

# The Nutmeg



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## **NEXT MEETING** November 13, 2017

**Program:** "Bowl from a Board"  
**Demonstrator:** Alan Ganek

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

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

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### Demo for November 13th Meeting

**Demonstrator: Alan Ganek**

**Topic: "Bowl from a Board"**

Alan will demonstrate how to make a bowl out of a flat board.



### Show and Tell

I hope you have had a chance to do some turning since our last meeting 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.

### 2018 Club Membership Dues

We will continue collecting the **2018** Nutmeg Club dues at our November meeting. Annual fee is \$30.

### The Library

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

### A BIG Thank You

Thank you to Jim Degen for his "Sunset Offset Bowl" demonstration during our September club meeting. It was very informative.



### **October Learn-n-Turn**

Thank you to Carl Ford for hosting the October Learn-n-Turn at his shop in Poughkeepsie, NY. The group focused on Halloween items.



### **Member Profile**

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

#### **Member Profile: Martin Gerndt**



I started woodworking at the age of 16 in Germany by completing an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker. After these three years I went back to school to learn more of the theory behind it. After my first job as an engineer I started wood turning to fill a transitioning time on my dad's \$50 workmate(?) lathe. At that time I turned mostly tea lights. With a new job I lost access to the lathe and I had to stop turning.

In 2006 I moved to the States and in 2007 or 2008 my then fiancé and I walked a woodworking show in Hartford and some Woodturners had a setup to have people turn pens. This was a starting point to take up turning again. We both took classes at the BBC (bowl-turning with Jim Degen and some with Buster).

I have been a club member for 5-6 years now and recently joined the Central Connecticut Woodturners.

As to what is intriguing about woodturning, I like to turn bowls, but due to the restrictions my Lathe is presenting me with I am rather limited in this (Must have something to do with your desire for things you don't have at this moment). I also enjoy the shawl pins at the moment, simple but you have room to decorate.

Most of the time I turn pens and the such for craft fairs.

During my time doing the wood turning Christine, my wife and I established a little business and I am admin for our Facebook page and the new website. The product photography is something I still struggle with but I am getting better.

Links:

[www.facebook.com/PreciousPeaceStudio/](http://www.facebook.com/PreciousPeaceStudio/)

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







### **Upcoming Woodturning Classes at Brookfield Craft Center**

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Class Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Instructor</u></b>
11/18/17- 11/19/17	The Wonderful World of Woodturning	Jim Degen
11/25/17	Pens on the Lathe	Don Metz
12/3/17	Bottle Stoppers and Ornaments	Jim Degen
12/23/17	Pens on the Lathe	Don Metz
1/23/18 – 4/10/18 (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.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

#### **Turning Pens for the Troops**

**Date:** Saturday, 12/2/17

**When:** 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Where:** Brookfield Craft Center

**Details:** All materials will be provided. Invite a friend to help.

Please bring your own lunch or you can pick up one at the nearby deli.

## **Safety**

Jed Walker brought in a damaged faceplate (see photo) at our September Club meeting.

Jed described to us that he noticed something wasn't quite right when he was turning a piece so he stopped turning and inspected his piece. That is when he noticed the large crack in the faceplate.

It ALWAYS pays to always be focused when we are turning and if something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't and it's important to investigate further.

Jed's observations potentially prevented him from getting seriously injured.

Thank you Jed for sharing this experience!



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 November 13th meeting.

Regards,  
Ken