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Newsletter and Minutes of the February 15th, 2024 meeting



-UPCOMING EVENTS-

Monthly Meeting:

March 21st

Dear Members,
This month we will meet in person
and on Zoom!

Learn to Turn @ 6:00pm
Meeting Start/Zoom @ 6:30pm
Demo @ 7/7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting:
Check email from mailing list

-LEARN-N-TURN-

**Lathes and sharpening station
will be available this month at
6pm!**

Need help, advice, or guidance with
a current project or one you're
hesitant to start?

Need help sharpening a certain
tool/angle or want to try the
Wolverine Vari-grind setup?

**Bring your tools or projects to the
next Learn to Turn!**

President's Notes



John Powers

Hello Ocean Wood Turners! Our second meeting of the year featured Rick Bugbee demonstrating several ways to make wood turned birdhouses. Our club will be participating in a fundraiser for the Cranston Police K9 unit by donating birdhouses for sale. If you make one to donate, please bring it to a meeting before May.

This month Roland will be giving a demonstration on mushroom turning. He brought several in for the meeting in February and they were impressively delicate.

Lastly, we've had several new members join this year, so if you know someone who is interested in wood turning, feel free to bring them along.

See you March 21st,

John Powers
OWT President

Meeting Minutes

Old/New Business

➤ **OWT Website**

- OWT Member Nick Vecellio has finished developing our new website! - Thanks Nick!
 - **Add your member information to the website**
 - Fill out form to add your name, location, short bio, club role, and photo
 - [Click Here](#) to add your info

➤ **Demos Needed!!!**

- Looking for members who want to help the club by doing a demonstration at our monthly meeting.
- They can be done from your shop or at the school with Rick and Mike to do the Zoom part.
- **Looking for Demos for May 2024**

➤ **Membership Committee**

- Now that Covid numbers are down and we are back live in person would like to target pre-covid members through email/snail mail and let them know we're back!
- Setup a membership drive
- Would like more cohesion with the WWGRI club, plenty of crossover between the clubs, potentially a good source for new members. Both clubs will be working together to expand and grow our memberships
- Looking for a member to head this up, design an attention-grabbing flyer, ideas, marketing experience? Help in general.

➤ **Wood and Tool Exchange!**

- We've started a new program to exchange wood and tools
- Bring in a log or blank and exchange for another or purchase one for \$5!
- Great way to try different species and get rid of unwanted tools
- There are some great blanks! Blanks are refreshed monthly. Bring in a blank to exchange!

➤ **Totally Turning - Turning Expo**

- March 23-24th
- Saratoga Springs City Center - Saratoga Springs, NY

Old/New Business cont.

➤ Turn a Pen

- We have plenty of Pen Kits and Blanks! Join us at 6pm on meeting nights to turn a pen
- Pens will be collected by the club and donated, possibly to the teachers at our school or RI Veterans as we did last year. Looking for other fundraisers also, let us know!
- You can also borrow the supplies to turn at home
- Chris Rowe will be organizing and collecting the pens - see Chris for details
- Thanks Chris! for stepping up to run the Pen Committee!

➤ OWT Club Shirts, Polos, Smocks

- Peter Stetson has reached out to his contact for pricing on Polos, Long Sleeve Tshirts, and Woodturning Smocks embroidered with Club logo and Individual's name
 - Preliminary cost estimate depending on type and size shirts can be done between \$15-\$25. This is printed or embroidered, embroidery may be a few dollars extra.
 - Order form was available for sign-ups at the December Christmas Party
 - Long sleeve, Polo and Smocks are available
 - Contact Peter Stetson for more information or to order
- Shirts and Smocks have been ordered for those who placed them

➤ Washington County Fair 2024

- Is there any member interest in getting an OWT booth at the fair?
- See Peter for details

➤ 2024 Membership Dues are Now Due

- 5 Lifetime members and 40 members have paid so far
- \$35 per year (or \$60 if joining the Woodworkers Guild of RI also - Save \$10)
- Dues can be paid by cash/check at the next meeting or online via PayPal [HERE](#)

➤ Birdhouse Challenge - To Benefit the Police K-9 Unit

- Members are challenged to create and donate a birdhouse to be sold at the Cranston/Warwick Arts Festival
- Birdhouses of any kind will be collected before/at the May 17th meeting
- All proceeds will be donated to the Police K9 Unit
- Unsold birdhouses will be brought to a storefront for sale
- Idea - Best birdhouse to be voted on - winner will receive prize (gift card..etc)
- Mike Feldman gave out informational sheet on birdhouse best practices - Peter Stetson also provided valuable information.

Show and Tell

Rick Bugbee

Spalted Beech Bowl – Bleached with Epoxy under Halcyon Finish – Variety of Birdhouses





Nick Vecellio

Extremely Thin Hickory Bowl finished with Odie's Oil – 1/32" thick!! 🤩



Roland Lavoie

Heart Bowl with Epoxy Wedding Ring Inlays – Japanese Maple Natural Edge Bowl – Variety of Mushrooms





Kurt Johnson

Acorn Shaped Bird House from old tabletop and laminated construction beam with burning and skeleton key perch



New Member

Black Walnut Cup – White Oak End Grain Cup – Senior 'Jim' helped with Cedar Dish Stained with Gloss Finish



Paul Grenier

Maple Bowl with Emmet's – Cherry Box – Maple 'Chap Stick Holder' – Walnut Box in a Box in a Box





Ocean Woodturners Group E-mail is Oceanwoodturner@freelist.com you must sign up to receive this:

1. Go to Oceanwoodturners.com
2. Select become a member
3. Go to step 4 and add your e-mail to enroll

Email Jeff Mee at jmee@hotmail.com if you are having trouble.

Check out the Ocean Woodturners Facebook page!!
Make sure to Like and Share to help bring much-needed public exposure to our Club!

www.facebook.com/OceanWoodturners/

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday March 21st, 2024 - Meeting @ 6:30PM

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