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**Next Meeting
June 6th 2019
6:30 PM**

**Learn N Turn
5:00 p.m.
Roland VaVole
Angel Wings**

**Demonstration
Jon Burke
Burl Turning**

First Woodturning Club in New England, AAW #26

President's Message May, 2019

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The May CNEW meeting featured an entertaining and instructive demonstration by John Jordan. At the June meeting we will return to our normal CNEW meeting format. The last several business meetings have been overly long, leaving insufficient time for the that night's demonstration. I will make every effort to speed things up, but I will need the cooperation of all members to avoid getting bogged down.

The June meeting will be the meeting to bring in any items that you want to donate to the "Wheelchair Mission". Any donation we make can make a huge difference in a disabled person's life.

The one upcoming event CNEW might participate in during the month of June is "Dogwood Days" at the Milton Estate. I just looked at their website, and I see that Dogwood week runs from Saturday June 8 to Saturday June 15. If CNEW is going to get involved this year, we will plan that at the June meeting.



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If you are interested in becoming a mentor please e-mail Ben Cline at bcline46@gmail.com

Please include the following information:

Name

Location (Town)

Type of turning (bowl, general, etc.)

Veteran (Yes or No)

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.

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Minutes April 4th, 2019 Meeting

The only activity to report from the last meeting was a motion that was made, seconded and approved to postpone any club business until the May meeting.

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A message from Charlie Croteau:

Folks,

Check out this video of the venue for Free Wheelchair Mission. Recognize any pieces? I hope we'll make this years auction better than ever.

Best,

charlie

<https://vimeo.com/299980442>
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A message from Rick Angus:

CNEW will participate in Dogwood Days at the Mary Wakefield estate in Milton MA on June 15th. Please plan to attend and help promote the club. We will have a single day for demonstrating and sales and promoting woodturning.

The estate has a nice outside location for demonstrating with room in their barn as a rain venue. We will bring one or two lathes and each of us may demonstrate thing with which they are comfortable. The more the merrier.

We may set-up sales tables though in the past sales were slim. Very low-cost items sold best.

This year, there will be a beer tent in the afternoon--maybe that will improve sales.

More details to follow soon.

If you are interested in demonstrating, please reply to this e-mail and let me know; I will start a list and rough schedule but it's pretty free-form demonstrating. If you can transport a lathe (pick-up at the next meeting), also please respond so that we can firm our plans.

At the next meeting, we will review the plans

As many of you know, for a while now I, and other members, have been advocating that CNEW embark on a long-term plan to secure a place of our own. There are a number of reasons for this but perhaps the primary reason has to do with the history of CNEW as well as that of some other clubs. When CNEW first formed in 1987, meetings were at the Worcester Center for Crafts. It was a great location. The club met in the wood finishing room and, when there were big name turner events, the club moved to the woodturning room to accommodate larger crowds. I recall that we had the ability to store a small quantity of freshly cut wood near the back, there were snack vending machines in the hall, and many members took advantage of opportunities to take turning classes sponsored by the center. Parking was ample, it was easy to get to for most members, and restaurants nearby were plentiful.

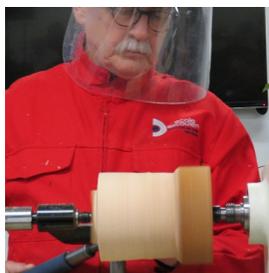
All of that changed in 2009 when the recession hit. Enrollment for classes at the Center plummeted and suddenly the Center was in financial difficulty. Worcester State University came to the rescue and took over the Center. The club was informed that “renovations” were to be undertaken and that the Center was no longer available to us. Charlie, along with other members of the Executive Committee secured our present place at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It is not an ideal location but the monthly rent is affordable and, in many ways we have been luckier than some other clubs. However, it has its drawbacks, it is cold in the winter and hot in the summer, the present storage issue is concerning, and we cannot use the space at other times. Significantly, we could be asked to leave at just about any time.

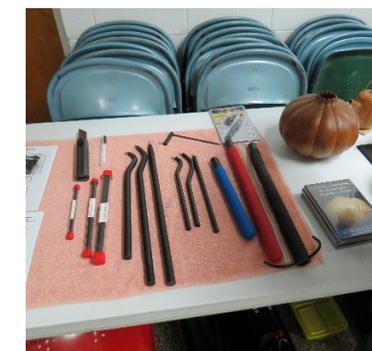
We are not alone in dealing with meeting space issues. John Flynn of ART informed me that their club started about 16 years ago and initially met at the original location of Woodcraft in Woburn, meeting in the back room. The back room was where the store held classes; it was not a large room and the equipment and workbenches made it even smaller. Inevitably, the growing membership made meeting at Woodcraft no longer possible and ART “wandered for many years,” meeting at Lexington Arts and Crafts, Ryobi sales warehouse, Middlesex Community College, and Middlesex Vocational High School. John reports that there were other places used for meetings also but they were one night affairs. Eventually, ART returned to Woodcraft after that store moved to its present, larger location. While the store gives them space rent free, and they are able to use the store’s tools and lathes, the club cannot store any of their own equipment there. The space is larger than at the old location but it is still cramped.

