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December Meeting



The December 11 Holiday Party meeting was attended by about 50 members and their significant others. Wonderful food was available thanks to Denise Morris and Monika Hauser, and many contributions from members.



President Phil began the meeting with the following trip down **Memory lane 2008:**

January - Jeff Rosati demonstrated how he makes his band sawed bowls

February – Dennis Fuge gave an excellent demonstration on his platters. Unfortunately, this was a snowy night, and we had a small turnout

March - Mike Cunningham was to present how to make a peppermill. Mike was sick and we instead had an expanded show and tell, including tools and jigs – a fine evening

April – Jimmy Clewes from England was to demonstrate for us in April. Jimmy could not make the evening. Instead, Mike Cunningham showed us how to make a peppermill. Big success- about \$ 1000.00 mechanisms were ordered through Mike after the meeting.

April/ May were our HOW workshops. **Andy** did an excellent job putting together a challenging program and to get it executed.

In September we had a show and tell of the best HOW pieces and awarded a \$ 25.00 price for the best piece.

May – On May 3rd we toured the Nakashima facility in New Hope. George Morris organized this tour, a great event. Thanks George

May- At our regular meeting, Bob Rosand showed us how to make a Christmas ornament. Our club competition reflects Bob's input. A very interesting demo.

June – Peter Oliver, a turner from New Zeland an ITE resident of the Wood Turning Center showed us how he makes interesting pieces that are turned and carved

July – On July 12th, some of us visited the open studio at the University of Arts in Philadelphia where you could see the ITE students at work. A very worthwhile visit.

On **August 16th**, we met at George Morris' house for our summer picnic. A lovely event. **Thank you George and Denise.**

September – We opened the new season with a demonstration by Andy DiPietro, showing us how he makes his fabulous hollow forms. **A great demo, thanks Andy.**

October – Ed Ryan the current President of Bucks turners gave us a demo on how to make a 3 piece candy dish. He also gave us pictures and plans to build a light bulb kiln to dry rough turned bowls. A definite must if you turn a lot of salad bowls.

November- Andy got back into action with a workshop on how to photograph your work so that you have excellent pictures to send to galleries, shows etc. Andy was assisted by Karen Chigounis from the Perkins Center who gave us a wealth of ideas on how to position the club members to get into shows and to get publicity. A very interesting and worthwhile evening.

November 7th to 15th, 7 of our club members were invited to the Perkins Center Clay and Wood show in Collingswood.

Along the way, we had a number of club challenges that produced some pleasing and interesting pieces. We had wood auctions and tool auctions and most importantly, a lot of camaraderie and fun.

Steve Leichner decided to scale back and **Andy DiPietro** assumed the position of Exec. VP. In November **Herb Kurtz** resigned as treasurer and **John Coles** volunteered to take over the task.



I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the club. We take a lot of things that happen for granted, but were it not for the tireless efforts of a few individuals, all these wonderful things would not happen.

The **club challenge for January** is a segmented piece, of at least 3 layers. Two layers should have at least 6 segments, and a minimum of two different woods should be used.

The contest this month for best Christmas ornament was won by Nelson Brown, with a lovely segmented piece. Congratulations Nelson.



Webmaster Keith Davies reminded members of the name tags for sale thru the web site, and provided the current access info for user name = <member>, and password = <a secret>.

The Silent Auction was a big success, with lots of interesting wood, some tools, books, and the dust collector that had been in our meeting space.

The Door Prize was a much desired chuck set from Penn State Industries, and it was won by Herb Kurtz. Congratulations Herb!

The **Show and Tell** session this meeting included several beautiful pieces from Steve Leichner, Phil Hauser,



George Morris,



Andy DiPietro,



Robert Jay,



And Jeff Turi.



(Check out more photos on our web site.)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report - none this month



Library Report – none this month.

Upcoming Events

December 16 - Open House at Phil Hauser's shop, 7-9 pm).

December 19 – David Ellsworth @Wood Turning Center

January 13 – next scheduled meeting, club challenge (segmented piece) due.

March 28-29, 2009 – Adirondack Woodturner Symposium, Saratoga Springs, NY
(www.totallyturning.com)

May 23, 2009 - NE Wood Turning Symposium, Pinkerton, NH