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## Newsletter and Minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting



## Sawdust & Shavings:

*Gene Amaral*

A brief history of woodturning

Information about woodturning before the 13th century AD is sparse. What information we have is derived from:

- 1) a single pictorial representation of a lathe from the 3rd century BC;
- 2) a few references to lathes and turning in Greek and Roman literature; and
- 3) a limited quantity of the physical remains of turned products and turned waste.

Because of the last of these we know that woodturning has been practiced from at least the 6th century BC and possibly for several hundred years prior to that. Although the information on the early development of woodturning is sparse it is surprising how much it tells us when it is interpreted in the light of information from later periods

A little bit of history

Gene Amaral

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **January Meeting**

January 21st, 2016, 7:00 PM

#### **Studio Dunn**

310 Bourne Ave, Rumford, RI, 02916

## Secretary's Notes

*Garet Holcomb*

We desperately need someone to step up and fill the role of Outreach Committee Chairperson. This very important role is how we'll bring new blood and new life into our Club. Please contact Gene if you are able to fill this role, or are willing to sit on another committee.

## Treasurer's Report

*Bob Hopkins*

Current total is **\$1197.89**.

You can pay your dues directly from the website at <http://www.oceanwoodturners.com/dues.cfm>

*Dues: Club dues are \$25 annually. For members who wish to have a printed Newsletter mailed to them monthly, there is an annual charge of \$5 to cover postage, payable with club dues.*

*All payments should be mailed to:*

***Bob Hopkins***

***48 Tilbury Drive,***

***Bristol, RI 02809***

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## Meeting Minutes – Old Business

**Gene opened the meeting with 21 members and several guests present**

**Visitors** – Welcome visitors and family to the December Christmas Party!

**Elections** – The Nominating Committee's slate of nominees from November was read, and all four of the current officers were re-elected unanimously for 2016 by the membership.

**Treasurer's report** – Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was seconded and voted unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

**Program Committee:** Susan reported that she is getting her committee up and running and had nothing specific to report, other than that the inventory is underway

**Outreach Committee:** No report

**Fundraising Committee:** No report

**Turning Workshop** – Gene passed around photos from the demo he and Alex A. did at West Greenwich Exeter High School. It was a positive experience for everyone and they're looking to do it again in the spring.

**Shirts** – Craig is working to get the balance of ordered shirts from his supplier and will keep us posted

## Meeting Minutes – New Business

**Welcome letter** – Gareth spoke briefly about the Welcome Letter that we have drafted to send all new and prospective members.

**Demo** – We’re looking for someone to do a sharpening Demo for early 2016. Please contact Gene if you can provide this

**AAW** – Gareth will notify the AAW of the election of officers.

### 2016 OFFICERS:

The elections were held and the Membership elected the current officers to another term unanimously:

**Gene Amaral, President**  
**Craig Verrastro, Vice President**  
**Garet Holcomb, Secretary**  
**Bob Hopkins, Treasurer**

## Show and Tell



**Dan Dragon**

*Sassafras bowl, with alcohol-based red dye and burned edge. Finished with beeswax and boiled linseed oil*



**Bob Hopkins**

*Two Walnut bowls with salad bowl finish, and shell and Walnut ornament*



Show and Tell (Cont.)



Alex Amoruso



*Peruvian Walnut and Maple tangentially-turned lidded bowl. 52 pieces. Also, a bowl from a board.*



Charlie Hockenson



*Inside-out turned ornaments. Box Elder, Spalted Maple, Cherry, Mahogany, all finished with spray lacquer.*



Paul Tavares

*Segmented Ash and Maple bowl with Myland's friction polish finish*





## Show and Tell (Cont.)



Gene Amaral



*Black Walnut, Poplar, and Cedar bowl, with the medallion Gene brought in for Show and Tell a couple of months back.*



Richard Gadoury



*Rich's shop-made measuring jig, for mounting on the lathe bed*

### Turning Workshop at West Greenwich/Exeter High School

Gene and Alex held their demo class with 12 students, and turned a number and pens and bowls. It was a positive experience for all, and may be repeated in the spring.





# OW Christmas Party!



**Ocean Woodturners**  
wishes you and yours a healthy,  
happy, and prosperous 2016!



Check out the new Ocean Woodturners Facebook page! It's brand new so we'll be adding content as time passes. Make sure to Like and Share, and help bring much-needed public exposure to our Club!

<https://www.facebook.com/OceanWoodturners/>

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### **NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:**

January 21st, 2016, 7:00 PM  
Studio Dunn, 310 Bourne Ave, Rumford, RI  
Annual business meeting

**Ocean Woodturners Group on Yahoo!:** Our club has its own Yahoo! Group that we use to exchange information, ask questions, and sometimes to distribute our Newsletter. Membership to the Yahoo! Group is not automatic upon joining the club. If you would like to join the Yahoo! Group, please either request membership directly from the group site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OceanWoodturners/>) or send an email to Jeff Mee at [jmee@hotmail.com](mailto:jmee@hotmail.com)

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