



**Water Gap Woodturners
AAW Chapter in NW New Jersey
April 4, 2026 Meeting Notes
Jack Delaney - Secretary**

**The meeting started at 1:00 and ended at 2:50 pm.
Meeting Location Larry Zarra woodshop.**

Attendees- Jim Cerra, Dave Robinson, Larry Zarra, Scott Hendricks, Keith Gooding, John Kannis, Rick Wortman, Steve Ackman and Jack Delaney

Zoom- Patty Jennings, Joe Kopec, John Rolando and Carol Paster.

Welcome- VP Keith kicked off the meeting. A big thanks to Larry and Beth for hosting the meeting. Thanks for the coffee and delicious baked goods provided by Beth Zarra and John's wife Danielle.

Keith noted he reviewed the bylaws and confirmed the club leadership team will be as follows:

President- Keith Gooding, Vice President- Scott Hendricks, Treasurer- Dave Robinson and Secretary Jack Delaney.

Keith asked of present members who have served as president of the club in the past any input or advice is welcome.

WGW website-Update from Steve-
46 visitors to the site, U.S. 40, China-2, Canada-1, Hong Kong-1,
Singapore-1 Caribbean-1

Peters Valley- Update from Rick-
The store could use more Tops (7 tops brought for PV) and bowls to add for sales. Sales were slow (\$0) through the last 2 months of winter but will be picking up with Spring time ahead. The current turnings from WGW were moved from shelf by checkout counter to front of store, giving better

visibility. The call for more turnings from members to place in the store. Rick would like to slowly step away from being the liaison with PV and put it out there for the club and ask for a volunteer.

Scott will follow up if anything needs to be updated (form) for Peters Valley to sell clubs turning creations. Club does have Tax ID#

Guest turners at Peters Valley club meetings, 3 have confirmed per current schedule and Steve noted Matt on board after seeing him at Saratoga turning event. Matt did confirm attendance with e-mail on April 7th.

A Janine Wang- August 16, 7-9pm

B Brian Maquire- October 25, 7-9pm

C Matt Monaco-June 30, 7-9pm

AAW-Keith has provided AAW with current leadership roles.

Grey Towers- Dave has been in touch with Greys towers on upcoming wood show and is waiting for feedback.

VP Scott noted that many club members inquire about using the lathes at Peters Valley woodshop. Right now they are used for the Christmas toy making for donation and one lathe is used when the club has a guest presenter. It would be nice to have use of the lathes for club members to demonstrate or use as part of monthly meetings. Follow up action- find out if the club is authorized to use lathes or what is required.

Finance report- Treasurer Dave gave an update of the clubs financials, \$515.00 issued to Hartford to pay for yearly insurance, fee has not changed in a few years. 2 members paid yearly dues. \$90 cash from club members was deposited for trees planted in memory of Mark.

Comments from last month's minutes- none

Chairpersons Reports-

Sussex county woodturning event went well that was done by Rick and Steve, future events would be best to have more members be involved to help out. Steve presented a \$100 check to the club funds.

April Intro to Woodturning Class at PV - Steve- not enough attendees to hold class, canceled.

Woodshop Liaison – Steve has inquired with the wood shop director (Kate) and is awaiting response on few questions.

Finishing Techniques- Scott Hendricks presented a guide to finishing techniques that he sent out on e-mail dated 3/29/26. Thank you Scott! If any club members would like to contribute their secrets to turning we can dedicate a slot during a meeting.

Officers Reports

- a. VP Report. Elections – June 2026 VP election, December 2026
President and Secretary elections, 2 year terms.
- b. Treasurer Report - Dave gave financials, \$1,851.40
- c. Secretary Report - Jack None
- d. President Report - Keith - opening statement.

Larry's demo on using various wood species in a ring for inlay on the edge of the bowl. Overview of steps: (JD memory recollection)

- 1) Have size of bowl blank for ring sizing
- 2) Cut small triangular pieces of wood for gluing up on plywood for mounting on lathe. Collection of scrap pieces from past projects and use of mitre saw for cutting small pieces.
- 3) Use painters tape between triangular cuts and mounting wood.
- 4) Let glue dry for at least 24 hours when dry, use lathe to cut out rings.
- 5) Taper the ring on bottom sides to allow placement into bowl blank
- 6) Turn away!

A few pics of Larry's work and shop follows show & tell pics. We hope Larry can find the guide from a 2006 presentation.

Next challenge is Spheres for June, preferably 2.25" for use on Cup & Ball Game for Christmas turnings

Club members Show & Tell

Steve's example of dyeing wood darker, vinegar &



Steve - Red Maple, new lid in the works!





Steve- Cherry



Steve



Harvey Fein turning- owned by Rick



Rick ownership of “unknown mentioned former club member”



Scott - subject turning from refinishing writeup, sent on 3/29/26



Jim - a walnut piece wants to be a ball and white birch bowl.



Dave & Jack, Tops for Peters Valley



Larry's inlay ring demonstration, explaining how to cut and glue small triangle pieces for inlay rings. Excellent



Larry's small bowl with inlay and large bowl in process

