

Monthly Newsletter November 13, 2007

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November Meeting

The November meeting was attended by 23 members, plus one new member, Mark Allen from Marleton. Welcome Mark!

We collected \$84 for the 50/50 tickets, with the cash prize going to George Morris.



This good luck was probably because George has been recently elected to the Executive Committee! An election of club officers was held this meeting, with George replacing Don Hart as a VP, and all other

incumbents being re-elected. Thanks to Don for all his efforts on the EC over the past years.

A proposal to raise club dues to \$30/year was approved by voice vote. This increase will allow us to schedule additional demonstrators over the coming year. A good demonstrator will cost about \$ 300.00 including transportation. Any other venue you pick to see good turners demonstrate will cost you several times this amount for each turner. Here you get to see several a year for a very modest fee.

George Morris has agreed to organize a follow up visit to the Nakashima workshop next Spring, and will send out invitations.

Ina Cabanas mentioned she has made some scarves and is selling them for \$10 as a fundraiser for the Pemberton Marching Band.

Annual Holiday party is coming up! As before, spouses or significant others are especially invited. Please call or send an e-mail to Phil to confirm your attendance. We hope to receive some desserts and cookies from volunteers. Like last year, we will have an attractive door prize, raffled off for all members who paid their 2008 dues. Robert Jay, George Morris and Anthony Christaldi will coordinate to collect dues and update our member data base. We will also conduct a silent auction for donated wood, rough turned bowls and tools.

Like last year, we will also have a xmas club challenge. This year the challenge is a pair of candle holders. Please let your imagination run wild for the best candle holders. The winner will receive \$ 25.00.

Sharpening Session

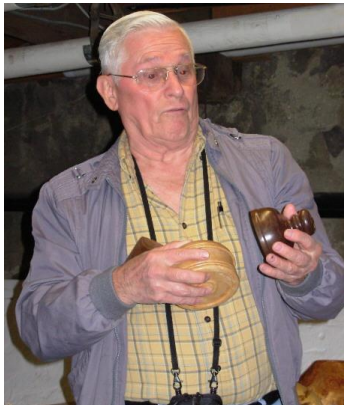
The featured item this month was a discussion and demonstration on sharpening techniques. Phil distributed a handout to help demystify the process, and Don gave a

demonstration on how to use the jigs that were distributed.

Show and Tell- Phil showed a very impressive large silver maple platter, and described the difficulty of making a flat surface.



Bob Peterson showed a box designed after Richard Raffin's work.



George Morris showed two of the many Xmas ornaments he plans to make as gifts. See photo above.

Robert Jay had two very nice hollow forms of ambrosia and spalted maple.



Andy DiPietro continued his tradition of amazing and large hollow forms. Congrats to Andy for being accepted to a juried show called "Works in Wood" at the New Hope Arts Center. 37 artists are represented, including 9 turners. The show runs for 8 weeks, so get up to see it if you can. The opening this past Saturday nite, Nov 17, was attended by numerous club members.



Mike Zickler made a set of nesting bowls from black walnut.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 20- Open House at Phil's, 7 pm.

Dec. 11- next regular club meeting in Haddonfield is the Christmas Party. See details above.

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

Treasurer's Report – Approx. \$895 in the account.

Library Report – Phil Snyder has very generously donated his entire collection of volumes 1-80 of American Woodturner magazine to the library. Thanks Phil ! In addition, a new 3 part video of Jimmy Clews is available. Check the club website for a complete inventory of material to borrow.

Club Challenge- Due for the Holiday party on Dec. 11, a candle holder of your own design. For the Jan. 8 2008 regular club meeting, a hollow form with entry hole of about 1”.