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December 8 Meeting - our **Annual Holiday Party**



President Phil welcomed everyone, including about 43 members and guests, to enjoy plenty of good food, wine and company. After the delicious homemade dishes were devoured, President Phil took us on a walk along “memory lane”, recounting all the monthly accomplishments of the year, and

thanked everyone for their contributions to making the club such a resounding success. We had a lot of interesting demonstrations over the year, and enjoy a reputation among the other clubs as having an active schedule.



Phil reiterated that we are moving ahead with the new meeting location at the woodshop of Moorestown Friends School, thanks to the efforts of John Coles and Marty Richter. Arrangements are being made to move our equipment out of the church basement, and volunteers are needed to help with that. Contact Steve Leichner if you are available to help, probably when the school is closed for the Christmas/New Year holiday vacation. The January 12, 2010 regular club meeting will be held at the new location, Moorestown Friends School wood shop. A map was include in last month's newsletter, and another version was handed out at the December meeting, but if you still need directions call one of the club officers for help. Phil and Robert Jay will have a joint demonstration in January on various small and quick projects to make.

Don't forget, President Phil will be hosting his next open house on December 15 at 7 pm, hope to see many of you there with interesting problems to solve.

Upcoming Events

Nov 13 thru Dec 12, 2009 – Members show at Perkins Art Center in Collingswood.

Nov. 14 thru Dec. 19 - New Hope art show

December 17 - open house at Phil Hauser's

Jan. 12, 2010 - next regular meeting at new location, Moorestown Friends School

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Show and Tell program –

There were a nice variety of pieces displayed at the party this year, as seen below.

Each one was described by its maker, including Andy DiPietro, Steve Leichner, Phil Hauser, Mike Zickler, Marty Richter and Holmes Hay. If I forget anyone, please excuse me!





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Pollyanna exchange

We had 11 gifts exchanged this year, on the general theme of a turned box no larger than a 6 inch cube. Most of the members stayed within the guidelines, but I'm not sure we all did, as shown below! Anyway, it was really fun, with very creative work done by Phil Hauser (black and English walnut, decorated with dots and cocobolo finial); Nelson Brown (cherry burl, fluted and painted); John Coles (maple pot with potpourri lid); Holmes Hay (cherry box with finial and laser engraved); Marty Richter (multi-axis turned box, painted inside, with a clever spinning top as a top); Mark Allen (a padauk cup with Celtic cross-shaped inlay of Baltic birch); Mike Zickler (an Osage orange lidded box), Gordon Heckler (a spalted pecan winged box), George Morris (a mesquite box with an expert maple finial); Rich DiCandia (a pepper mill turned into a box!); and Walt Knittweis (a 3 piece winged bowl of cherry and walnut.)









Silent Auction There was a good variety of donated wood, tools and other items to bid on, which generated a lot of interest and raised over \$200 for the club treasury. Thanks to everyone who participated.



Door Prize – perhaps the highlight of the evening was the fact that your friendly editor won the door prize raffle, a \$100 gift certificate to Penn State Industries. Thanks for picking my ticket Christina !



Additional photos from the **Holiday Party** are available at our Yahoo site,

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DelValWoodturners> .