



Monthly Newsletter December 11, 2007

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December Meeting- **Merry Christmas party**

The party was attended by about 43 members and spouses this year, a nice increase in size from last year's event. Our club has grown in membership over the year from 35 to 45, which shows we are a vibrant and dynamic group. We encourage all members to continue inviting friends and encouraging acquaintances to think about joining the club.



Check out the other party pictures on our web site. Thanks to Ina for her candid shots.

Club President Phil Hauser began the meeting agenda with a "trip down memory lane", reminding us of all the events over the past year. These included:

- January- Mike Kehs inside out turnings
- February- Nathan Favors large turnings
- March- Don Derry, Xmas ornament,
- April- Wane Shearon, bowls from flat stock
DelVal HOW sessions
- May- From tree to lathe, how to cut timber
- June- Bud Hohlfeld how to make a finial
- July- Visit at Nakashima shop;
Summer picnic at Phil's home
- Aug- Workshop tour at Andy DiPietro
- September-Bill Grumbine, a tall vase
- October-Wood Turning Center, Bill Hunter
- November- Sharpening session
- December- Holiday party

Lots of work and preparations go into such a program. Phil continued by thanking everyone who made a contribution, specifically;

Thanks to Robert Jay for the connection with the Perkins Center Exhibit in March, which led to the referral by Karen Chigounis to the Courier Post for several nice articles about club members.

Thanks to Steve Leichner for providing steady support to all activities. Steve prepares the meeting room, cleans it the next day, fixed it up, liason with the church etc.

Thanks to Don Hart for doing an excellent newsletter for the past 3 years, and to Mike Zickler for volunteering to do the newsletter and for doing an excellent job todate.

Thanks to Andy for organizing club events and assuming the responsibility for the 2008 HOW sessions.

Thanks to Herb Kurtz for maintaining our financial records and for providing good feedback on what the club can afford.

Thanks to Keith Davies for maintaining and improving the club website.

Thanks to Ina for volunteering to take pictures at our club meetings.

Thanks to John Coles for volunteering to maintain the schedule of club members.

Thanks to the members who donated pieces for the church auction, an important part of our staying in this facility.

Thanks to the Church for providing us both with the meeting room and the possibility to have our Christmas party in this room.

Last but not least **thanks** to Monika, Phil's wife for organizing and cooking the food for the party dinner.

Club Raffle – a Craftsman 18” chain saw, was won by Ray Klosek. Runners-up, including Anthony Christaldi, Kieth Davies and John Coles each got a gift certificate.

Club Challenge- the club challenge was to come up with a candle holder of imaginative design. Pieces were entered by several members, with the winner going to Nelson Brown for a graceful pair of twisted curly maple sticks.



Show and Tell-

Lots of nice work shown off this month by numerous members, with more pictures on the web site.



Upcoming Events

Jan 8, 08- next regular club meeting in Haddonfield. Jeff Rosati will demonstrate how to make a bandsawed bowl.

Jan. 15, 2008- Open House at Phil's, 7 pm

June 20, 2008 – annual AAW meeting in
Richmond, VA.

Treasurer's Report – none this month

Library Report – none this month

Club Challenge- Due for the Jan. 8,
2008 regular club meeting, a hollow form
with entry hole of about 1". Don't worry,
Andy has agreed to a non-compete clause
for this one, so we all still have a chance!