



Water Gap Woodturners
Chapter of the AAW
Jack Delaney
Secretary

WGWT September 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes
7:00 to 9:00 PM

In attendance was Steve Ackmann, Jack Delaney, Keith Gooding, Scott Hendricks, Joe Kopec, Rob Levin, Ed Nikles, Mike Prodromides, John Rolando, Eric Svendsen, and Karl Viernstein. On the zoom call was Rick Wortman and Jim Cerra. The meeting kicked off at 7 and ended at 8:45.

Keith kicked off the meeting and asked for any comments from the last meeting notes and on presentation by Janine Wang. No comments on meeting notes. It was noted that Janine used common woodworking tools for her project. The project was well received by club members.

WGWT Website- Steve is working on adding the club by laws to the site. Right now the cost for the website is low and adding more content may increase the cost. The club will look at adding to the budget. Right now Steve is taking care the cost. Last month there were 58 views to the site, 48 from US and the others from international.

Peter Valley Woodshop- Steve had nothing to update.

PV store liaison- Rick has asked for an interim contact, Steve and Scott are interested in the position. Both have experience with their own turnings.

\$300 has been approved to donate to PV woodshop to update any lathe related tools. One option is adding a CB sharpening wheel.

Grey Towers- September 26th 10-5 PM Dave and Joe will set up the WGWT area for the event. Dave has the signup list of who will be assisting for the day. Refer to Dave's e-mail sent out on August 31st for detailed information.

VP Report- Scott has arranged the demonstration by Brian McGuire for the Oct 25th meeting.

Treasurer report- \$2,115.90 in WGWT account.

Secretary- Jack, nothing to report.

September 25-27 is the Mid Atlantic Symposium, Lancaster Pa.

Next meeting is **Oct 5th**. John Kananis will demonstrate skew.

October 25th, Brian McQuire demonstration, winged bowl is the choice as per members voting. RSVP required for meeting attendees.

PV shop meeting for wood turning. **November 14th**. Members will turn items for the PV store, tops will be the main objective.

December 5th Peters Valley woodshop Seasons of Hope Toy turning.
RSVP required.

Future goals- leadership team with input from members to create Club calendar for 2027.

CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD

Feb Meeting- Scott Hendricks to host the meeting at his work shop.

March Meeting- Larry Zara's woodshop..

April Meeting- Jack D woodshop

MISC FYI- Steve noted a source for wood turners to repair cracks in wood,
Dennis Belcher.com

Club members show and tell-

Karl- Ash Bowl



Joe - Winged Bowl



Joe - Hummingbird Ornaments (House)



Joe - Ash Winged Bowl



Scott - Maple



Scott- Ash



Scott- Oak (maybe)



Scott- Ash



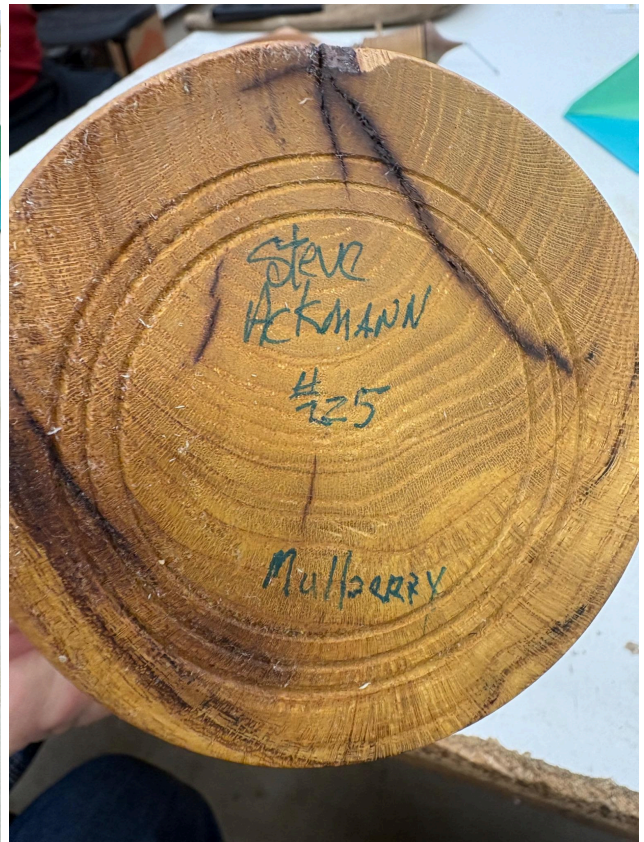
Scott- Sealing fresh cut wood with PV glue