Nigel Howe and Steve Wiseman inform me that South Shore Woodturners too started in the 80’s, a spin off from CNEW. From the beginning, the club met at Henry Cahill’s cabinet shop and, when that business evolved to a remodeling business, the club continued to meet there. About 5 years ago Henry passed away and the club was informed that the meeting place was no longer available to them. The club searched for a new meeting place but nothing they found met their needs. Fortunately, one of Henry’s sons purchased the business and told them they could stay. The rent under Henry was \$600 per year, the rent under the son is \$2000 per year.

The Chesapeake Woodturners meet at the Maryland Center for Art in Annapolis. The woodturning room at the Center is about 450 square feet. It has a dust collector, band saw, file cabinets, metal chairs similar to those at the church, a large workbench, a Powermatic lathe, and five small lathes. The smaller lathes have to be moved out of the way to accommodate monthly meetings and then returned to their original places after the meetings end. The Powermatic does not move nor does any of the other equipment. When 40 or so members show for the monthly meeting (held on Saturday morning since the room is used during the week by the woodturning cooperative the Center) there is simply no room to walk or move around. Once you take your seat you are stuck there until the meeting ends. When a holiday occurs on a Sunday or Monday they close the Center on Friday evening. Therefore, the club has to find a different place to meet if their meeting schedule coincides with the closing of the Center. They too would like to find a different space, perhaps one of their own, that would be open whenever the club or individual members have the need but they too have not had success nor the resources to do so.

JOHN JORDAN'S DEMONSTRATION





CNEW STORE PRICE LIST



CA Glue \$6.00

(all thicknesses)

Accelerator

Small pump \$6.00

Large Pump \$8.00

6 oz Aerosol \$12.00

Pen Kits \$5.00

Bushings \$4.00

Anchor Seal \$10.00/gallon

Sanding Disc

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

Sanding Pad Holder

2 inch \$4.00

3 inch \$5.00

Sanding Repair Kit

2 & 3 Inch \$1.00

Sanding Pad Cushion

2 & 3 INCH \$2.00

Bees Wax \$1.00

Mason Jar of Brass \$5.00

Please do your best to bring some small bills for purchases at the store as Kevin does not always have the ability to make change for everyone in the group

LATHE TIPS AND TRICKS

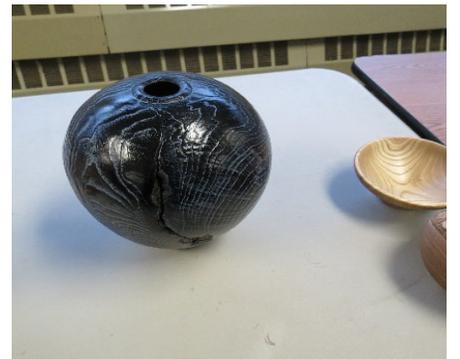
Spent sanding discs see new life on turning tool



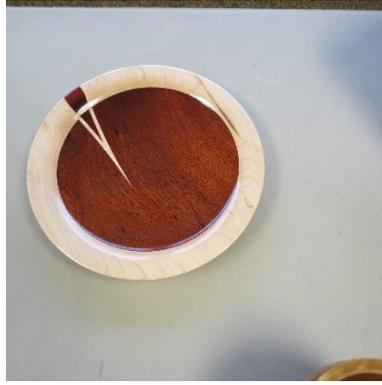
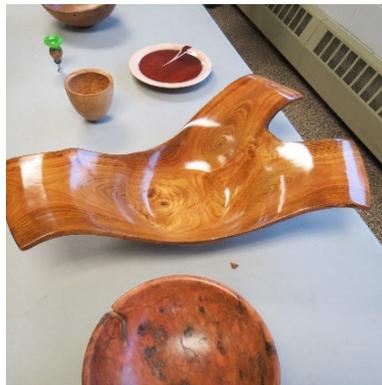
While turning a burl bowl on my lathe, I went to grab my sanding tool and realized I was out of sanding pads. Not wanting to wait for mail-ordered ones or risk toasting my fingertips by holding the sandpaper, I came upon an easy replacement: used random-orbit sander discs. Though worn around the edge, their centers were nearly fresh. So I cut them out with a scissors and had my sanding tool back up and running in seconds.

—Gary Van Hulle, Rochester Hills, Mich.

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

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ & Zip: _____

e-Mail: _____

Telephone number _____

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? _____

Please check appropriately below

New Member

Returning Member

e-Mail Newsletter (\$40.00)