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Newsletter and Minutes of the September 21st, 2023 meeting



–UPCOMING EVENTS–

Monthly Meeting:

October 19th

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

–LEARN–N–TURN–

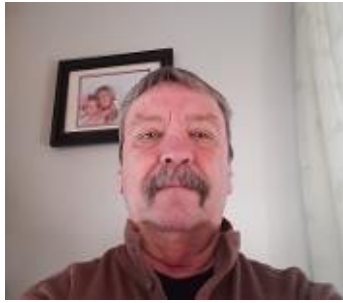
**Lathes and sharpening station
will be available this month at
6pm!**

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

Wow what a difference from last month, feels like fall just took over. Well at least the classroom won't be too hot. The next few months will be quite busy. 1st we need a nominating officer to put together a ballot of officers to be voted on in November. 2nd we need to plan our Xmass (Holiday Party). 3rd we have a two-part demo on tap (October/November). Alex will be cutting and assembling his tangential bowls and then turning the finish piece the following month.

Our auction raised over \$2000.00 from the Jerry Bernidini Family, and I am expecting a bit more once the WWGRI action takes place on November 1st. With that I think we should sell one of the club lathes and upgrade our demo lathe to something a bit more up to date. This will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting.

Have you taken a tour of our new web site? A big thanks to Nick for getting this up to speed so quickly. The members section allows you a picture and a bio of your skill level so please see Nick to get your info up to date.

It's time to volunteer and step up as the club is only as strong as it's members, please consider one of the open positions.

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 January and February 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

➤ **Club Dues**

- **Dues for 2023 are now due!**
- Rick proposed an increase in yearly dues from \$25 to \$35 which was unanimously approved by the present membership
- There will be a discount in dues for anyone who wants to be a member of both OWT and the Woodworkers Guild of RI. Dues would have a \$10 discount of \$60 instead of \$70 for the year

➤ **Christmas Party**

- Looking for someone to organize the Christmas Party
 - Organize Potluck Dinner
 - Run Raffle - Prize Ideas
 - Decorations etc

➤ **It's Election Time!**

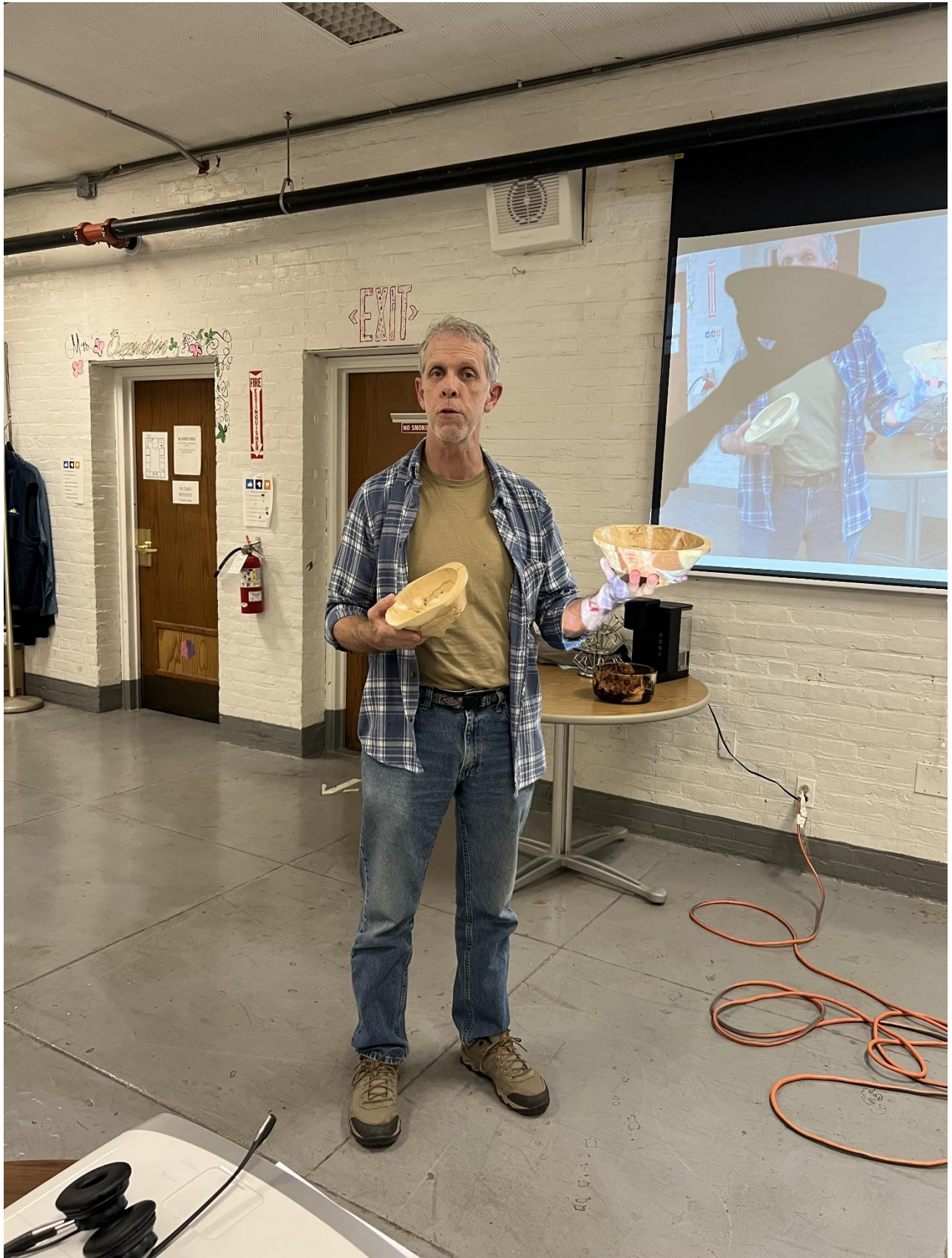
- We need someone to run the Election Committee
- Looking for members to take on a leadership role
 - President, Vice President, and Secretary
 - Other roles also available if interested

