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Figured Myrtle - Turned and Carved by Dean Amos

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Ron Mechling

We had a great symposium in Statesville. Out of the 200 attendees, over 40 members (about 1/3 of NCW) attended and took advantage of the great demonstrations and the deals on equipment, supplies and wood. It would be difficult to mention each member who contributed to the success of the Symposium, however a special thanks to Edgar Ingram who led the effort as co-chairman. We'll be anxious to hear from him at the January meeting. For all of you who spent time on the Symposium, we really appreciate your dedication to fulfilling your responsibilities. It was an awesome effort.

The training session on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Klingspor was very successful. We had students who learned aspects of turning from our volunteer member instructors. Our heartfelt thanks to Ric Erkes for putting this training event together and to the instructors for giving up their time to help our members and a few non-members.

The Chris Ramsey hat sold for \$375 at a silent auction during the Symposium. What a great gift to us from Chris. The other hat (which is better) will be auctioned at our Christmas event.

Speaking of the Christmas Festival, we already have more wives signed up than the past three years put together. I encourage you to make plans to attend on Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Hickory. Also, don't forget, we're to make Christmas type items (and/or small other pieces) which will be judged (for fun) and later given to the wives in attendance through a raffle. Call Mary Bachand or me for reservations.

We're looking for door prizes and any available entertainment for the Christmas Festival. Please contact me with any ideas you may have.

We need to elect one new board member for a term to expire in 2006. David Kaylor, whose term expires this year has graciously accepted to remain on the board if we need him; however, if you or someone you know would like to serve, please contact me as David wants to give others a chance to serve. We'll have an election at the Christmas event.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Festival

Keep on turning, Ron

**Program Notes** - by Ric Erkes

Well, if you didn't get your fill of woodturning this month you must have been out of town. The Symposium had something for every skill level. I hope you enjoyed the demos and learned a few tricks in the process. I learned a few things watching demos I had already seen before. I've already made a new jig I saw. It was especially nice meeting fellow turners from around the area, and being amazed at just how much talent is nearby.

In addition to the Symposium, we held a hands-on demo for our regular meeting. Several new members took advantage of the opportunity to see some of the basics of green wood turning. A few of us got to try out some new tools and techniques while we tried our hand at hollowing. It made for a nice afternoon of socializing and turning. I was surprised at how fast the time went. Several members told me they got a lot out of the day.

It wouldn't have happened without the volunteer instructors. I would like to thank Dwight Hartsell, Don Olsen, David Kaylor, Don Oetjen, John Winslett and Sam McDowell for passing along some of their skills. I need also to thank Klingspor and those of you who brought in lathes to make it all happen. I know it can be a hassle to pack it all up.

While I'm thanking people, I want to recognize those people who have helped this past year by writing the program reviews. Don Oetjen, David Kaylor, John Winslett and Lee Holt. They did an outstanding job of presenting the techniques and styles of all our demonstrators. The Gallery pictures can provide ideas, but the reviews tell how it's done.

Next year is looking to be another great year of demonstrations. The symposium gave me a few new leads on potential demonstrators. Once again, before I fill up the year, if there is something or somebody that you would like to see, let me know. I'll make the arrangements but I want to present topics that interest you. And don't forget looking close to home, if you have something you would like to demo don't be afraid to ask.

**Mark your Calendar for 2004**

January 10	July 10
February 14	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 10	October 9
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 11



**NCW Christmas  
Woodturning Festival**

December 13, 2003  
10:30 - 1:30  
First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, N.C.

## Don't forget to send in your 2004 NCW membership application.

### **Library News** - by Mary Bachand

To those of you who took advantage of my holiday special—enjoy your rentals until our January meeting.

### **Member News** - by Mary Bachand

The symposium was great! To me the interesting part is meeting, in person, those with whom I have spoken over the phone or traded e-mails. Everyone is friendly.

Our NCW members who were symposium workers really need our thanks. They spent so much time beforehand planning. Then the hours that they spent setting up, taking down, and cleaning up were long and tiring. And to think they paid a registration fee for this "privilege".

We did get two new members at the symposium - Kent McKeithan and Dodie Caudill—both from Winston-Salem. Scott Ollis will need to remember that he gets 5 free raffle tickets each for bringing in these new members.

