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Newsletter and Minutes of the January 18th, 2024 meeting



–UPCOMING EVENTS–

Monthly Meeting:
February 15th

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:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88213821773?pwd=bzNzK29oNXBwL0VPOVBZktmMXlodz09>

Meeting ID: 882 1382 1773
Passcode: 495183

–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

Hi fellow wood turners! We had our first meeting of the year last month where we saw a carbide tool handle being made and a few of us were lucky enough to get a take home kit to make our own. Last month was also my debut as your new club president. Thank you for having me!

This month our illustrious previous long-time president, Rick Bugbee will be demonstrating making wood turned bird houses from scrap dimensional lumber. Backed with this knowledge, we are going to be asking you to participate in a bird house challenge. The proceeds will go to the Cranston K-9 Unit and Rick will be filling us in on the details at the meeting.

Lastly, if there is a specific topic for a demo you would like to see, email the mailing list, or talk to us at the meeting. It would be great to know what types of wood turning areas you are most interested in.

See you February 15th,

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 March and 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

➤ **Election Concluded**

- Paul Grenier has taken the Vice-President position. Thank you, Roland for your time as VP!
- Still in need of someone to take on Secretary duties.
- John Powers has been voted into the President seat. Welcome John!!

➤ **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 Bird House to be sold at the Cranston Arts Festival -
- Birdhouses of any kind will be collected at the May 17th meeting
- More info next month

➤ **Welcome New Members Mike Butler and Mike Dooley!!!**

Show and Tell

Rick Bugbee

Horse Chestnut Bowl with "bluish-spalting" finished with sanding sealer and Halcyon – Flame Box Elder with epoxy and a good explanation of ring shank



Nick Vecellio

Thin Bocote Bowl sanded to 3000grit with Odie's Oil and buffed



Roland Lavoie

Japanese Maple Bowl with Total Boat Epoxy – Ash Vase finished with epoxy and blue mica powder – Bowl finished with epoxy and blue mica powder – Bowl with translucent blue epoxy rings – Heart with translucent blue epoxy rings





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 February 15th, 2024 - Meeting @ 6:30PM

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