WGWT- Peters Valley Woodworking Studio
May 6, 2026 Meeting Notes 7-9pm
Secretary - Jack Delaney

Attendees- Steve Ackman, Carl Beaulieu, Jim Cerra, Jack Delaney Keith Gooding, Scott Hendricks, Patty Jennings, Rob Levin, Ed Nikles, Matt Ridley, Dave Robinson, Rick Wortman and Larry Zarra.
On zoom- Carol Paster

Welcome- Keith welcomed the club members to kickoff the 1st meeting of the year at PV woodworking studio and thanked Larry for hosting the April meeting at his workshop and demonstrating his technique for wood inlay on top of bowls.

The meeting started promptly at 7pm. It ended at 9:30.

Chairperson reports-

Webpage- Steve, 74 views and 51 visitors.

PV Gallery Liaison- Rick, new location at the Peters Valley Gallery has improved visabilty of club members turnings for sale.

PV Woodshop liaison- Steve, no update.

AAW- Keith, no new update, AAW is aware of new officers for 2-26 club.

Grey Towers- Dave, September 26th is Festival of Wood and National Public Lands day from 10am to 5pm. The event features woodcrafts, educational exhibits and artisan goods. The club can

have a table with power provided to demonstrate turning. Using the newly acquired Jet Lathe. The club has to provide a certificate of insurance to Grey Towers to participate. (no problem) Need 3-4 volunteers to cover the table. Dave has volunteered and will be looking for additional members. Just need to confirm the requirement to sell goods. Rob Levin is planning to have a table to sell his turnings. Good luck, Rob!

Comments from last month's meeting
or minutes, none.

Officers Reports
a. VP Report – Scott - Elections – June 2026 VP election, December 2026 President. Letter to Matt on demonstration subject.
and Secretary elections, 2 year terms
b. Treasurer Report - Dave, total club $2,036.40.
c. Secretary Report - Jack, noted digital form to PV Gallery in process.
d. President Report - Keith, thanked officers for the work outside of the meetings.

Library Keith has acquired numerous wood turning books that will be located at the PV woodshop for members to borrow on a honor system.

NOTE- Two meetings in June- No Meeting in July.

Next Meeting: Peter's Valley June 3, 2026, 7:00-9:00 PM.
Demonstration by John Kananis, Replication

Second meeting-June 30th, Guest Artist Matt Monico,
Subject: Turned Wood Pottery Vessels.

Members interest- Excerpt from note to Matt from Scott.
Hollowing aspects when turning a vessel and Bowl turning, developing fine design, form and finese demo topic.

Explore the finer points of designing, shaping, and finishing beautifully elegant, semi-enclosed vessels that emulate the detailed traditions found in various pottery and ceramic styles.

Selling items at venues other than Peters Valley No update.

Presidential Challenge- Keith brought in a big chunk of black cherry and challenged any member to use it to make whatever. You have to document the process to present at a future meeting. Matt Ridley volunteered, unfortunately he left without the chunk!!!

Other business-
Matt Ridley has a non-profit for veterans and is working on setting up weekly events for veterans at the NJ School of Woodworking in Washington. Currently Matt does 1/1 woodturning with Veterans. Matt

is asking if any members are interested in volunteering. Contact Matt for more details.

Newton Hospital- Scott mentioned the Hospital foundation located in the lobby, you can display and sell turnings and 20% goes to the foundation. Any interest can be discussed at a future meeting.

WGWT Lathe purchased from Harvey Fein. Dave Robinson and Scott Hendricks purchased a Jet lathe for use at club demonstrations. Great job u guys! The lathe is small enough to carry to events and currently stored at Dave Robinsons. The lathe does require a chuck and many opinions were voiced. The club will purchase the chuck that is decided to use.

Larry Zara- FYI, Larry noted a few events he participated in recently. At the end of March he demonstrated at the Totally Turning symposium at Saratoga Springs, Steve was in attendance and gave a rave review! In Mid April he demonstrated turning tops at Atlantic Shore Woodturners in Howell NJ. The last event he did an event on turning very small vessels at Long Island Woodturners in Northport NY. *Larry will be at the Chester Craft fair on May 30th & 31st. Municipal Field 10am-5pm.*

