

SEACOAST SHAVINGS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SEACOAST WOODTURNERS

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Rick Sanders



It is with a heavy heart that I pass along the news that Rick Sanders died in a rafting accident on June 3, 2017. He held the office of Vice President of the Seacoast Woodturners and was very active in the group. I do not know how long Rick has been in the group, nor even how long he was VP (if anyone can fill in the details, please do), but I do know that he was one of the first members to make me feel welcome to the group when I joined. His smiling face and infectious laugh are well known to everyone who has attended more than a handful of meetings.

He had a passion for turning and was true to our group's mission of promoting the art of woodturning here in the seacoast area. At our public demonstrations, he easily spent as much time talking to passersby about turning as he did actually turning. He has shared his knowledge with the group giving multiple demonstrations at our meetings and informally to members answering their questions. I always felt I came away with something new whenever we talked or turned next to each other at Woodcraft or Kittery. Just last month when we ended up without a demonstrator for the meeting, he was one of the first to step up and help fill the void. He was always welcoming to new members, including me, as mentioned above. As a club, it will be hard to fill the hole his absence creates.

He was a great supporter of our Bowls for Mom fundraiser donating not only his bowls to sell but his time demonstrating at Woodcraft and Kittery Trading Post. I could always count on seeing him behind a lathe with chips flying and a smile on his face. With the help of his leadership and involvement, the group has donated over \$7,000 to area food banks just in the few years I have been involved.

We will miss Rick's passion for turning, his craftsmanship, his knowledge, his smile and laugh, and his overall energy and presence. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. At the same time, I am sure Rick would be the first to tell us not to get down. So let's remember him the best way we can by getting out to our shops and make something that reminds you of Rick. Maybe use something you learned from him or just make something that brings his love of turning into your mind and soul. If you want, bring it to the next meeting and we can share our thoughts and memories of Rick. I for one will not soon forget him and all that I have learned from him.

Tom Kovalcik



From Peggy:

You may have already heard through the news that Rick had a terrible accident on Saturday and passed away. I wanted to let you and the club know that he treasured all the times that he spent with all of you. His turning was his passion and you all helped him achieve so many great memories while doing what he loved.

Wanted to let you know that we are having services for him on Thursday, June 8th at 11am. They will be held at St. Christopher's Church in York ME.