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NEXT MEETING

Membership meeting – Monday, Nov. 12, 2007

PROGRAM: Joe Larese will be doing an interesting and informative demonstration on turning boxes.

Brookfield Craft Center
Route 25, Brookfield, CT

6 to 7 P.M. – Informal Gathering, Library Open

7:00 P.M. – Club Business

7:30 P.M. – Program

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Update on **Andy Barnum**. I spoke with Andy this evening and he is doing great considering. He has started physical therapy on the shoulder and may have back surgery in late November. Andy asked me to send out his **THANKS** to all the Nutmeggers for their well wishes and for covering the classes at the collage.

Fourth Annual Veteran's Day *Turn for TROOPS* will be held at the Woodworkers Club in Norwalk on Saturday, November 10th. I would encourage all members that can to *Come on Down* but if you are unable to, please bring in a pen to donate to the *Troops*. See the article on the project elsewhere in this issue of the Nutmegger

At the next meeting we will have Joe Larese doing a demo on boxes. This should be great.

A big thanks needs to go out to Bob Rogers for hosting the October *Learn & Turn*. We all had a great time and I for one sure am jealous after seeing his shop. How about a December *Learn & Turn* to turn pens for the Troops?

I guess the last demo did not warrant a challenge but please remember to bring in a turning for *Show & Tell*. Also, don't forget the raffle.

Bowl Fest turning is just around the corner, so if you know of any trees coming down please get in touch. We need wood for two weekends of turning.

I'm sorry to say but it's that time of year again. Dues are due! We will start collecting dues for 2008 at the November meeting. It's still a bargain at \$20.00, so please see Allen Nemetz ASAP.

Keep a sharp edge!
Buster

COMING EVENTS

BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER

203-775-4526

Turned Rolling Pins **Buster Shaw**
November 10th

Look for the Winter Catalog – it will be out soon!

WOODWORKERS CLUB, NORWALK

203-847-9663

Bowl Turning **Buster Shaw**
November 17th and 18th

Turn a Pen and Pencil **Buster Shaw**
November 25th

Holiday Ornaments **Buster Shaw**
December 2nd

Turn a Pen and Pencil **Buster Shaw**
December 16th

Fourth Annual Veteran's Day *Turn for TROOPS*

For a fourth year, Woodcraft stores nationwide will conduct the *Turn for TROOPS* handmade pen turn-a-thon program during Veteran's Day Weekend, Saturday November 10, 2007, with the goal of making and then sending thousands of handcrafted pens to American service personnel actively deployed overseas.

"With the help of our customers and local communities, we were able to create more than 3,000 pens during our 2004-2006 turn-a-thon events," said Jeff Forbes, president of Woodcraft Supply, LLC.

"Woodcraft stores nationwide had hundreds of people – many of whom were first-time turners – donate their time and talents to creating pens for our troops. We hope to beat last year's number so that even more soldiers can receive pens as a constant reminder that people back home remember and appreciate their efforts."

According to Forbes, pen turning is one of the fastest and easiest woodworking skills to learn and enjoy. It requires few supplies, a small amount of workspace and produces relatively fast results. A first pen project takes about 30 to 45 minutes, but after creating a few pens the time can drop down to just 15 minutes each. "Using basic lathe skills," Forbes said, "anyone can produce a good quality pen for our troops quickly."

Peter Parker, Woodcraft's administrator for the *Turn for TROOPS* program said, "We've received amazing participation from both woodworkers and non-woodworkers and I would encourage the public's participation in this effort. Not only does this remind our servicemen and women that we care deeply about them, but it is also a great activity for parents to share with their children."

Most of the 80+ Woodcraft stores and Woodworkers Clubs nationwide are expected to participate in the Veteran's Day Weekend turn-a-thon. Berea Hardwoods, the pen kit supplier, has agreed to donate 1,000 pen kits to help jumpstart the event. Since the program's beginning in January 2004, more than 67,000 customized pens have been created and sent to members of the armed forces on a regular basis. Members of the Saw Mill Creek Woodworkers Forum through the *Freedom Pens Project* originally launched the all-volunteer effort.