



## December 2024 Newsletter



### Upcoming events

- December 7th - Sharpening Workshop 10:00-1:00pm
- Club Holiday Party - December 18th 6:00pm
- January 23rd - Twice Turned Bowls Workshop 6:00-8:00pm

All events are at the Russ Fellows Woodturning Center in Jericho, VT

## November Board Elections

## **At the November club meeting on 11/20 we had our annual Board Member Elections. Here are the results**

- President - Elsa Oppenheimer
- Vice President - Adam Wager
- Secretary- Gary Waltz
- Treasurer - Brad Jackson
- Communications - Jay Bailey
- Members at Large
  - Sarah Campbell
  - Tom Dunn
  - Bob Martin
  - Ross Mitchel

The elections we not contested; as a result the current board members were all elected to another one year term.

Our club has been growing in size this year and as a result we added a new Member at large board member position; Sarah Campbell is now filling that position..

## **Edwards Smith update**

I wanted to share (with his permission) a health update on Edwards Smith. In late spring they discovered a tumor in his throat. It has progressed, and he is on a downward slide. At this point, they are no longer accepting visitors. I was there yesterday for a bit, and he is still sharp as a tack. While he can not speak, he can write everything on a notepad and while I was there, went through multiple pages with me- still teaching me along the way. He's truly amazing. Edwards is definitely happy to receive and respond to emails- so please do feel free to reach out to him. I know he has helped so many of us over the years and it's always nice to hear about the impact you've had on others. His email is [1001bowls@gmail.com](mailto:1001bowls@gmail.com)

I will share updates as they come.

Elsa



## November Club Meeting Activities

We didn't do a demo at the November club meeting. Instead, we had four lathes going with people doing different things. People stepped up and tried their hand at turning various projects. Here are some of the pictures.









# Bob Martin with the longest tool ever!

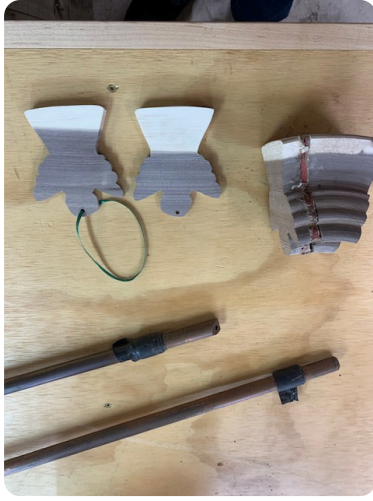
During show and Tell Bob Martin showed two of the longest tools we've ever seen. Bob used them when he turned a drum set for his son.



## Other Show and Tell pictures







Candid pictures from the club meeting



The club made over \$100 from two raffles with most of the money coming from the raffle of a seasoned Cherry Burl. This was one of 4 Cherry Burls donated to



the club by Joe Fortin; many thanks Joe!

Make sure to come to the January meeting as we will be raffling another Cherry Burl; tickets are \$5 each. I've seen two of the live edge bowls that were made from the Burl and they are great! Hopefully they are brought to the January club meeting for show and tell. Hint hint :)

Jay

# The American Association of Woodturners

Did you know that the AAW is a great resource of Woodturning articles and resources. For more information click:

- <https://www.woodturner.org/>

Consider becoming a member of the AAW - it's money well spent.

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- 150+ issues of American Woodturner are online with a searchable index.
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## DECEMBER 2024 Treasurer's Report

**Bank Balance forward - \$10,292.30**

### INCOME

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Dues          | 75.00         |
| <u>Raffle</u> | <u>102.00</u> |
|               | 177.00        |

### EXPENSES

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 4Q24 Food                         | 135.00        |
| <u>Coates Liability Insurance</u> | <u>525.00</u> |
|                                   | \$660.00      |

**Bank Balance ending        \$9,809.30**

In 2024, our club attained the largest membership ever:

- 85 Paid members
- 9 Honorary members

As a result of ongoing expenses to support the Russ Fellows Woodturning Shop, it is necessary to increase the annual dues to \$45 for 2025. FYI, new expenses now include increased insurance, heating and lighting of the workshop.

The Board of Directors of the Vermont Woodturners Guild gratefully acknowledges the payment of dues from the following members for **2025**:

Steve Chamberlin, Bill Currier, Michael Dunbar, Helen Hamilton, Melissa Southwick, Andrew Vogelmann

Honorary Lifetime members (9) are:

Scott Bennett, Bob Coates, Ted Fink, Michael Mode, Dick Montague, Nick Rosato, Hav Smith, Army Spahn, and Al Stirt

If you have paid your dues for the 2025 year but do not see your name listed above, please contact me at [BradJackson234@gmail.com](mailto:BradJackson234@gmail.com) Dues for 2025 are \$45 and checks should be made out to "VWG" and sent to: Brad Jackson, 14 Rustic Drive, Essex, VT 05452 or given to me at a club meeting.



Please note: The following privileges are only available to dues-paying members:

- Video library use
- Mentoring program
- Bulk purchase discounts for CA glue
- Anchor Seal.

10% discount on purchases from Klingspor, Penn State Industries, Rare Woods USA, WoodTurnersWonders, and Craft Supplies.

- Klingspor requests you login **before** you order.
- PSI requests you mention the club.
- Rare Woods USA requests you order using coupon code WOODCHUCKSROCK or mention the club.
- Woodturnerswonders requires the individual member to create an account at [woodturnerswonders.com](http://woodturnerswonders.com) and then send an email to [members@woodturnerswonders.com](mailto:members@woodturnerswonders.com). They should include their name as well as the name of the club in which they are a member. Woodturnerswonders will then add the discount to their account and send them an email explaining the next steps. This will give them a 10% discount on Lamps, Sandpaper, and Sanding Accessories.
- Craft Supplies gives Club members 10% off abrasive discs and finishes when ordering as an individual. They just need to call in the order and mention their membership when ordering those products.

*Reminder: As previously advertised, unless you have paid your annual dues by April 1st your name must be removed from the discount list.*

**Brad Jackson/Treasurer**



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