Tree Identification Workshop

June 11, 2011 – Southbury, CT

The June Learn and Turn is going to be a unique opportunity to learn how to identify the type of wood we are turning. Michael Wojtech, the author of the newly released book "Bark – A Field Guide to Trees of the Northeast," will be conducting a Tree Identification Workshop at my house on June 11th at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will consist of an hour or so of inside lecture/discussion/photos followed by a couple of hours of actual practice identifying trees in the woods of Southbury.

I took a tree identification class at Mt Tom State Reservation in Massachusetts a few weeks ago and I learned about this new book called "Bark." Most tree identification books talk about leaves, terminal buds, leaf scars, etc. some or all of which are not available certain times of the year, or may be too far up in the air to study. "Bark" is different since it only relies on being able to see the bark of the tree to identify it. Another unique aspect of this guide is it discusses and pictures how bark on many tree species change dramatically as the tree ages. I find the book to be extremely helpful and Michael is anxious to share his expertise with us. He also expects to learn some characteristics about how different trees react when we turn them.

An attendance fee of $20.00 will be charged. This will replenish the club's treasury for the cost of the workshop. Due to the nature of the workshop it is necessary to limit the attendance to 12 – 15 people. I will have a signup sheet at our May meeting and will accept names on a first-come first-serve basis.

I highly recommend acquiring a copy of the book. Michael will have copies for sale at the workshop at the normal price of $24.95, but Amazon has them for $16.47.

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Date – June 11, 2011

Time – Coffee – 9:00 a.m.

   Workshop – 9:30 a.m.

Location – 140 Pond View Drive

   Southbury, Ct 06488

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Cost - $20.00

Book – "Bark – A field Guide to Trees of the Northeast" by Michael Wojtech
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