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Newsletter and Minutes of the December 21st, 2023 meeting



–UPCOMING EVENTS–

Monthly Meeting:

January 18th

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:

Passcode:

–LEARN–N–TURN–

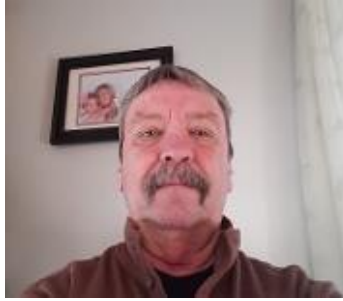
**Lathes and sharpening station
will be available this month at
6pm!**

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



Rick Bugbee

Happy New Year!!! Before we get to 2024, I'd like to review some 2023 events. First a great thanks to all who did a club Demo, Mike Feldman, Jim Morgan, Rick Bugbee, Paul Grenier, Roland Lavoie, Alex Amoruso and Ried from Central Mass turners. These demos are how we all learn to improve our skills and play a major role in keeping our club thriving.

We have been making major progress in attracting new members which is now over 40. I'd like to set a goal for 50 members (or more) in 2024.

On a sad note, we lost Jerry Bernardini, although he will always be with us and a great thanks go to his family for their generous donation. Our lathe from the proceeds has been back ordered until February. Also, our club account balance is now well over \$5500.00

Special thanks to Nick Vecellio for the new updated web site

Our Christmas party was well attended, and 18 raffle prizes won, all in all a great time.

After the party wound down John Powers nominated himself to take on the role of President for 2024 along with new Vice President Paul Grenier. We will hold a special election at the start of our January meeting before announcing the new 2024 Officers. We are still looking for someone to take over the Secretary position, I will assist but you must be able to create and distribute the newsletters.

Our 1st 2024 demo will be done by Roland and Rick on how to make your own handles. We also have 9 complete carbide tool kits. Predrilled ash handles, predrilled and tapped screw included ½" bar stock and copper collars. This demo will focus on making your own carbide tool.

2024 dues are \$35.00 and payable in person at the meeting or online thru our website.

We now need demos for March and May

Happy Turning
Rick

Meeting Minutes

Old/New Business

➤ **OWT Website**

- OWT Member Nick Vecellio has graciously offered to develop our new website!
 - Thank you, Nick!
 - Website enhancement suggestion: Add a member directory for members to contact other members
 - Average monthly cost will be greater than our current website - this has already been approved by the membership
 - **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! The Birch logs are incredibly spalted and the Apple has beautiful coloring. Bring in a blank to exchange!

