**19 December 2023 Monthly Meeting Notes**

President Larry Magee opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone, including our 3 visitors, one of whom was a former member. (Total attendance was 37)

* The President mentioned the following:
	+ Wig Stand Program. The Wig stand program is continuing to be hugely successful, with over stands having been donated to the program so far! Larry also mentioned that wig kits are available for members wishing to become involved in turning a wig stand for this very worthwhile cause.
	+ Coming Events – Expert Woodturner, Jim Williams is coming in January! Details:
		- Jim Williams will conduct a Demonstration on Saturday, 20 January from 10am (doors open at 9:30am) to 2pm and conduct a Hands-on Workshop the following day. He will demonstrate turning his signature Hat turnings. Attendees will need to bring their own chairs.
		- There will be a $25 fee for members to attend the demo and have lunch and refreshments. The fee for non-KWT members will be $30, and invitations will be issued to fellow turning clubs, as well as by Westwood Lumber Co to their clients.
		- The Hands-on Workshop fee will be $100 each. There will be only 6 participants; first come, first served. Additional info:
			* Lathes needed. We’re looking for several members to bring in lathes.

Secretarial Note: To date, just over 20 members have signed up for the 20 January Demonstration and 1 for the Hands-on Workshop.

The evening’s demonstration on “Finishing” was introduced by Marty Schlosser and provided by the following 4 members, each focussing on a different aspect of the topic:

* Herb Salter – Sanding Techniques and Equipment
* Jean-Marc Doiron – Finishing Products and Application Techniques
* Frank Berinstein – Buffing and Polishing
* Ashton Corneilus – Osmo Hard Wax Oil

Based on the strong applause, all demonstrations were well received. President Larry Magee thanked the four presenters for their excellent demonstrations.

The 20 minute social time was held following the first 2 demonstrations, with everyone being treated to the many Christmas goodies that had been provided by members themselves. What a terrific way to kick off the Christmas season!

January Challenge. Due to the holidays, it has been decided that there will be no challenge set for January. However, members are encouraged to turn a wig stand if they can find the time.

Top Spinning Contest. Larry provided the “official top spinning surface board”, which the two categories of spinners used to fight it out. Here’s the winners:

* Hand-Held Spinners: Walt Sepic
* Jig-Held Spinners: Larry Magee

The club’s CBM sharpening system was brought in for members to use, and this time, two members used it.

The Show & Tell and the draw were huge hits as always. In addition to the usual draw items, Joe had divided up the wood we’d recently been donated into three lots, for which separate tickets were sold. This special draw was quite popular, with approximately half of the required 50 tickets needed to conduct the draw.

January’s Monthly Meeting Info:

* Main Presentation Topic will be “Back to Basics”, led by Larry Magee.

Marty Schlosser

Secretary