

# The Nutmeg



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## **NEXT MEETING**

March 12, 2018

**Program: "Fern Bowls"**  
**Demonstrator: Jed Walker**

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>	

## **Presidents Page March 2018**

### **Demo for March 12 Meeting**

**Demonstrator: Jed Walker**

**Topic: "Fern Bowls"**

Jed will make something similar to what he brought to the picnic this past summer.

### **Show and Tell**

I hope you have had a chance to do some turning since our last meeting, especially since we didn't have our January 2018 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 March 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.

### **February 2018 Learn-n-Turn: Beads of Courage Bowls**

A big Thank You to Jay Hockenberry and Don Metz for coordinating the February 2018 Learn-n-Turn on 2/17 at the Brookfield Craft Center.

The Club rough-turned bowls for the Bead of Courage non-profit organization.

We had 9 members participate and we even had a new person join the Club that day and the team made 10 rough-turned bowls.

## **Member Profile**

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

### **Member Profile: Jim Degen**



My woodturning avocation started innocently with a class at Brookfield Craft Center in early 1998. Taught by Beth Ireland, the weekend project was to be a four-legged stool. At that time turning was part of the old woodshop in the barn. No one finished the project as there were five students but only three lathes. Naturally I purchased a modest lathe and a set of tools in order to finish my stool (which ended up with only three legs). A year later I took a bowl class with Andy Barnum, joined Nutmeg, and away I went. Along the way were many workshops (Angelo lafrate, Richard Raffan, Michael Hosaluk, Binh Pho to name a few) and a much better lathe. Another milestone in my turning journey was 2004 when I began teaching at BCC. Still at it today, I have found teaching to be a wonderful experience as well as educational: I still learn things trying to give good answers to students' questions.

I turn a wide variety of pieces from pens and bottle stoppers to large bowls, platters and hollow forms. I like to use wood with some character, whether it be unusual grain or defects that can be made into feature highlights. Along this same theme I sometimes add character with color, inlays, surface enhancements and pierced designs. I still find woodturning to be satisfying and challenging: there are many avenues waiting to be explored.

Here are a few photos of Jim's work:



**April Learn-n-Turn**

Date: TBD

Subject: TBD

Location: Jay Hockenberry's Shop

**Upcoming Woodturning Classes at Brookfield Craft Center**

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Class Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Instructor</u></b>
3/10/18	Learn to Turn a Simple Box	Don Metz
3/17/18 – 3/18/18	The Shear Scraper & Plates	Carl Ford
4/14/18 – 4/15/18	Advanced Turning Techniques	Don Metz
4/21/18 – 4/22/18	Turn a Modern Lamp	Carl Ford
9/11/18 – 12/4/18 (10 Sessions)	Fall 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**

The Totally Turning Symposium will be held on 3/24/18 & 3/25/18 at Saratoga Springs, NY.

There will be several great demonstrators including Nick Agar, Nick Cook, Mark Baker, John Jordan, and others.

They will also have a vendor area where you can pick up some much needed tools, wood, etc.

Their website is [www.totallyturning.com](http://www.totallyturning.com).

### **Safety**

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.

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 March 12th meeting.  
(It has been too long since we last met since we had to cancel the January meeting due to weather)

Regards,  
Ken