

The Nutmeg

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Next Meeting

Monday May 8, 2006 - Membership meeting

PROGRAM: Carl Ford will be demonstrating end grain hollow forms.

CHALLENGE: Bring in your stool or other furniture piece.

Remember to bring in a bowl for "Bowl Fest" to be eligible for the "Ellsworth" gouge.

Brookfield Craft Center
Route 25 Brookfield, CT

6-7 P.M. Informal Gathering, Library Open
7 P.M. Club Business
7:30 P.M. Program

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The May Demo will be Carl Ford showing us how to make **End Grain Hollow Forms**, sounds great.

I hope all AAW members received the 2006 Resource Directory and the Great DVD "Fundamentals of Sharpening." I sure liked that DVD.

Please read about the May Elections, the club needs your help.

Ask Jay Hockenberry about turning Freedom Pens with the "Girl Scouts." We had a blast!

Please remember to bring in that Bowl for the special "Bowl Fest" raffle. This is how we play-back the Brookfield Craft Center for allowing us the use of the Turning Center for our meetings.

See you at the Meeting

Buster

Bowl Fest Finish Turning

Apr. 29 & 30, May 6 & 7, May 13
Please bring sandpaper & finish

New England
Woodturning Symposium
May 13, 2006
Pinkerton Academy
Derry, NH

Go to www.gnhw.org for more information.

COMING EVENTS

- Brookfield Craft Center
[203-775-4526](tel:203-775-4526)

Friction Fit Boxes – Anthony Harris
May 18 – 19

Hand Chasing Threads – Anthony Harris
May 20 – 21

Turning Beyond the Bowl – Michael Brolly
May 27 – 28

Bowl Turning Revisited – Jim Degen
Jun 10 – 11

Woodturning for Women - Wendy Wilson
August 26-27

- Woodworkers Club, Norwalk
[203-847-9663](tel:203-847-9663)

Special Event – Stuart Mortimer
Introduction to Spiral & Goblet Turning
Jun 6 – 7 – 8

Turn A Wooden Pen – Buster Shaw
Jun. 10 & Jun.15

Fundamentals of Wood Turning – Andy Barnum
Jun. 20,22,27 & 29

Turning Summer Camp – Buster Shaw
July 24 – 28

Turning Boot Camp – Buster Shaw
Aug. 14 – 16

Members, During the business meeting portion of the May 8 meeting we will be voting for a new Vice President and a new Board member. These people will help shape the future of the Nutmeg Woodturners.

The Vice-President term is for two years.

Per previous members who held this position it is a minimal time consuming roll.

The VP fills the shoes of the President in his/her absence and acts as an advisor to the President.

The VP is also a voting member of the Board of Directors.

The Board position is for three years.

The Board member roll is a little less time consuming. The Board meets several times a year.

Board members provide input on programs ideas, direction of the club, budget decisions, etc.

If interested in either of these positions please let me know.

We also have two other non-board positions to fill, Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairperson.

- The Editor is responsible to put together the Nutmeg Newsletter.

The most important asset is a good sense of humor.

- Membership Chairperson accepts membership applications, keeps the Nutmeg membership list up to date, works closely with the Finance chairperson, sends reminder notices for meetings/special events via email, and other items related to the membership.

Walnut Chip Toxicity

By Allen Nemetz

At one of the recent Bowlfest turning sessions, I was surprised to see one of the participants making a special effort to bag the chips every 15 minutes or so. I remarked that this must be the cleanest shop in the club. "Not so" he protested but admitted that he was collecting chips to mulch his wife's garden. Since there was a mix of maple, cherry and walnut chips on the floor I warned him about the use of walnut in a garden because of its toxicity.

I'm not sure that deterred him, but I kept thinking about what I had remembered and the affect the tree had on growing other plants within the root line. Many wood turning sites, including AAW, list various woods and their affect on skin or sinuses. It wasn't until I came across the Ohio State University Extension Website that I found what I was looking for.

The roots of walnut and the related butternut trees contain a high degree of the toxin juglone. Many plants such as tomato, potato, blackberry and apple may be injured or killed within a month or two of planting in the root zone of these trees. Not all are affected since japanese maple, southern catalpa, clematis, virginia creeper, corn, carrots and others have been found to grow in close proximity to a walnut tree with no ill effects. Horses and humans are known to be affected by walnut chips and saw dust but cows are not. When it comes to use in a garden sawdust and chip mulch are not suggested for plants sensitive to juglone, although bark that has been composted for six months or more is considered safe.

I'm sure in the months to come we will all be hearing more about safety of our hobby. It is great fun but requires us to know and understand the dangers involved be they lathe and tools, dust or simply garden chips.

April 17, 2006

An Open Letter to all Nutmeggers

On Saturday April 8th Buster Shaw presented me with a plaque for the “Lifetime Membership Award” (see the attached photo)

I truly consider the award an honor, not to be accepted lightly. I am grateful the Nutmeg Woodturners has chosen me to receive such an honor.

Remember, that wherever the road of life takes me, whichever town I live in, no matter how many woodturning clubs I join, I am proud to say that I was a Nutmegger FIRST!

I send my sincere thanks and gratitude.

Angelo J Iafrate



**Angelo Iafrate is presented “Life Membership”
certificate by Buster Shaw.**