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The CNEW Skew

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First Woodturning Club in New England, AAW #26

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Next Meeting
February 6th 2020
6:30 PM

Learn N Turn
5:00 p.m.
Chris Cherry
Wood Chucks 101

Demonstration
Roland Lavoie
Sea urchin ornaments

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President's Message January, 2020

Happy New Year! We started 2020 in a big way. The first meeting at the 1870 Town Hall in Berlin was the most well attended CNEW meeting that I have been to with an estimated 55-60 people coming to check out the new space. Thank you to all who attended! Also, thank you to our new Learn 'n Turn coordinator Peter Wilcox for teaching how to make honey dippers and to Mike Smith for a great demo showing some tool/lathe maintenance, spindle turning, coloring and wire burning.

This was also my first meeting as President, and I want to thank you all for bearing with me as I adjust to the requirements of running the meeting. I hope to excite and challenge you all in the coming year to become more involved in the club in both events that we take part in outside of our meetings as well as some things at the meetings.

For our meetings, I have two specific things that I would like to have become regular events. The first is to have the Beads of Courage program become something our club embraces. At the Springfield Woodworkers show I had a great conversation with Mark, the President of the Western Mass club. They regularly donate boxes to the Children's Hospital in Springfield for children who are undergoing long term treatments for various illnesses. Sadly, the hospital has a need for approximately 18 new boxes...per month. That is an overwhelming number, but Mark and I thought if both clubs work together, maybe we could at least make a dent in the need.

The second is to have an occasional club challenge. Mike Smith issued a challenge during his demonstration for members to try burning lines on a turning and bring it in to show. I think it will be interesting to see the different interpretations of the same challenge and what universal difficulties and triumphs there are. So, I am reinforcing Mike's challenge and look for more in the future.

Finally, save the date of Sunday May 3rd for the fundraising dinner/auction event. We are still looking for a name for the event, if you have an idea, we are open to suggestions!

Happy turning,
Carolyn

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please e-mail Mike Smith @ whitehallwt@verizon.net

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 OF CNEW MEETING JANUARY 3, 2020

Cnew meeting minutes1/2/2020

This was our first meeting in the new digs – the former Berlin town hall, now the renovated community center. Kudos to Carolyn MacDonald, a town resident and Cnew president for finding the location. It was well attended with several new visitors who have subsequently become members.

Peter Wilcox guided the learn and turn showing how to make honey dippers. Several members took advantage of this and made some nice pieces.

Meeting was brought to order at 6:30. Introductions were made and visitors greeted. Internal VP Mike Smith was presenting some ideas about activities and the annual request for assistance for the learn and turn.

External VP Rick Angus was early post-op from a rotator cuff surgery and was rocking the sling and glove. The upcoming event was the woodworkers convention at the Big E. We had two lathes going and a sign up for transport, demonstrations and breakdown.

Business items included a discussion about the website. It is a bit difficult to navigate, but Dominic has tried to tweak it numerous times. It will require a whole new platform in order to work like some want it to do and he is not going to be involved with that.

Discussion about fund raisers discussed as well as the ongoing saga of the turning smocks. More to follow.

Reed and Beth brought in Arboretum wood and additional wood for the raffle was put out on a large painters drop cloth. Reed reviewed the arboretum goal of distributing wood to various clubs and then requests an item for their show, possibly for demonstration or for sale. Everyone got a piece.

The regular wood raffle had some nice, very large pieces of cherry.

The demonstration was by our internal VP, Mike Smith. He turned a toothpick holder. Nice and easy. The most important thing I took from this was the polyethylene pieces he attaches for turning and holding the hollow form. He also demonstrated different gauges of wire with burning with this and using artists markers to do color. It is important to use a sealer that is non toxic and does not allow the color to bleed. Samples of the semi finished product were passed around.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:15 and then clean up.

A NEW PLACE AND A NEW PRESIDENT

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

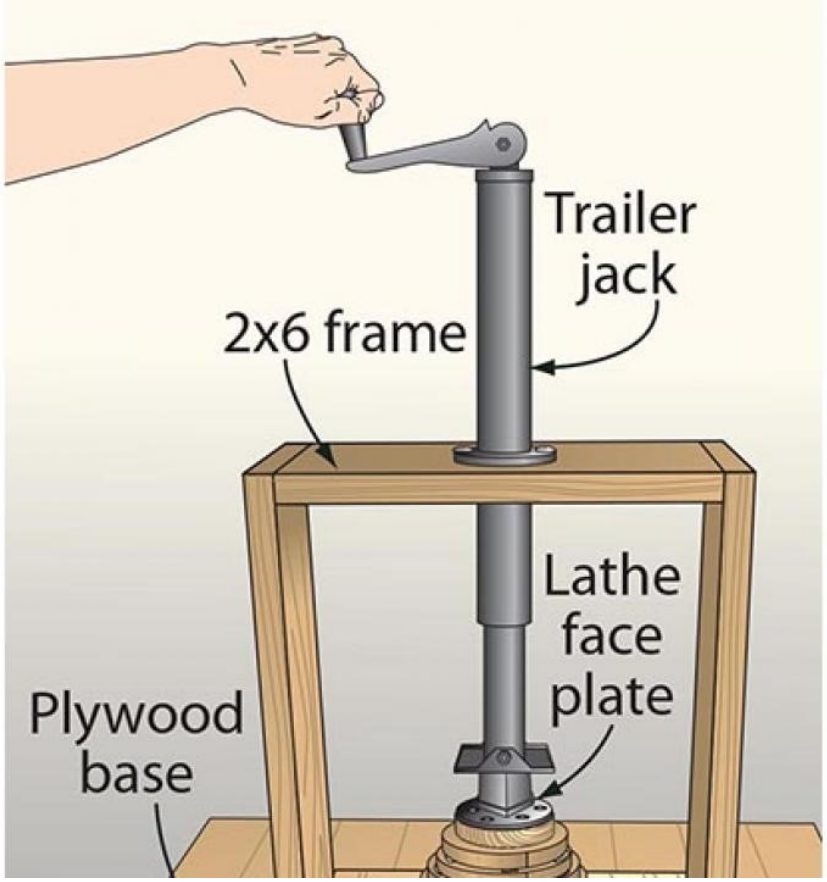
Bees Wax $1.00

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

Trailer jack puts the pressure on segmented turnings



Gluing up a stack of rings for a segmented turning presents unique challenges—such as trying to keep the joints gap-free and the pressure even throughout the unusually shaped glue-up. I solved that issue with this trailer-jack clamping jig. Start by screwing together a simple 2x6 frame atop a plywood base. Install a trailer jack in the frame's topmost crosspiece. Apply the jack's pressure directly to the lathe's face plate—just enough to get a little glue squeeze-out. This jig works great as a veneer press, too!

—Jerry Livingston, Huntington, Utah

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c/o Rob Pacini, 28 Skyview Terr, Holliston, MA 01746

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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)