



**Water Gap Woodturners
Chapter of the AAW**
Scott Hendricks
Secretary

2/1/25 Meeting Notes – February Team Meeting

President Mark Wallace opened the meeting with greetings to the members and expressed appreciation for the members' participation. The meeting was held at Rick Wortman's studio located at 248 E. Shore Drive, Lake Owassa, Newton, NJ. There were 15 WGWT members in attendance.

The meeting started promptly at 1:00PM and ended at 3:30PM.

Updates

Website - S. Ackmann provided an update on the WGWT website.

Project Self-sufficiency - Mark solicited member input regarding whether the toy program should rotate between several different locations or stay with the Newton based organization. After membership discussion it was decided that the team would determine what venues were available in different geographic locations.

PV Gallery - Rick indicated that we need to provide more contributions to PV gallery to increase the revenue stream for both PV and WGWT.

Tops – The topic discussed a spinning top program for PV. The members would create tops that had a variety of colors and food safe finishes and would be larger than 1 1/4 inches in diameter to remove a choking hazard. The tops would be delivered to PV store along with a bowl to display the tops and a platform for spinning tops demonstration. S. Hendricks will develop a bowl and platform for the tops.

Shop Video - Mark has taken the lead in exploring the possibilities of having Internet supported video for the wood shop. He spoke to the New Jersey Woodturners organization to glean whatever information he could for the WGWT group. They have a since they have a technical individual who could be a resource. Mark indicated he has a projector he could donate and a ceiling mounted pole to support a camera.

PV Contribution - Mark shared that the WGWT group has a live center that will be donated to PV wood shop.

Classes – S. Ackmann suggested a class to be taught by the WGWT group at PV wood shop. Mark explained the proposal and Larry agreed to help on an agenda that will be presented by Mark to PV leadership. Mark has developed a guideline for the class responsibilities which will be shared with the members shortly.

Mark moved on to the officers' reports.

Vice President Report

- Keith shared a copy of the self-sufficiency AAW article and indicated that his lovely wife Natalie would be happy to write another article when appropriate. One potential source of the next article could pertain to one of the visiting presenters that are scheduled in the next couple months.
- Keith indicated that he just started to look at Instagram and the applicability of it to WGWT.

Treasure Report

- The December account balance is - \$1,700.90.

Secretary Report

- The Secretary indicated that he had met with Abby the individual responsible for the wood shop and had a brief discussion with her regarding the pending workshop facilitator and when that individual would be available. She expects to have that individual identified within the next 5 to six weeks.
- Rolls and responsibilities will be discussed at that time.

President Report

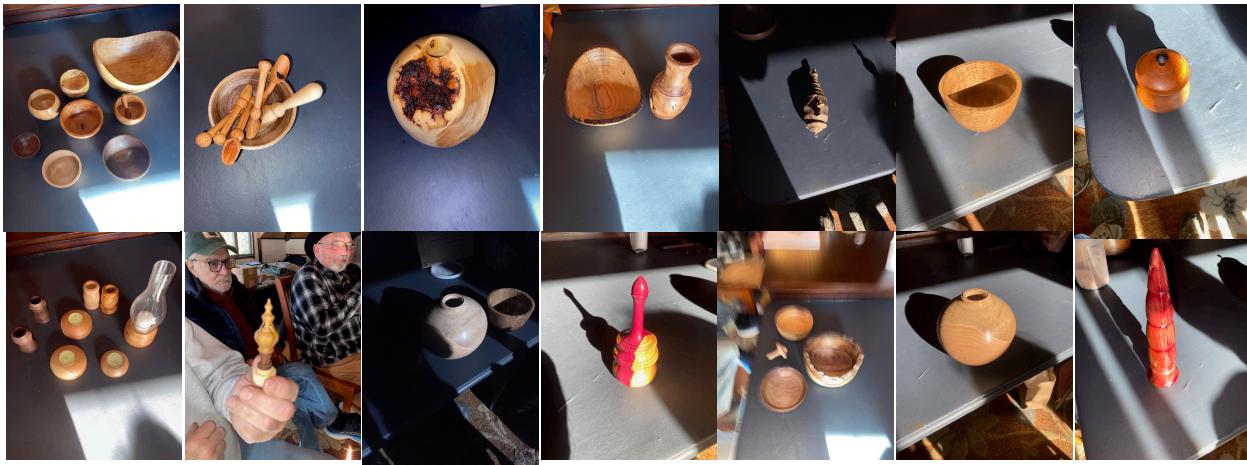
- President continues work on the PV/WGWT relationship.
- He shared the list of 3 presenters scheduled for this season and that has been posted on the website.
- He asked if there was interest in the group to do a challenge project. The responses were affirmative but they should be every two to three months. Rick indicated that it should be an idea versus a specific type of turning. Rick said he was going to compile a list of ideas and send them to Mark to be shared with the team.
- He indicated that the 2025 WGWT calendar has been sent to all members.
- The next meeting on March 1 will be at Carl's location with details to be provide.

MISC

- Larry indicated that he will be demonstrating shaker pegs.
- Discussion addressed a log source for the members. John indicated that he had a friend who does tree work and could be a source for wood for the members. He expressed a concern about chainsaw safety and liability exposure as well as how to dispose of the excess wood if the event was held on his property.
- S. Hendricks indicated that he would contact a friend who has a sawmill to schedule a time for members to visit the mill and they can discuss sourcing wood from him.

Show & Tell

Since there were more than 40 S&T items (several not pictured), they are group together and shown as a group.



Demonstration

Rick Wortman conducted a demonstration in his studio on making Inside-Out Christmas Ornaments. The following slides shows the step-by-step process on how Rick makes his inside out Christmas ornaments.

This is Smiling Rick



GROUPING THE 4 PIECES

THE LAYOUT

MOUNTING



TURNING



REMOUNTED

INSIDE OUT



THE FINIAL

FINISHED PRODUCT