gala. As part of the discussion, it was agreed that the club would purchase the glass tubes (if bud vases were selected) or metal/rubber stoppers (if bottle stoppers were selected). A motion was made, and subsequently approved, to present either bud vases, bottle stoppers, or small boxes to the Arboretum.

- Other Business:

> Ralph Viscomi informed the group that former CNEW member Don Spirelli still had a number of items and rare wood blanks for sale. He is going to post several of the larger items on the club's Trading Post forum. In addition, we will have a silent auction at the next CNEW meeting for some of Don's wood blanks. A portion of the proceeds from the silent auction will go directly to CNEW as part of a fund-raising effort.

> Steve Ball informed the group that the club store did \$100 in sales last month.

> Greg Carell spoke briefly about the club's video library and all the good DVD's it contained. In addition, the Executive Committee is looking to get DVD players that can be lent out to those who do not have one.

> Phil Grove spoke briefly about the CNEW website. The new security measures are working and the firewall has blocked thousands of bad actors from around the globe.

- Demo – Joe McGill – McNaughton coring system

> Discussed and showed the club how to properly use the McNaughton coring system. Several tips he passed on were:

* The method he uses to measure out the bowls to be cored from the piece of wood to ensure that "funnels" are not created, and how to determine the angle of entry for the tool as it goes into the wood.

* The need to use a large chuck (Joe used a Vicmarc 150) to prevent the significant forces generated by coring from tearing off the tenon on the largest bowl.

* When coring the blank is spinning at around 600 rpm or slower depending on the balance of the wood.

* The coring tool needs to be at or slightly above center.

* Hollow out the inside of the smallest bowl first.

- Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Viscomi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Problem number two: My shop isn't big enough. (Who's is?)

I found that having an outfeed table for my table saw really helped table saw safety. But, because of space limitations, that outfeed table is also a workbench. That means that any time I need to rip a long board, I must clear the workbench. And usually, it's buried. Turned pieces in process, bottles of finishes and solvents. Yogurt containers of water, paint thinner, and plenty of bowl blanks.

My other workbench is always cluttered with stuff that doesn't have a place. It's better to describe that bench as a shelf. (though it does hold a drill press, bench vice, battery charger, and two Home Pod minis)

Problem 3: The dust.

While I always run my dust collector when sanding (and it does an amazing job), layers of dust form on everything. Even the dust collector pipes. (Is that ironic?)

My dust collector also serves as a vacuum. I connect a 15' pipe to one of the inlets and suck up anything on the floor. The collector has a 30-gallon drum and will hold a few bowls worth of chips. The pile of chips in the back yard is turning into a mountain. The chipmunks have started burrowing into it. I wonder if they use any of the sandpaper they find.

The most effective way I've found to de-dust, is to turn on the overhead air cleaner, close the shop door (to keep dust from getting into the rest of the basement) and walk around the shop blasting the air hose at every horizontal surface. That creates a dust storm, but the air cleaner takes care of it in about 10 minutes. And filters are cheap. (This also works well for smoke from my laser engraver).

Problem 4: Where are my tools?

Years ago, I learned that putting a tool away when I was done using it, even if I was going to use it again 30 minutes later, saved me lots of time and frustration hunting for tools. I'm pretty good at this. (And when my son borrows a tool but doesn't put it back, he gets a tongue lashing).

It would appear, however, that in my mind, tape measures do not fit the category of "tool." So now I have three of the same tape measure (and yes, I've calibrated them to each other. They match.) With three, I can usually find one.

Too much wood, a small shop, lots of dust and missing tools. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Mark

LEARN N TURN



RALPH — OUR RECORD KEEPER
WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT HIM?



DEMO — JOE MCGILL — MCNAUGHTON CORING SYSTEM



SHOW N TELL— ITEMS



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SHOW N TELL— ITEMS



SHOW N TELL—PEOPLE



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Membership



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Annual dues: \$40 including e-mail delivery of newsletter

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ & Zip: _____

e-Mail: _____

Telephone number _____

Please check appropriately below

New Member

Returning Member

e-Mail Newsletter (\$40.00)

Please let us know of your interests:

How long have you been turning? _____

What programs would you like to see at meetings? _____

Would you like to demonstrate at a meeting? Yes/No If so, what topics do you offer? _____