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

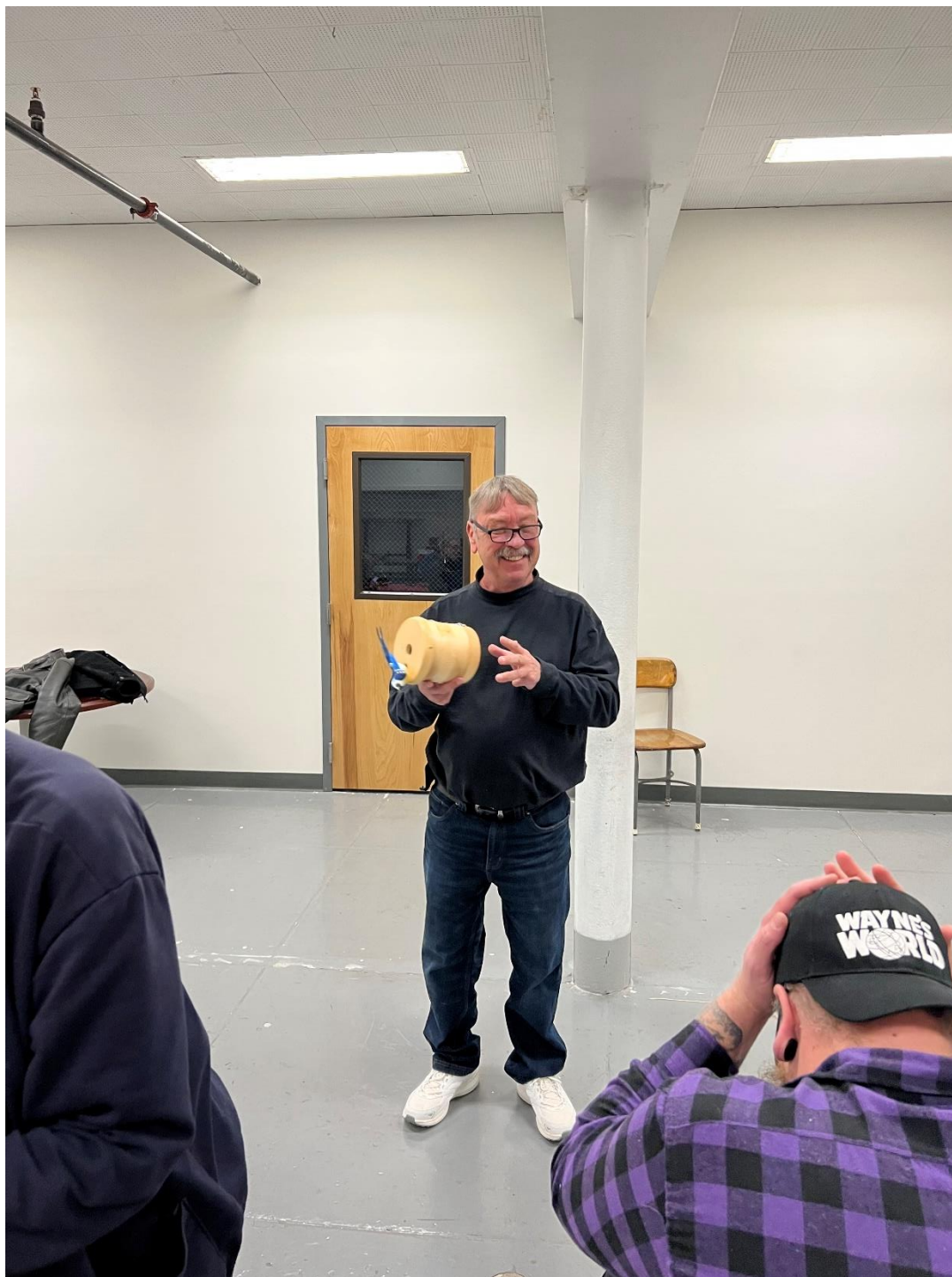
➤ **It's Election Time!**

- We need someone to run the Election Committee
- Looking for members to take on a leadership role
 - President will be voted on Thursday - Nominee John Powers
 - In need of someone to take on Secretary duties
 - Other roles also available if interested
 - Paul Grenier has taken the Vice-President position. Thank you Roland for your time as VP!

➤ **Washington County Fair 2024**

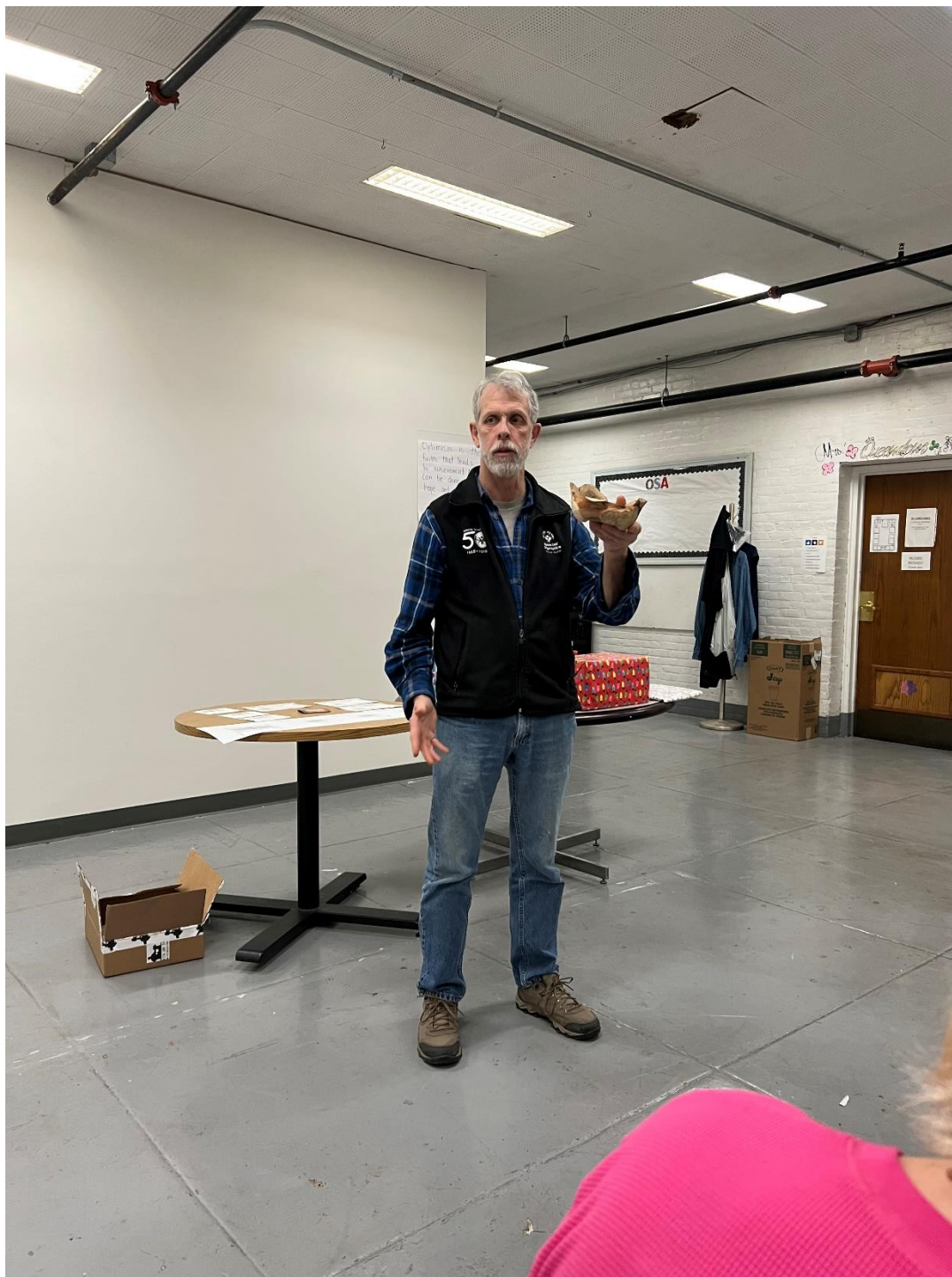
- Is there any member interest in getting an OWT booth at the fair?
- See Peter for details

Christmas Party









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're 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 January 18th, 2024 - Meeting @ 6:30PM

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