

## **WNY Turners Club 2 Meeting**

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners  
March 14, 2024

Held in person at the Hamburg Middle School.  
Zoom was unavailable.

Meeting called to order by President Jay Ferrand at 7:02 pm with 15 members in attendance and 3 visitors.

Let's extend a warm welcome to our visitors: Bob, Russ, and Jackson. Welcome!

### Old Business

- There is still a significant amount of donated tool steel to make your own tools. There are multiple sizes and forms. Please contact Jay if you are interested in some of the steel or want some help making tools.
- Jay reminded the group about the club's donation to the school staff for their support of our club. We would like to start collecting early.

### Monthly Reports

#### Vice President –

- Stuart was happy that Gary J. called and volunteered to do a demonstration once he is back in town. In the meantime he encourages others to step up and share your process and or knowledge.
- Please bring items for show and tell that you have been working on and interested in. Flat work, woodturning, or anything you have been working on.
- If there are any suggestions for future demos, let us know.

#### Secretary –

- Reviewed upcoming events – see below
- The club library has a lot of books and videos to spur ideas and improve skills.
- Spoke briefly about the requested resource page. The officer's did not have a chance to discuss this topic however there are resources on the website under the "Learning" menu. Including historical Member articles: <https://www.wnywoodturners.com/member-articles>



Next Meeting: Apr 11, 2024  
Hamburg Middle School  
At 7:00 pm

Mar President's Challenge:  
Embellished Items

		<b>Spring 2024</b> <b>Wig Stand Challenge</b>
		<b>8 / 30</b> 27% of goal – March

<b>BRING ONE</b>	<b>TAKE ONE</b>
<b>March's Bring One / Take One</b> Andy A. brought in a bowl that went to Paul M.	

Treasurer

	Petty Cash	Bank Account	Club Balance
Opening Balance - Jan	63.37	2,557.62	2,620.99
50/50	14.00		
Dues	160.00	20.00	
Expenses – Officer AAW Dues		-272.00	
Deposits	-174.00	174.00	
Ending Balance - Feb	63.37	2,479.62	2,542.99

Fair Committee

- There are two working sessions planned at Buffalo Woodturning Products (2860 Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14227). Last year’s sessions were a lot of fun. Everyone is invited. Machines, tools and help will be available.
  - April 5, 2024 – 10:00 AM – French rolling pins
  - May 10, 2024 – TBA – Maybe salad tongs
- The committee has published a wish list on groupworks. I’ve included it below.

New Business

- There may be a new club project with the Boy Scouts – Brian is working on it and we hope to have more information soon.
- Rockler donated a new finishing product they are considering stocking at the store: **Clapham’s Beeswax Cutting & Sanding Compound for wood turners**
  - Stuart currently has it if you would like to try it out.
  - Rockler’s only request is that if you try it, that you call them and let them know how you liked it, contact: Brad Empfield, Buffalo store manager.
- A cigar holder kit was donated to be made for the fair.
- Jay has a significant amount of Corian he is looking to share. Please contact him if you are interested.
- Club 2 Fair Project – This year’s raffle project is a shaker style bench. Dean C. brought in some wood and a pattern to start turning it. It will need 6 legs, 20 spindles, and 5 stretches and is made from soft maple.
- Dean also brought in some wood to share with club members. Thank you Dean!
- March 50/50 drawing for \$28 was won by Dave – Congratulations Dave!

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## Show and Tell

Wow once again there was a great percentage of people participating in the show and tell this month. Thank you everyone.

- 11 people participated in the show and tell!
- Feb's president's challenge was flat and turned work – 2 people participated. And we got 7 new wig stands for our Wig Stand Challenge! Thank you!
- Congratulations Dean for winning this month's show and tell award.
- March's President's challenge will be: **embellishments** for example: with plastics, unique woods, inlays, mix some of the metal shavings from a key making machine into epoxy resin ... expand your experience with different materials and share your findings.

Sorry no pictures this month. Pat asked if I would list what people brought off the cards they filled out:

Jay F – Wig Stands	Rusty E – Wig Stand	Andy A – Bowl, Jewlery Box, Wig Stand
Jeff S – Bottle Stopper	John O – Jig	Stu W – Wig Stand, Burls with finials
Paul B – Maple Syrup	David H – (Sorry ??)	Paul M – Gnome, Sea Urchin Orinament
Dean C – Picture of Bed from last year Make-a-wish and pictures of a larger project he was working on		
Tony C – Shaper Trace		

## Bring One – Take One

This is a way to share our work with one another. Each month a new name (no repeats within the year) is drawn. Starting with Stu, he brought in a bowl to give to the person who's name was drawn. That person needs to make something and bring it in the next Month to share with someone new.

Stuart W (Feb) → Andy A (Mar) → Paul M

## Demo

**Demonstrators are needed for 2024. Please contact the VP Stuart if you can volunteer or have a demonstration suggestion.**

Stuart did a Celtic Knot rolling pin demonstration. Thank you Stuart!