➤ **Washington County Fair 2024**

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

Show and Tell

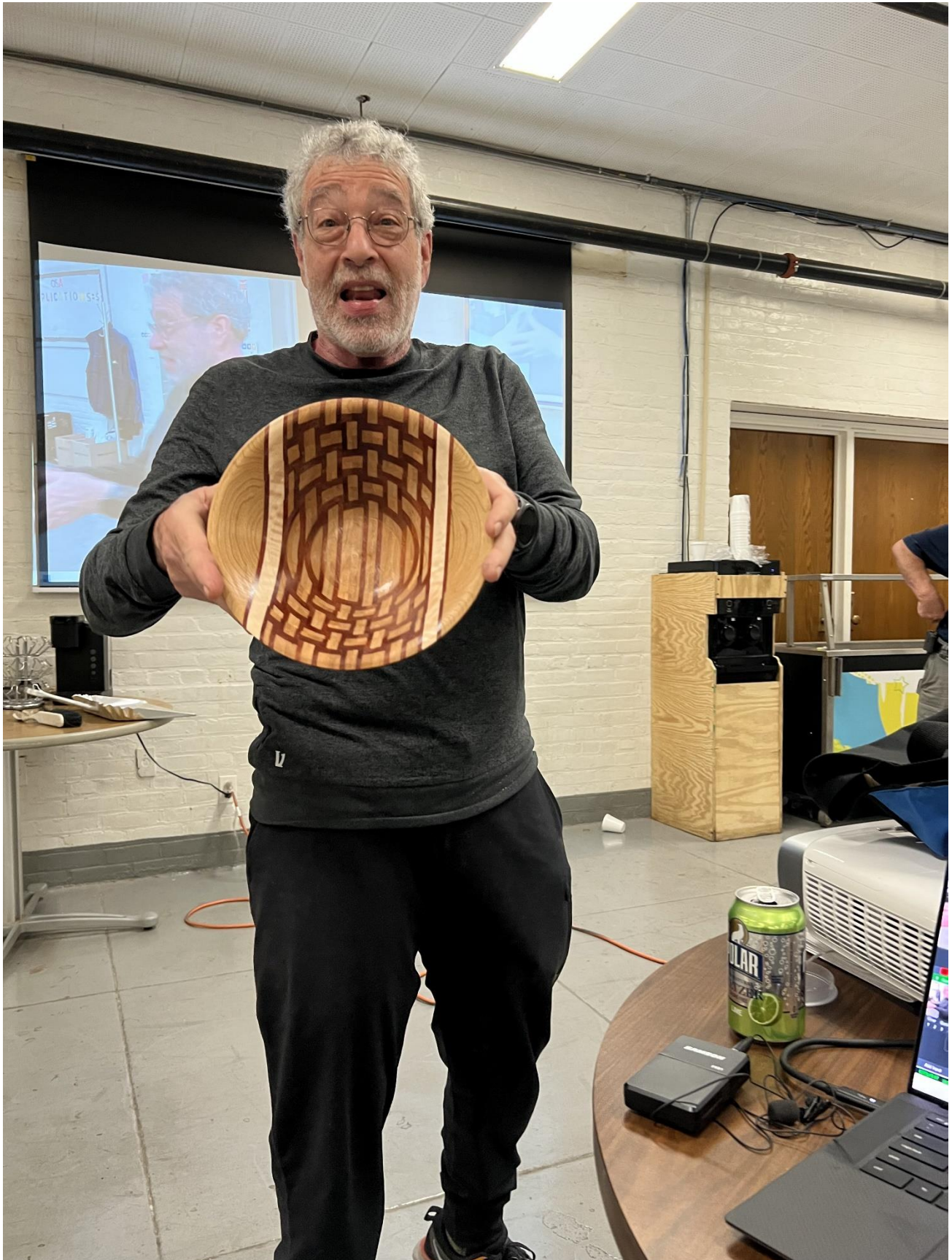
Chris Rowe
Spalted Birch Bowls



Nick Vecellio
Curly Eucalyptus Bowl



Jim Morgan
Experimental Bowl



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 October 19th, 2023 - Learn-N-Turn @ 6:00PM - Meeting @ 6:30PM

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