

The Nutmeg

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NEXT MEETING

Membership meeting – Monday, May 12, 2008

PROGRAM: Keith Tompkins on Form and Design.

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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The Club needs everyone's help, turning bowls for *Bowl Fest* is our way of paying rent to utilize the turning center for our meetings. Please bring a bowl or two to the May meeting or join us to finish turn the bowls we rough turned earlier in the year.

Once again we will hold a special raffle for a David Ellsworth gouge for bowls turned at home and donated to *Bowl Fest*. One ticket for each bowl donated.

It's time to finish turn the bowls we rough turned for *Bowl Fest*. The dates will be May 17th and 18th and May 24th and 25th. The BCC Turning Center has a full weekend schedule in May (that's a good thing) so this year we need to turn over the Memorial Day weekend. I sure hope you can help us out!

I sure would like to have a picnic this year. If anyone would like to volunteer his or her home please contact me. We always have a great time when we have one.

The demo at the May meeting will be Keith Tompkins on Form and Design. Please see his short bio in this newsletter.

Keep a sharp edge!
Buster

COMING EVENTS

BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER

203-775-4526

Turning With the Skew ***Buster Shaw***

Saturday, May 10th
10 AM to 4 PM

Surface Enhancements:

Burning and Branding ***Corey Andersen***

Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th
10 AM to 4 PM

Intermediate Metal Spinning ***Terry Tynan***

Saturday and Sunday, June 14th and 15th
10 AM to 4 PM

Turning Natural Edge Bowls ***Jim Degen***

Saturday and Sunday, June 21st and 22nd
10 AM to 4 PM

Woodturning for Women ***Buster Shaw***

Saturday and Sunday, June 28th and 29th
10 AM to 4 PM

NORWALK WOODWORKERS CLUB

203-847-9663

Bowl Turning ***Andy Barnum***

Wednesdays, June 4th, 11th, 18th and 24th
7 PM to 9 PM

The summer schedule for Brookfield Craft Center and The Woodworkers Club in Norwalk has not been finalized; please visit their Web Sites for updates.

Keith Tompkins

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

I began my woodworking career in 1971, immediately after graduating High School. I was employed as a cabinetmaker and designer for nearly ten years before I started my own custom furniture business. Recently, my interests have changed from building functional furniture pieces to creating artistic woodturnings. I expect my work to reflect my experience as a cabinetmaker as well as a woodturner, and I strive to create bold, dynamic pieces that reveal a small part of me.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2004-08 Turned Wood - Small Treasures, del Mano Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 Open/Closed, Invitational Exhibition, American Association of Woodturners Gallery, St. Paul, MN
Sculpture Objects & Functional Art Exposition, Chicago, IL
American Association of Woodturners Symposium, Portland, OR
Made In New York...The Art of Wood, Cooperstown Art Association, Cooperstown, NY
- 2006 Contemporary American Woodturning, touring
Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN
The American Association of Woodturners Landmark Center, St. Paul, MN
Sculptural Objects and Functional Art Exposition, New York, NY
- 2005 Innovative Perspectives in Turning, touring
Brookfield Craft Center, Brookfield, CT
The Woodturning Center, Philadelphia, PA
Innovative-Conceptual-Sculptural-Historical, Sharada Gallery, Hudson, NY
- 2003 Art of the Northeast, Silvermine Guild, New Canaan, CT
- 2002-03 Northeastern Woodworkers Showcase, First Prize (2003), Saratoga Springs, NY

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2007 American Woodturner, *Small Treasures*, Summer
The Crafts Report, *Business Wise: Teaching...Pros and Cons*, June
American Woodturner, *Instant Gallery: Favorites from Portland*, Fall
American Woodturner, *Whimsical Turnings: Bottoms Up*, Winter
- 2006 Woodturning Design Magazine, *An Introduction to the Principles of Form and Design*, Summer
- 2005 Niche Magazine, *In Good Company*, Spring
American Woodturner Magazine, *Merengue*, Summer
- 2004 *500 Wooden Bowls*, Lark Press
Catskill Mountain Guide Magazine, *Featured Artist*, March
American Style Magazine, Winter
- 2003 Fine Woodworking Magazine, *Diamonds*, August
Hampton, Ron, *Segmented Woodturning: A Complete Guide*