Scott - Cherry



Steve- Mulberry with Black Walnut Butterfly



Steve- Ash Bowl



Steve Black Walnut Bowl



Rob - Red Oak Bowl



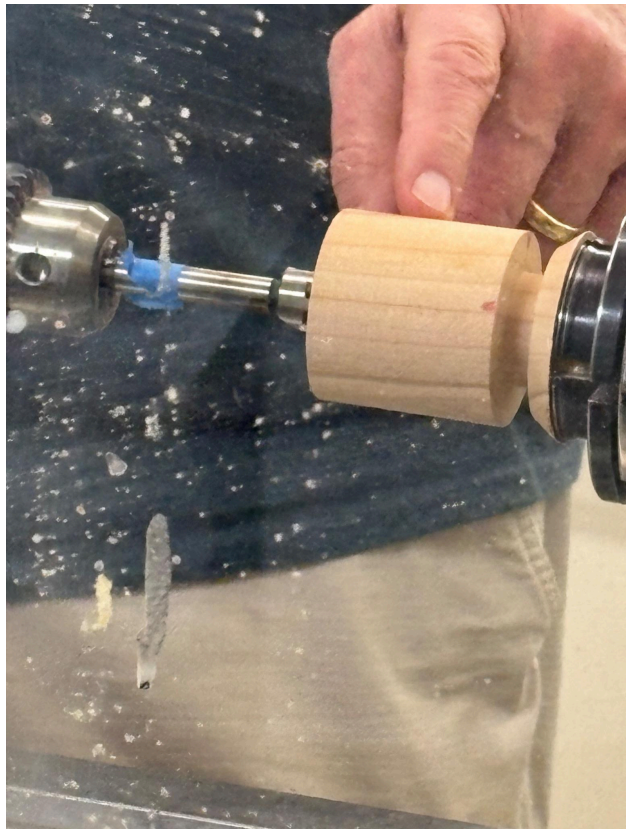
Rob- Ash Bowls



Ed Nickles demonstration on making Christmas Ornaments at tonight's meeting. Written instructions included at the end of the notes. Good job Ed on your detailed demonstration and tricks to turning. Quick sharpening with stone!

Finished Ornament with Gloss poly finish, spray booth







Thank you Ed for your demonstration!!!! Ed instructions next page.

Ball and Finial Christmas Ornament

1. Prepare blanks - 1 - $2\frac{1}{4}$ " - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{3}$ " to 4" Long, 1 - $\frac{5}{8}$ " $2\frac{1}{4}$ " to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Long
1 - $\frac{3}{4}$ " sq. x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " Long.

2. Turn ball to 2" dia. - prefer light color wood like maple
Drill $\frac{3}{4}$ " hole $1\frac{5}{8}$ " deep Lathe speed 500
Drill $\frac{3}{8}$ " " all the way through " "
Mark 1" and 2" from end
Take a parting tool and cut 2" mark to $\frac{3}{4}$ " dia. Lathe speed 1200
With a spindle gauge shape the ball, starting at 1" mark
Take your parting tool and carefully cut the $\frac{3}{4}$ " dia. to $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Sand ball to 400 or 600 grit. Lathe speed 500
Apply color of your choice using permanent markers - Lathe speed 150
" " " " " " " " " " " "
Cut all the way through $\frac{1}{2}$ " remaining diameter - hold ball while doing
Sand $\frac{3}{8}$ " hole with round file - Set aside

3. Top Finial - $\frac{5}{8}$ " Dark Wood Stock

Use pointed live edge

Mark 1" from live edge size

Take parting tool and go to 1" line and cut down to $\frac{3}{4}$ " or
a little less and make the length at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " long

Shape remaining 1" stock - remove live center

Do NOT remove entire hole left by live center as this will be
mark for hanger.

Cut off and leave at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the $\frac{3}{4}$ " dowel

Put 1 coat of wipe on poly before cutting off lathe

4 Bottom Finial - $\frac{3}{4}$ " sq. stock - same dark wood as Top Finial

Use pointed live edge

Mark 4" from end

Take parting tool and cut at 4" line to $\frac{3}{8}$ " or less dia. and
make at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " long

Shape remaining 4" finial

Put 1 coat of wipe on poly before cutting off lathe

Cut off and leave at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the $\frac{3}{8}$ " dowel

5. Glue all parts together and finish with 2 more coats of poly
Drill $\frac{1}{16}$ " hole on top for screw eye