Let's also welcome new members Mario Robledo of Denver, NC, Mark Jones of Kings Mountain, NC, David Cotten of Morganton, NC, and Shirley Kanipe.

I am very pleased with the response to our membership renewal slip idea. The slips and checks are coming in with each mail delivery.

I do hope to see you and yours at our Christmas Woodturning Festival. The committee is working hard to make this an enjoyable time for all. Be sure to call in your reservations.

### **Classifieds** - Place your free ad in the newsletter!

WANTED: *Polychromatic Assembly for Woodturners*, by Emmette and Brown, Cyril Brown. Please contact John Uteck at 704-395-0728 if you are interested in selling your book.

### **NCW Logo Clothing**

NCW clothing is now available. Contact Kim Lindsey at Vector Shirts (910-582-0051 or [www.vectorshirts.com](http://www.vectorshirts.com)) for placing an order. Samples of various sizes of golf shirts, henley t-shirts, and turning smocks will be available at the meetings—see John Uteck for details.

### **2004 Challenge Projects** (challenge entries will be printed on the color pages of the next newsletter)

January - Platters.	July - Spheres.
February - Natural Edges.	August - Captive Rings.
March - Bias Turning.	September - Collaborative.
April - Eggs.	October - Light Weight.
May - Tools, Jigs, Etc.	November - Boxes.
June - Texturing.	December - Snowmen.

### **New Members**

Don't forget - members will receive 5 free raffle tickets if you bring in a new member.

### **North Carolina Woodturners on the web!!**

[www.geocities.com/nc\\_woodturners](http://www.geocities.com/nc_woodturners)  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/ncw](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ncw)

### **Mentor Program - For All Levels of Turners**

If you are interested in learning new skills, or improving the skills you have, contact one of the following turners for mentoring. Feel free to share your experience with us in the next newsletter, and don't forget to include photos!!

- 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.
- David Kaylor (Davidson, NC) - 704-892-8554.
- Sam McDowell (Statesville, NC) - (704) 871-9801.
- Edgar Ingram (Statesville, NC) - 704-876-4576.
- Glenn Mace (Mocksville, NC) - 336-751-1001.
- Dick Nielson (Gastonia, NC) - 704-864-1742.
- Grant McRorie (Rutherfordton, NC) - 828-288-9572.
- Don Olsen (Lincolnton, NC) - 704 735-9335.
- Ron Mechling (Todd, NC) - (336) 385-1250.

If you are interested in being a mentor, please let John Uteck know to include your contact information in the Journal.

## *2003 Carolina Woodturning Symposium*



David Woodruff - Finishing Techniques



Frank Penta - Platters



Brooks Johnston - Boxes



Scott Ollis - Square Bowls



Joel Hunnicutt - Segmented Turning



Ric Erkes - Bowl Turning

## 2003 Carolina Woodturning Symposium



Frank Penta—Detailed and textured foot



Tom Crabb - Handled Basket

# 2003 Carolina Woodturning Symposium



Bruce Hoover - Tea pot



Craig Kasson - balanced sphere



David Woodruff - flawless lacquer finishes



Hanging bird house ornament.



Elvie Jackson - hollowed and textured



Mark Kauder - Segmented forms

# November 8 - Hands-On Demo

Turning, hollowing, sharpening -- lots of shavings, lots of fun!! Thanks to all the volunteer instructors who made this happen, and thanks to Klingspor's Woodworking Shop for the use of their facilities.



