

The Nutmeg



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NEXT MEETING September 12, 2016

Program: Turning Plates
Demonstrator: Josh Friend

Brookfield Craft Center – Turning Studio
286 Whisconier Rd -- Route 25
Brookfield, CT 06804

Agenda

6:00 PM – Silent Auction, Informal Gathering, Library Open
7:00 PM – Club Business
7:30 PM – Program

| Officers/Club Positions | | Board of Directors |
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| President | Ken Rist | Ken Rist |
| Vice-President | Carl Ford | Carl Ford |
| Treasurer | Allen Nemetz | Allen Nemetz |
| Secretary/Membership | Jim Degen | Jim Degen |
| Webmaster | Carl Ford | Jay Hockenberry |
| Demonstrator Chairman | Carl Ford | Joe Larese |
| Learn & Turn Chairman | Jay Hockenberry | Don Metz |
| Librarian | Open | Bill Kravarik |
| Raffle Coordinator | Joe Larese | David Heim |
| Photographer | Open | Alan Ganek |
| Clean-up Coordinator | John Caraszi | |

Presidents Page September 2016

This is my first Nutmeg Woodturners Newsletter and I have several things to update the Club members on.

Buster Shaw

The most significant thing that has happened since our May Club meeting was the passing of our close friend, Buster.

He was President of the Nutmeg Woodturners League for approximately 10 years and he was the heart and soul of our Club and he will be sorely missed.

I personally learned most of my woodturning from Jim Degen and Buster.

There was a recent "Celebration of Life" gathering for Buster and it was a very moving experience. There was a Military Color Guard that presented the U.S. flag to Christa. Several people shared their memories of Buster with the group, including Jim Degen who had a very warm testimony of his time with Buster.

Buster set up a scholarship at the Brookfield Craft Center to promote woodturning and anybody is able to donate to the scholarship.

The Board has decided to add a Memoriam section to our website so in the unfortunate event that any of our members may pass in the future we will add their Memoriam to the website. Jim will be writing a brief memoriam for Buster that we will post shortly.

The most important sentiment that many people have said is that one of the best things we can each do to honor Buster and to ensure his legacy continues is for us to participate in keeping the Nutmeg Woodturners League strong and growing and to spread the enjoyment of woodturning to those around us.

Silent Auction for Buster's Tools, 9/12/16

During our September 12th Nutmeg Club meeting we will be having a silent auction of some of Buster's tools and wood at the request of Christa. Jim Degen, Jay Hockenberry, and Don Metz are coordinating the event.

Here are some of the details:

- Silent Auction will be from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Woodturning Studio
- Tools and wood will be on display
- Minimum bids will be required.
- Minimum \$1.00 incremental bids over the minimum bids will be required.
- Pay by cash or check made out to Christa Shaw.
- We will be sending a list of the tools/wood shortly.

Demo for September 12th Meeting

Demonstrator: Josh Friend

Topic: Turning Plates

It's great to have Josh be our demonstrator for September.

I hope you had a chance to review the recent AAW Member Profile of Josh that I forwarded recently.

Show and Tell

Have you been turning over the summer?
Please bring in a couple of items for Show and Tell.

Club Raffle

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

The Library

We need a member to step up and take care of the Club Library. Don Metz has been doing this for a while and he would like a break. It's not a lot of work, especially now that we have storage of the materials at the BCC. The main duties is to help with the check-in/check-out of the items during the meeting and organize the books/DVDs. Also if you see any new books/DVDs that you recommend we add to the library you can recommend them to the Board.

Nutmeg Picnic

We had a great time at our Club Picnic at Sergio Villaschi's house on August 20th! Approximately 20 people attended and the weather cooperated. I think the favorite dessert was from Cookie Metz; it was called "Lemon Lust". We don't know what was in it, but everybody wanted more! Thank you especially to Sergio and his wife Marion who were such gracious hosts and to David Heim for helping coordinate the picnic and for bringing all of the tables and chairs.