## Membership

Thank you to everyone who has remembered to paid their 2024 dues. If you are unsure if you are paid for the year, contact Pat for additional information: [pjbogan@aol.com](mailto:pjbogan@aol.com)

### Membership stats

- 25 current members (2024 new members: 1)
- 1 Honorary member
- 15 past due members

## Please work safely, ALWAYS!

### Grinders

When using a variable speed grinder, always start at its lowest speed and increase the speed only after the wheels have come up to full starting speed. The best fixed (single speed) for sharpening turning tools is approximately 1750 RPM, which is commonly referred to as “slow speed grinding.” Many grinders sold today have a single speed of about 3600 RPM, which is much too fast for efficient sharpening.

While in the process of sharpening, use a light pressure on the tool against the wheel. Let the wheel do the work. Forcing the tool against the wheel in an effort to increase material removal is dangerous. It will significantly increase the heat of grinding, and worst case, can damage the wheel, even causing breakage.

While grinding, cool the tip of the tool frequently in a vessel of water. Although high-speed steels are not damaged by grinder heat, the tools can become so hot that they are dangerous to hold and can cause burns.

Before turning on the grinder, lightly tap the wheels to check for cracks. A cracked wheel will “thud.” When starting a grinder, always stand to the side of the wheels. During start-up and shut-down is when a wheel is most likely to shatter, and broken pieces may be sent at high speeds in the plane of the wheel.

NEVER grind on the side of the wheel.

Grinder wheels should be “dressed” frequently with a diamond-surfaced dressing tool. Dressing renews fresh cutting grit to the surface of the wheel and also insures a flat, true surface.

The platform of the grinder must be kept clean and free of nicks or other surface defects that could impede smooth movement of tools while grinding. Frequently clean the platform surface with alcohol or mineral spirits and apply a coat of paste wax to the surface and buff. (Treatment is similar to lathe tool rests.)

Before grinding tools, smooth off sharp corners that might catch while moving the tool during the grinding process (or along the lathe tool rests). Waxing the tools’ shaft can also facilitate smooth movement.

Never adjust the platforms or jigs while the grinder is running.

Never try to slow the speed of a wheel after the grinder is turned off by rubbing it with any object.

Take care to not breathe the grinder or tool “dust.” Clean (vacuum) the grinder area frequently.



## Upcoming Events

- The Totally Turning Symposium will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, March 23 & 24, 2024** in Saratoga Springs NY. Registration is open. <https://woodworker.org/about-totally-turning/> (\$225 registration fee for both days, \$245 if you want lunch)
- The Finger Lakes Woodturners club – Turning Mini Hollow Forms all day demonstration: Carving of the Hollow Form on **Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**, (\$40) and two one-day workshops: Turning Mini Hollow Forms on **Sunday, March 24, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**, and **Monday, March 25, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm** (Pick your day, \$125). <https://www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com/laurent/>
- Make-A-Wish Fair Workshop – Buffalo Woodturning Products, 2860 Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14227 – **April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM** – French Rolling Pins
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- AAW Annual International Symposium – **May 23-26** in Portland, OR (\$375 member \$445 non-member through Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – 10 grants are available to defray the cost of admission. Request for a grant has an April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline)

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Tony Cardenuto.  
WNY Woodturners Club 2 Secretary

## Wish List for Make a Wish Fair Sales

High standards drive the dollars & entice customers to continue browsing. Please take the time to sand & finish to highlight your talents.

- Christmas
  - 30 – over 12” trees
  - 50 – 6” to 11” trees
  - 50 – under 6” trees
  - 30 – over 12” snowmen
  - 50 – 6” to 11” snowmen
  - 50 – under 6” snowmen
  - 40 Christmas gnomes
  - 40 Turned Ornaments
  - 100 Hand carved Christmas ornaments
- Toys & Games
  - 75 Tops
  - 75 Cars, boats, or planes that can be priced @ \$5
  - As many Scrollsaw cutouts as possible
  - 12 Puzzles
- Kitchen & Tableware
  - 10 Pizza cutters
  - 50 Rolling pins
  - 30 Peppermills
  - 30 Salt & pepper sets
  - 10 Ice Cream scoops
  - 60+ Kitchen Spoons & Spatulas
  - 50 Cutting Boards
  - 15 Charcuterie Boards
  - 50 Toast tongs
  - 4 Cookbook/Tablet holder
- Bowls
  - 50 over 12” bowls
  - 45 - 8” to 11” bowls
  - 50 – under 8” bowls
- Miscellaneous
  - 25 Pens/Pencils
  - 20 Bandsaw Boxes
  - Seam Rippers
  - Knitting bowls
- Raffle Items (group projects)
  - Salad set – Salt & Pepper Mills, Large Serving Bowl, 8 bowls, Serving Utensils.
  - Shaker Bench – Dean Cole (need to check on this)

***BUT of course anything is appreciated***