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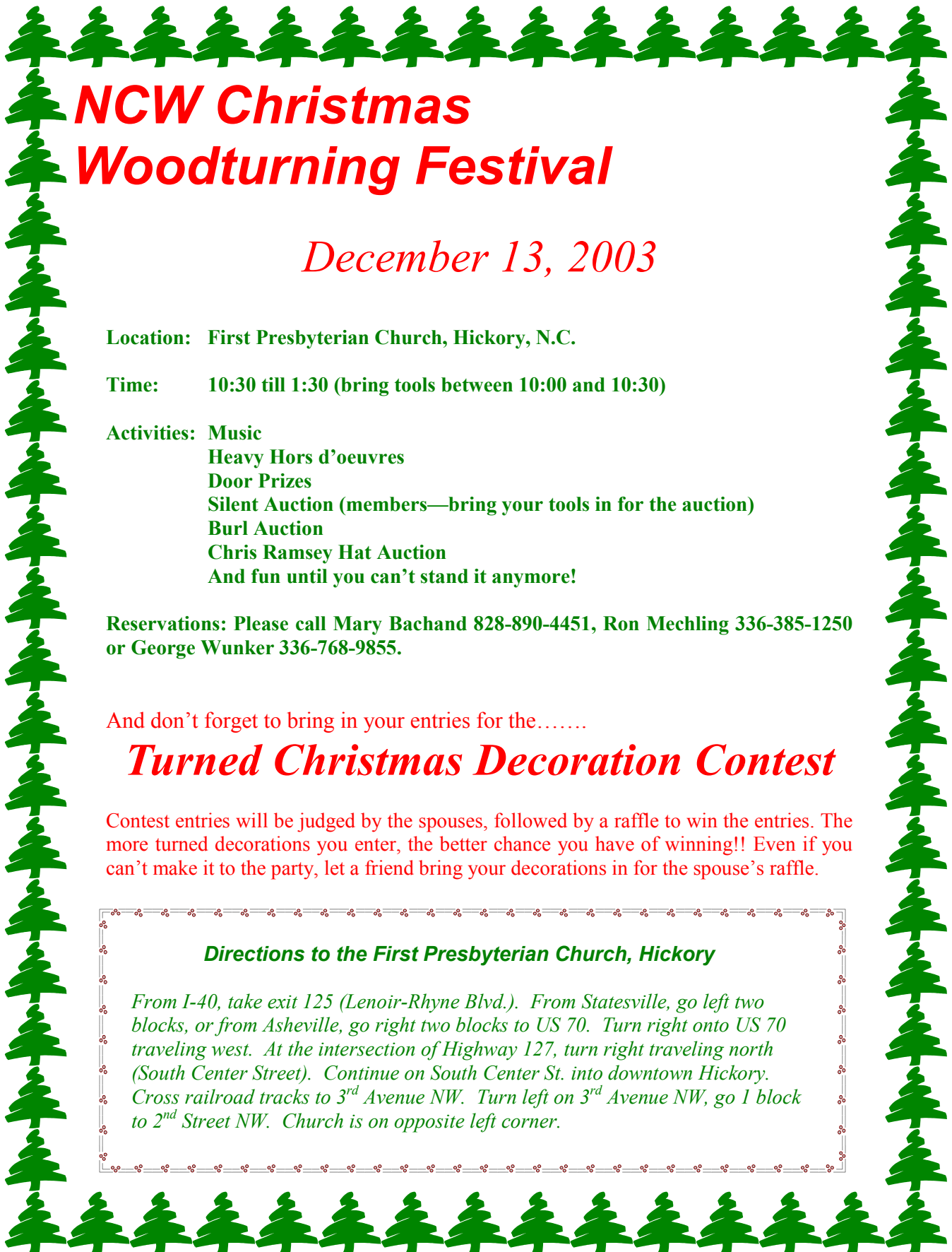
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# **NCW Christmas Woodturning Festival**

*December 13, 2003*

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, N.C.

**Time:** 10:30 till 1:30 (bring tools between 10:00 and 10:30)

**Activities:** Music  
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
Door Prizes  
Silent Auction (members—bring your tools in for the auction)  
Burl Auction  
Chris Ramsey Hat Auction  
And fun until you can't stand it anymore!

**Reservations:** Please call Mary Bachand 828-890-4451, Ron Mechling 336-385-1250 or George Wunker 336-768-9855.

And don't forget to bring in your entries for the.....

## ***Turned Christmas Decoration Contest***

Contest entries will be judged by the spouses, followed by a raffle to win the entries. The more turned decorations you enter, the better chance you have of winning!! Even if you can't make it to the party, let a friend bring your decorations in for the spouse's raffle.

### ***Directions to the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory***

*From I-40, take exit 125 (Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd.). From Statesville, go left two blocks, or from Asheville, go right two blocks to US 70. Turn right onto US 70 traveling west. At the intersection of Highway 127, turn right traveling north (South Center Street). Continue on South Center St. into downtown Hickory. Cross railroad tracks to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW. Turn left on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW, go 1 block to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW. Church is on opposite left corner.*