

Minutes of the Lake Erie Woodturners Chapter Meeting

American Association of Woodturners

April 19, 2025

Footprints Center for Autism
4261 Manchester Road, Perry, Ohio

Officers Present: Ron Tomasch, President; Sharon McDonough, Secretary; John Kolat, Treasurer and Webmaster

Members present: Attendance List attached

The regular monthly meeting of the Lake Erie Woodturners Chapter of the AAW was called to order by President Ron Tomasch at 9:30 am.

President's Report

1. President Ron Tomasch announced that Mark Bielech was on his way back from Walmart after buying a new monitor. When Ron and Mark arrived to set up for today's meeting, the current monitor wouldn't work. They are testing this new monitor to be sure that it works correctly. Cost was a little above \$200.
2. Ron announced that member, Larry Reichard has passed away unexpectedly. One of Larry's friends will donate the wood in Larry's shop, but Ron will need help loading the wood onto a truck. Ron will send an email with the date and time of the pick-up for those who would like to help. Several members commented on what a nice man Larry was, mentioning how he assisted when the club changed locations.
3. Discussion was held about whether to hire artistic turner Pat Carroll to demonstrate for our club while he is in the area in a few months. His fee is \$750 but Ron said that is too high for our small club to afford. Ron will contact him to see about lowering the price. Members should note that it would be an all day demonstration. Pat would demo in the morning, the group will break for lunch at one of the many local eateries, and then resume the class in the afternoon. Members agreed to pursue this demo if the price were lower.
4. Currently we have \$2,737.00 in our treasury minus the cost of the new monitor. Kevin Dalton, from the Buckeye Club, has indicated that

Pat Carroll will be demonstrating for their club plus the North Coast club. Ron is interested in paying no more than \$650 for Pat's demonstration and will make sure that Pat will be demonstrating something entirely different from what we've seen in the past.

5. John Kolat explained how he made the light he attached to his tool rest using materials from Harbor Freight, a long magnet, and an power adapter. Cindy Drodza also makes magnetic lights.
6. Ron's finished hummingbird house from last month's demonstration is on the back table.

Today's demonstration by John Kolat was a Bird's Mouth pot.

Next month's demonstration will be a Rock-a-By box that Joe Herrmann and Ron are practicing.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the Footprints Center for Autism, 4261 Manchester Road, Perry, OH.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon McDonough

Attendance for April 19, 2025 Monthly Meeting

1. Ron Tomasch
2. Mark Bielech
3. Charlie Irish
4. Sharon McDonough
5. Steve Neubert
6. Bill Neubert
7. John Kolat
8. Ed Hawk
9. Jeff Furman
10. Steve Miller
11. Irene Miller
12. Chris Cahill

IRD Attendance

1. Isabel Quayle
2. Richard Biller