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## **Meeting Wednesday, December 15 Holiday Party In-Person Again! (No Zoom this month)**



### **Gifts and Food - How good is that??**

It's time the for the club **Holiday Gift Exchange!** It's been awhile so this is how it goes:

**1) If you bring a gift, you get a gift. (So bring a gift!)**

**- Turn something wonderful that will fit in a brown paper lunch bag.**

**- If you can't remember what a lunch bag is, there will be an empty one for you at Joe's. (Leave your prize outside until it's in the bag - it needs to be anonymous!!)**

**- Please, no big bags! No fancy bags - We are looking for anonymity here.**

- It should blend in with all the other bags on the table.

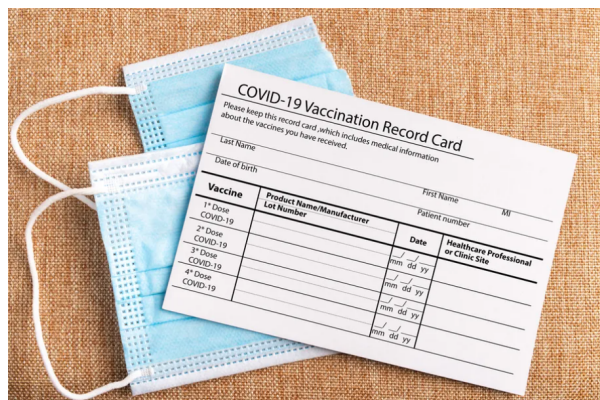
2) Doug will choose the first bag and the person who made that gift will come up and BRIEFLY talk about it, ala show and tell. Then they pick a bag, and so on until the last person, who gets the gift Doug made.

**NOTE - There is no Show and Tell in December. The Gift Exchange is also the Show and Tell!**

This is a **Potluck** celebration. Please bring a dish to share. (Hint - Last year there were five bags of pretzels - Let's think out of the box this year!) You will be allowed to unmask to eat and drink.

**This month's meeting will **in-person** only.**

**- Masks and Proof Of Double Vax required for in-person Attendance**



**Due to the resurgence of the Covid Delta and Omicron Variants and an uptick in breakthrough cases, masks proof of double vaccination will now be **required** for those attending in person. The board wants all Keystone members to feel safe and comfortable when attending a meeting. Note - If you want to save time at the door, you can email a picture of the front side of your card to Rob Podbielski ([jrpodbielski@gmail.com](mailto:jrpodbielski@gmail.com)) and he will keep it on file.**

## **Note - Sheeder Road Closed between Rt. 23 and Hallman Mill Road**

Sheeder Road is closed between Rt. 23 and Hallman Mill Road (Joe's Road) due to bridge construction. The detour takes you down Nottingham drive (the next road west of Sheeder off Rt. 23). Take first left on Wade Drive. Wade Drive becomes Hallman Mill Rd.

- Google Maps will bring you in the alternate way.

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## **January Meeting - Keystone Member Tips and Tricks**



Everyone has a few tricks up their sleeve. What shortcut or jig have you come up with that might benefit other club members? Our January meeting is going to feature Keystone members tip, tricks, and jigs. This is a great chance to share with your fellow members.

Email yours to Paula Garton at [pgarton@comcast.net](mailto:pgarton@comcast.net).

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## **Thoughts on our friend, Jim Bewley**

**By Les Bailey**



**Jim Bewley was my friend, a talented woodturner and an active member of the Keystone Woodturners of Pennsylvania. Our club met at the Montco VoTech school, at member Dave Souza's house, in Douglassville, and for the last ten years at the shop of Joe McCann in East Vincent Township on Hallman Mill Rd. Jim was with us regardless where we turned and Keystone was better with Jim as our member.**

**Jim was always willing to share his time, talents and his timber. If you needed a piece of cherry wood, or box elder, or white oak, and he had some in his stock, you were offered a piece or two. He never failed to bring items which he turned to our club's "Show and Tell" at each monthly meeting. He took great pride in making sure the pieces he showed were excellent in turning and unique in design. Jim was a master of bringing color to his work. His "Tell" aspect of showing his work was always very thorough. He would explain just how he created the design, turned the piece and how he finished it. He always showed joy at the turned object and also much joy in letting us discover the technique he brought**

to each work of art.

When Jim signed on to make miniature bird houses for Longwood Gardens - and he made over 600, I believe, he gave the club a wonderful demonstration. He shared just how he mass produced them. He showed the jigs he used to make the houses uniform and to lessen the drudgery of repetitive turning. He was always happy to share and happy to answer all questions, no matter how dumb my questions were!

Keystone turners have lost a fine member and a good friend to all. As president he always helped me and most others by bringing his love of turning to our meetings. Jim's sense of humor was always obvious. Always serious about encouraging excellence in turning, he shared stories of when and where he "messed up" a bowl or had to redo a roof on a bird house because he made a rookie mistake himself. He was a great teacher because he didn't let his ego get in the way of his desire to share not only his work but also his love the craft.

Jim was a fine man who shared his skill willingly even though he suffered much pain in his back during the past years. He was a kind and generous friend and member who will be missed very much.

With sincere appreciation for knowing Jim Bewley.

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## **2022 Dues are Due!**

Please remember that Keystone membership has both its rewards and its costs (\$30 per Year). The 2022 Dues are due. Gary Johnson reported You can pay in a multitude of ways:  
- via PayPal on the [keystonewoodturners.com](https://keystonewoodturners.com) website. Click the "Pay Dues" button on the homepage

- via cash, check or credit card at the meeting.
  - Or you can mail a check to Gary Johnson. Contact him for details ([gjohnson331@gmail.com](mailto:gjohnson331@gmail.com))
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## **Anchorseal is Back in Stock!**

We have Anchor Seal available for sale. We will be selling it at meetings or you can arrange to pick up a pre-packaged Gallon (\$20) or Half Gallon (\$10). We are also gratefully accepting container donations.

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## **Please Complete This Short Survey!!**

We want to know what would make Keystone even better. Please complete the short survey so that we can better plan next year.

Click [HERE](#) for the link

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## **Keystone Mentoring Program**

Keystone Woodturners offers a mentoring program to members. An experienced club member will hold a 1/2 day class held at Joe's shop. Details can be found [HERE](#) on the Keystone website.

If you have skills that you would like to offer as a mentor, contact Mark Hall at [mark@seaglass.us](mailto:mark@seaglass.us) and he will add you to the list.

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We welcome suggestions and items for the newsletter.  
If you are scheduled for a show or displaying your work somewhere, let us know so  
we can add it to the newsletter.

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[Rob Podbielski](#), Membership Director



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