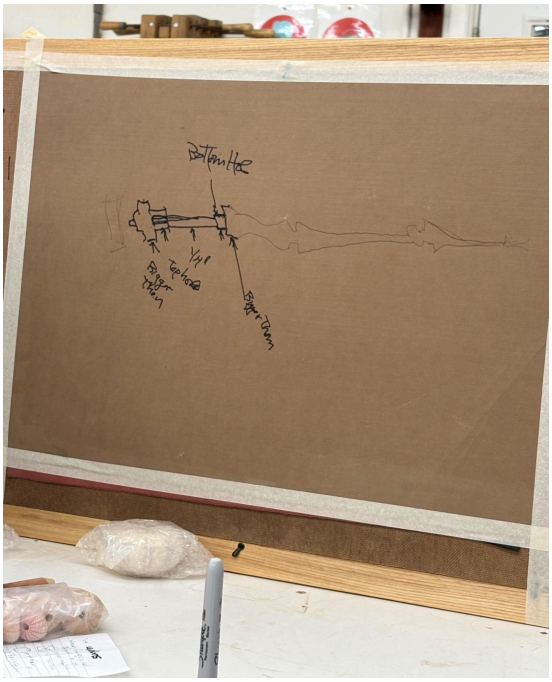
Rick Wortman Demonstration, Sea Urchin Ornaments

Rick went through the steps for creating ornaments using Sea Urchin shells. The wood block is turned into Phinial and fitted using a ¼” turned dowel to fit the top.

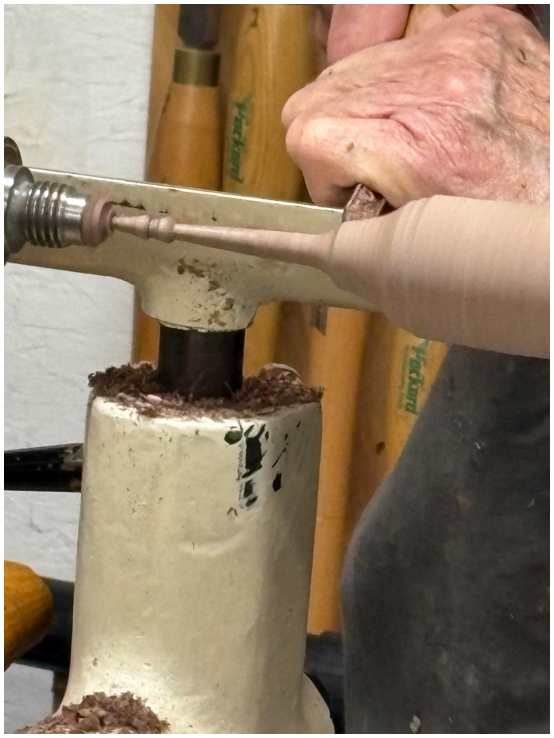
Wood Block & Finished Ornament

Sea Urchins

Rounding the urchin hole with Peg and sandpaper
Use medium CA glue on the interior of urchin to strenghten.



Rick turning the long end of the finial & secret plan.



Top of Ornament. Drill ¼: hole in end to insert finial.

¼” dowel piece to connect each end through Urchin.
Taper each piece that connects to sea urchin.

Rick with the finished ornament! Nice work by a quality craftsman
These were great gifts for those in Rick's book club!!!

Club members display their turnings (show & tell)

Patty- Sapele Donut vase, Walnut Bowl

Patty- Walnut Bottom, Honey Locust bottom and topside.

Patty- Ash bowl Top and Bottom.

Jim - Ash Bowl T&B

Steve- Oak tops for PV
Red Maple vase and Red Maple vessel with Lid

Steve- lilac sphere turned green. Natural finish.

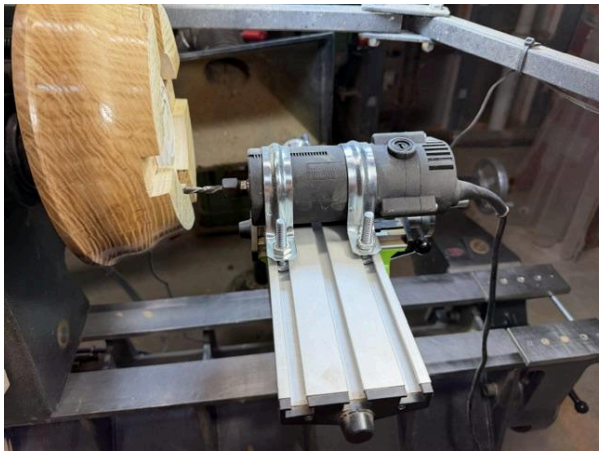
Ed - Crab Apple Bowl and more tops!

Rob- Sorry I missed the wood species here. They look like Pin Oak and Walnut.

Larry- Mahogany, garlic vessel, sycamore bowl, _____bowl, Black Birch vessel.

Nice work here 👍

Scott- imbedding 10 gauge copper wire in the edge of the Mulberry wood bowl. Unique bottom using “sled fence” cutter & drill……



Rick, Kendama (Pin or Ball) toy- more tops for Peters valley.

Jack- Cedar Vessel with White Oak Lid.