

The Nutmeg

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2015

Program: Demonstration
By: Keith Tompkins

[Brookfield Craft Center – Turning Studio](#)

[286 Whisconier Rd -- Route 25](#)

Brookfield CT 06804

6 to 7 pm – Informal Gathering, Library Open

7:00 pm – Club Business

7:30 pm – Program

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1. [Brookfield Craft Center Update](#)
 - a. Jim Degen, Ken Rist and I officially re-opened the Woodturning Studio on Oct. 17th. During Demo day at the Craft Center.
 - b. **Note: [The November Nutmeg Meeting will be held in the Woodturning Studio.](#)**
2. [Waterbury Youth Services](#)
 - a. The summer program has completed and the school year program will begin in Sept.
 - b. Please see attached report. If interested in helping out, contact Jay Hockenberry.
3. [Turning Pens for the Troops Saturday, November 7; 10 AM to 3 PM](#)
 - a. The Woodworkers Club has teamed up with The Nutmeg Woodturning Club to spend the day turning pens to send to our troops as tokens of our gratitude.
 - b. Please join me down in Norwalk; it's a lot of fun!
4. **Show and Tell**
 - a. What have you been turning lately?
5. [Demo for Nov Meeting Keith Thompkins](#)
 - a. Keith's latest woodturning project.
6. **It's Time to Pass the Baton**
 - a. I assumed the position of President in Sep. 2005 and it is time to step down.
 - b. Elections will be held at the May 2016 meeting. It's time for all club members to step up to the plate! Many club responsibilities are being manned by very few individuals.

7. Learn & Turn's

- a. Need host for Dec. L&T

8. The Library

- a. Do you have club videos and/or books?
- b. Please bring them to the meeting.

9. Club Raffle

- a. Tickets will be \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

10. Shop Safety

- a. Please remember both bandsaw and lathe safety!
- b. Safety is your first priority.**

"Keep a Sharp Edge"

Buster

Waterbury Youth Services (WYS) Update

Thanks to the unanimous vote of support from our Board Members, we are actively involved in the after school program at WYS for the second year. We have nine youth enrolled almost evenly split between girls and boys. Our intent is of course to expose them to woodturning, but while doing so, we hope to instill a feeling of accomplishment. Just by our presence we are demonstrating a level of adult interest and leadership that is sorely missing in their lives.

Our commitment is to conduct a session each Wednesday that the school system is open. The sessions last 2 hours and the normal routine are:

- One instructor demonstrates the day's project or activity
- Three students at a time are given one-on-one attention as they work on the lathe
 - The three Jet mini lathes and supporting equipment were purchased by WYS
- We have been able to supply three members of Nutmeg for each session

The projects were selected to gradually increase the student's skill and are split between fun projects for them to keep and salable items WYS will offer at their fund raising activities. Last year's pens and stools were a big hit. Having the students realize that they can produce nice things that are attractive to others is a valuable lesson.

We could use some help. If you could arrange to free a Wednesday afternoon and participate with us it would be appreciated. As I stated above, you would not be alone. There will be experienced Nutmeg instructors with you and the projects require only basic woodturning skills that we all possess. Your presence would be appreciated by the youth and would give an afternoon off to one of the dedicated people that have been carrying the load.

I would like to publicly thank Buster Shaw, Don Metz, Jim Degen, Jim McNamara, and Steve Bader for their continued dedication to this effort.

Jay Hockenberry