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**Redwood Burl Globe**  
by Dean Amos

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Winslett

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You won't get this for Christmas, but I hope you all had a merry one and that the New Year will bring you happiness and new inspiration in your turning endeavors. We had a nice Christmas party at the Presbyterian Church in Hickory and I am sorry more of you were not able to attend. The auction was not as large as previous years, but still filled the time and our new Auctioneer, Ron Mechling, did a great job pulling out the most cash possible. Exact amount is still in accounting!

Our January 11th meeting will be very interesting with our own Scott Ollis demonstrating his techniques in turning a square bowl. Sounds like a contradiction, but I know it will be an interesting demonstration of how he keeps ten fingers intact. We will start at 1:00 pm with a brief (I hope) business meeting. The Board will meet at 11:00 am in the break room and will vote for a slate of Officers for the new year. According to our By-laws the general membership does not elect officers since the Board has that responsibility. At the December meeting the membership voted unanimously to amend the by-laws to reduce the number of Directors from 9 to 6. There will still be Officers to carry on the general activities and they will report to the Board.

Effective with the January meeting my two year term as your President will end. I will continue attending the Board meetings, but will be an advisor, not your leader. I have enjoyed my term and certainly wish to thank you all for your help and confidence. I know you will continue to support our new leader. Currently, the slate of nominees includes Ron Mechling as President, Ric Erkes - Vice President and Program Chairman, George Wunker - Treasurer, Mary Bachand - Secretary. The Board will vote at the January meeting and they will take office immediately.

I regret that Gary Johnson and David Propst resigned from the Board due to personal reasons but both will continue as members and supporters of NCW. Thanks for your service Gary and David. Your new Directors - Glenn Mace, Sam McDowell, and Jerry Keys assume their duties at the January 11th Board meeting.

Announced earlier was the request for our having a booth at the Charlotte Woodworking Show, March 7 - 9. We have our regular meeting on the 8th so demonstrators for that day would miss that meeting. We will need at least 4 people to man the booth and demonstrate turning on our mini lathe. Please be ready to indicate whether you would participate - not all would have to demonstrate. We gained new members each time we have demonstrated and I think this would give us great exposure. The Carolina Mountain group has also been invited.

See you in January.

John

### **December 14, 2002 Meeting** - by Don Oetjen

The First Presbyterian Church of Hickory was again our meeting place for the annual Christmas Party and Auction. The weather was sunny and pleasant and the decorations seasonal. Holly berry sprigs on each table added to the festive atmosphere. Santa Claus even made an appearance. Despite our pleas that we had all been good this year and he should stay and distribute presents to us, he just passed on through.

The attendance was 50+, which, though better than last year, is still well short of our potential. Some of our members must not realize what a fun time it is. The food is very tasty and plentiful. Mary always out does herself on this occasion in the number and variety of goodies she brings. This is an occasion when the contribution box is not present. I am not sure what takes place but I assume the club makes a generous contribution to her, for us, all in the spirit of the season. I have not been very fond of fruit cake in the past. My Mother used to make it with a splash of rum and even that didn't appeal to me. But Mary Bachand makes a fruit cake even you haters would love. Better show up next year and give it a try.

The auction was fun as usual. Ron Mechling was our auctioneer ably assisted by Ken Phillips, John Winslett, J T Barker and David Kaylor. Ron was a good sport in that when the bidders were reluctant he bid on his own behalf. And when Ron was slow in coming up with a bid to keep things moving, his wife Bev threw in a bid of her own.

There were a wide variety of items for the auction. President John brought a pickup full of black walnut that was a donation to the club. Ron tried to sell the whole thing for a hundred dollars but no one would bite. So he sold it off at \$5 a piece and made more money for the club than it would have brought in at \$100. Guess there were no entrepreneurs in the audience who could see the potential in buying it all and reselling it to friends for turning or even for firewood to neighbors. It could have also been that no one wanted to have to off load all that weight.

There were also many other items of varying usefulness ranging from tools of all kinds to curly maple slabs to rough turned small bowls, usually cones from larger ones, donated by Don Olsen. Ron said the Don had agreed to sign each of the pieces and there was much silence. When Don promised not to sign the bidding became more spirited.

The final item was a lovely Christmas ornament donated by Bill Johnston. During his demo in November Bill turned the body and the icicle while showing us how to do multi-axis turning. He took it home, dyed the body red bleached the icicle white and returned it to us. Nice gesture much appreciated.

So all you who didn't attend, next year do your shopping early and come on down. It will be the second Saturday as usual. That's December 13, 2003 for those of you without access to a new calendar. Our thanks again go to the Church who provide this nice place to meet.

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 11th at 1:00 p m**

**Coming Events** - by Ric Erkes

*Jan. 11* - Scott Ollis. Scott is a member of our club and has done numerous demonstrations highlighting the Powermatic lathe. Scott will show the techniques he uses to turn a square bowl.

*Feb. 8* - Joel Hunnicutt - segmented turning.

*Mar. 8* - Joe Nelson - hollow vessel with spiral ridges.

*Apr. 12* - Tom Crabb - multi-axis vessel .

*May 10* - Mark St. Leger - small items.

*Aug. 9* - Chris Ramsey - a wearable hat.

*Sept. 13* - Phil Brennon - southwestern style instructions.

*Nov.* - mini-symposium.

*Dec. 13* - Christmas party.

*Jun. 14; Jul. 12; Oct. 11* - Open.

**2003 Challenge Projects**

*January* - Game or puzzle.

*February* - Eccentric or multi-axis turning.

*March* - Miniature turnings - max dimension = 2".

*April* - Turned nuts - either turn a nut out of wood, or turn a nut into something.

*May* - Fly house.

*June* - Croquet ball and mallet.

*July* - Squared or cubed turnings

*August* - Something whimsical.

*September* - Mushrooms.

*October* - Whistles.

*November* - Bring your gallery pieces to the Symposium.

*December* - Bring your gallery pieces to the annual Christmas party and auction.

**Member News** - by Mary Bachand

If you have not paid your dues of \$35.00 by the February meeting, your name will not appear in the 2003 membership directory.

**Library News** - by Mary Bachand

All rentals are due in at the January meeting. The two new videos that were mentioned in the last journal will be ready for loan at the January meeting.

**Mentor Program**

If you are interested in learning new skills, or improving the skills you have, contact one of the following turners for mentoring: If you are interested in being a mentor, please let John Uteck know to include your contact information in the Journal.

- John Winslett (Tryon, NC) - 828-859-9863.
- Dean Amos (Sandy Ridge, NC) - 336-871-2916.
- David Propst (Valdese, NC) - 828-437-4722.
- Ric Erkes (Davidson, NC) - 704-896-3302.
- Scott Ollis (Hickory, NC) - 828-294-4423.
- David Kaylor (Davidson, NC) - 704-892-8554.
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- Grant McRorie (Rutherfordton, NC) - 828-288-9572.
- Don Olsen (Lincolnton, NC) - 704 735-9335.



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Remember, our meetings are always at 1:00 on the second Saturday of the month at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop in Hickory unless otherwise noted in the Journal.

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