June 2016 Board Meeting

We had a Nutmeg Board Meeting on 6/8/16.

Highlights of the Meeting were as follows:

- Welcomed new Board members Alan Ganek and David Heim
- Finalized Picnic Plans
- Reviewed Financial Expenses
- Reviewed Meeting Demonstrations & Learn and Turn schedules
- Sub-committee formed to review Club's By-Laws
- Sub-committee formed to discuss possible options for community outreach

Club Display at Peoples Bank

Allen Nemetz has come up with a great idea to promote the Nutmeg Woodturners League by proposing to set up a small display at Peoples Bank in Brookfield. Allen has taken the lead and is working with Peoples Bank to set up a small display in the bank lobby to attract an interest with people that would like to learn more about the Nutmeg Woodturners League. The display will be set up during late August/early September.

Member Profile

I thought I would add a new section to the Newsletter in an attempt to have each of us learn a bit more about our members so I am starting out with me as my first effort.

Member Profile: Ken Rist

My education is Mechanical Engineering and I have enjoyed making things since I was a kid. I have had a woodworking shop since I was in my early 20's. I have made many pieces of furniture and cabinetry over the years and I especially like the simple designs of Shaker style furniture.

It wasn't until 2006 that I thought I would look into woodturning by taking my first woodturning class with Jim Degen at the Brookfield Craft Center.

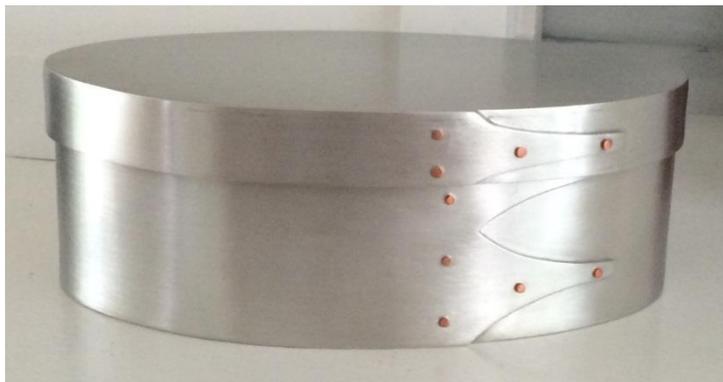
I promptly became hooked on woodturning and joined the Nutmeg Woodturners League. I even attended my first AAW symposium in Louisville, KY during 2006.

As Buster would tell me, I went to "the Dark Side" when I began learning how to spin pewter and that has been my focus, along with spindle turning. I have recently been combining wood and pewter in my various designs.

As a 10 year anniversary present to myself I recently took a bowl making class with Jim at the BCC. I have now made 4 bowls in my 10 years of woodturning; I'm really rolling now!

Earlier this month I took a week long pewter class at the Peters Valley Craft School in NJ. I learned how to weld pewter and to make three dimensional objects from sheets of pewter.

Here are some photos of some of my recent work:





Upcoming 2016/2017 Events

Segmented Woodturners Symposium

10/27/16 – 10/30/16

Quincy, MA

<http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/symposium.php>

Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium

9/24/16 – 9/25/16

Lancaster, PA

<http://www.mawts.com>

Shop Safety

“Every Accident is Preventable”

I worked for DuPont for 22 years and they engrained in every employee that “EVERY ACCIDENT is PREVENTABLE”

DuPont was a family business that started making gun powder 200 years ago and they kept losing family members due to explosions in their facility.

They began a safety program then and refined it over the years and now they offer safety consulting services to other companies.

The point here is that you need to consider all the dangerous aspects of your woodturning and to think through each step before you perform it.

If you ever have an accident (and I hope you never do) carefully study the incident and ask how it happened and how to prevent it in the future.

If you have any past experiences with a woodturning accident that you learned from, please drop me a line so we could possibly add it to future Nutmeg Newsletters so others could benefit from your learning experience.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the September 12th meeting.

Regards,
Ken