



Water Gap Woodturners
Chapter of the AAW
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WGWT July 2, 2025 – Meeting Notes

There were 9 Water Gap Wood Turners present for Wednesday meeting which started promptly at 7:00PM. Of interest to every member was the significantly improved Thunder Mountain Road. Your tax dollars at work.

Following are the key activities discussed at the meeting along with the Show & Tell, Unique Tools, Safety and American Chestnut discussion.

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

1. Welcome
2. Any comments on last month's minutes?
3. Thanks: John for last month's demo!
4. **Next Month:**
 1. **July 29 Beth Ireland No Show and tell, Brief business meeting. \$20.00 per person.**
(Combining woodturning and printmaking. Showing lots of turning techniques with the outcome being a 2D print. And slides or samples of how to use woodturning to make the 2d picture into a semi turned container.)
 2. **August 26 Elizabeth Weber**
5. **Chairpersons Reports**
 1. **Webpage:** Steve - No information
 2. **PV Gallery Liaison:** Rick – Store closed on Wednesdays
 3. **Challenge:** Keith - October Meeting- Christmas Tree, Tree/Shrub/Plant
 4. **Woodshop Liaison:** Scott – Jason has completed his tour and Kate is the woodshop manager
 5. **Peters Valley Liaison:** Mark – no information
 6. **AAW Liaison:** Mark – no information
6. **Officers Reports**
 1. **VP Report – Keith** - Neighbor selling wood working tools and present pictures of the tools
 2. **Tres. Report**
 - i. **Income/Expenses and total** – Club has a positive balance
 - ii. **Membership** - no update
 - iii. **Other:**
 3. **Sec. Report**
 - i. **Correspondence:** Update on wood shop manager
 - ii. **Other:**
 4. **President Report**
 - i. **Calendar:**
 1. Gary Meyers Request 2 bowls, Steve donated monies to the club
 2. Looking for Winter meeting home hosts for next Winter- all slots accounted for
 3. Should Demo lathe have a shield? Scott will approach Kate
 4. AV system for demo lathe. Mark will investigate grants from AAW. TV donated, Grant from PV possible, North Jersey guy responded. Totally Turning AV guy will connect

Show and Tell

Jack Deaney, Scott Hendricks, John Kananis, Ed Nikles, Dave Robinson, Rick Wortman and Larry Zarra shared their turnings.



Tools



Larry



Jack



Scott



Rick

Safety Discussion

Dave led the discussion on wood turning safety by discussing reverse sanding and the dangers of the chuck coming off the lathe. He suggested using a set screw to secure the chuck to the head stock to ensure the chuck doesn't come loose.

The Wolverine sharpening guide can be a concern depending on where the guide is held. If held incorrectly fingers can contact the grinding wheel resulting in injured fingers.

Another mishap took place when the turning came loose from the lathe and flew across the shop.

The net result of the discussion is to be mindful at all times of what one is doing to ensure there are no accidents.

American Chestnuts

Dave shared a discussion on the American Chestnut tree. He mentioned the blight that decimated the standing forests destroying the trees and how tens of thousands of trees were lost. He mentioned how the American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) works alongside its 16 state chapters throughout the eastern US to fulfill a collective mission to return the trees to the forested.

The accompanying picture shows the Coeur d'Alene chestnut trees that Dave visited when he was in Idaho.

