

# The Nutmeg



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## NEXT MEETING

May 8th, 2017

**Program:** Sketch Up for Segmented Turning  
**Demonstrator:** David Heim

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

### Agenda

6:00 PM – Informal Gathering, Library Open

7:00 PM – Club Business

7:30 PM – Program

Officers/Club Positions		Board of Directors
President	Ken Rist	Ken Rist
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Photographer	Open	Alan Ganek
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## Demo for May 8th Meeting

**Demonstrator: David Heim**

**Topic: Sketch Up for Segmented Turning**

This is a free software that is a very powerful design tool.

## Show and Tell

I hope you have had a chance to do some turning since March so please bring in some of your pieces for the show-n-tell.

## Club Raffle

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

## 2017 Club Membership Dues

We will be collecting the 2017 Nutmeg Club dues at our May meeting. Annual fee is \$30.

## The Library

Jed Walker has kindly stepped up to take over the Club Library.

If you see any new books/DVDs that you recommend we add to the library please let Jed know. Thanks Jed!

## A BIG Thank You

Thank you Carl Ford for coordinating the “Jigs and Fixtures” demonstration during our March club meeting and thank you for all of the members that brought and explained their jigs/fixtures.

## April Learn-n-Turn

Thank you to Jay Hockenberry coordinating a great at Learn-n-Turn on 4/29 at the Brookfield Craft Center.

The project was Lidded Bowls/Boxes for “Beads of Courage”. Beads of Courage is a program for children with serious illnesses who are rewarded beads for various milestones of their medical treatment. They will store their beads in their lidded bowls. The bowls will be displayed at the June AAW Symposium and then delivered to area hospitals.

Also thank you to Don Metz, Jim Degen, Jay Hockenberry, and Joe Larese for guiding the rest of us on how to make the lidded bowls.



## **Member Profile**

I asked Alan Ganek if he wouldn't mind providing his member profile for this month's Newsletter so I hope you enjoy Alan's profile.

### **Member Profile: Alan Ganek**



I have been turning now for 6 years

I have been fortunate in having wonderful mentors from whom I learned woodturning, beginning with Andy Barnum and later Carl Ford and Doug Watters. I have also taken great classes with David Ellsworth, Malcolm Tibbets and Mike Mahoney.

The best part of turning for me is the actual cutting on the lathe, though the entire process from finding wood, planning the project, turning, sanding, and finishing is a life cycle I really enjoy.

I've been a Nutmeg member for about 4 years and have really enjoyed learning from all the other members.

My turning interests are very diverse. For example I have done many green wood projects, but also enjoy segmented turning and spindle projects that require dried wood. My interest is in the shapes, the grain and the texture of the finished project.

I have attended many woodturning conferences now and I am awed by the creativity and expertise I see. The most impressive thing, though, is the willingness to share knowledge. Woodturning has opened up a whole new, wonderful community to me.

Some of photos of Alan's work are on the next page.



**Upcoming Woodturning Classes at Brookfield Craft Center**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Class Subject</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
5/6/17	Learn to Turn a Simple Box	Don Metz
6/3/17	Turned Miniature Vases	Don Metz
6/24/17	Explore Hollow Turning	Jim Degen
6/25/17	Wooden Goblets	Jim Degen
8/5/17 – 11/7/17 (10 Sessions)	Woodturning Workshop	Carl Ford

I strongly encourage you to consider taking one of these classes. You can brush up on some techniques or even learn another aspect of woodturning.

## **Totally Turning Symposium Update**

[www.totallyturning.com](http://www.totallyturning.com)

There were quite a few of us from our Club that attended the very informative Totally Turning Symposium on 4/1-4/2 at Saratoga Springs, NY.

There were several well-known demonstrators including David Ellsworth, Trent Bosch, Jimmy Clewes, and Kurt Hertzog that provided quite a variety of demonstrations.

It was worth it to me just to see David Ellsworth demonstrate his hollow bowl turning techniques.

Here are a couple photos from the Symposium (David on the left, Jimmy on right):



## **AAW New Membership 50% Discount**

On 4/17 I e-mailed you an AAW brochure that is offering a 50% discount New Member Discount.

The discounted first year membership is \$30 and the sign-up time is from April 1 to June 30, 2017.

They offer many features including the AAW magazine, edited by our very own Josh Friend as well as numerous videos, and access to a wealth of woodturning information.

If you have never been an AAW member before this is a great time to try it out.

## **June Learn-n-Turn**

**Date:** 6/10/17

**Location:** Jim Degen's Workshop

**Subject:** TBD

## **Nutmeg Club Picnic**

**We will be having our Nutmeg Club Picnic during August**

**More Details to Follow**

## **Shop Safety**

### **“Every Accident is Preventable”**

Don Metz recently sent me an e-mail describing a recent mishap that occurred at his workshop. A stack of wood that was on the band saw while it was running fell into the blade, jammed the blade and destroyed the blade.

It shows how fast an accident can happen.

See photo below.

Thanks Don for sharing.



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 May 8th meeting.

Regards,  
Ken