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Evanna Brening – Ambrosia Maple

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Gil Millsaps



John French – Cherry Burl



The AAW is dedicated to the advancement of woodturning by providing education, information, organization, technical assistance, and publications relating to woodturning. The North Carolina Woodturners Association purpose is to promote an interest in wood turning for persons of all levels, and to encourage membership in, and give support to, the American Association of Woodturners.



Kim Koonce – Spalted Pin Oak

## President's Message by John Melius

Well, the time has come! Our Chapter's By-Laws state that the President can serve no more than two years and my two years end this year, 2009. It has been a real pleasure to serve as your President and I thank each member and your Board of Directors for giving me this honor, privilege and opportunity.

We've had a lot of fun, great demonstrations and most of all, the comradery of friends and shared ideas about woodturning. Greg Crowder will become President beginning January, 2010. Michael McNeilly will serve as Vice President/Program Chair. With these changes and your Board of Directors at full strength, the Club will continue to operate without a lag.

Thank you again for your support.

## Membership & Library News by Mary Bachand

**Membership:** We have two new members! Welcome Pat Bradshaw from Mooresville, NC and Jim Norris from Conover, NC. Thank you to John Melius for telling Pat about our club.

I have a wonderful announcement to make to the ladies who will be attending our Christmas party. This year there will be something new added that should interest you. Lee French, John's wife, called me with an idea which I presented to the board and which they thought was wonderful. Lee is a very talented quilter and she is going to make a quilted wall hanging for the ladies to bid on. Any money collected will be given to the NCW funds. Lee is donating her time, talent and supplies for this project. Thank you, Lee, for thinking of the non-turners at our party.

**Library:** I do hope that you were able to take advantage of my Christmas special and will get to enjoy something from our library when you have quiet times. Again this year, when Bill Piastuch paid for his fruit cake which I mailed to him in FL, he told me to put the leftover money in the library fund. So-"thank you Bill" for the contribution of \$25.65. Now to find something which we don't have so I can spend the money.

### *NCW Christmas Woodturning Festival December 12, 2009*



**Location:** Evangelical Methodist Church  
400 Malcolm Blvd, Rutherford College, NC

**Time:** 11:00 until 3:00 (bring tools for auction between 9:30 and 10:30)

**Activities:** Lunch and desserts  
Silent and Live Auction for tools, supplies, wood  
Turned Christmas decoration contest  
Ladies Auction for Quilted Wall Hanging by Lee French  
Christmas decoration give-away to spouses  
Challenge Project Marathon Awards Ceremony  
Gallery and Challenge project display

**Directions:**

**From east I-40** exit 113. Turn right at top of ramp. (north) Go straight thru first light. First church on right.

**From west on I-40** exit 113. Turn left at top of ramp. (north) Go straight thru first light. First church on right.

**From south hwy 18** north to Mineral Springs Mtn Rd. (St Rd 1001) Turn right on Mineral Springs Mtn Rd. Right onto Rutherford College Rd. Go thru first light. First Church on Rt.

**For the turners, please remember to bring at least one (or more) holiday decoration to be judged and given to the spouses.**

## November Demonstrator Review

Starting this month we are going to try something a little different as far as reviews. We feel that it is hard to get the full message of what the demonstrator is trying to convey in written context. For this reason, we are going to discontinue the demonstrator reviews in the newsletter. Instead, remember that all of our meetings are taped and available in the club library. We are going to include any handout or write-ups provided by the demonstrators in the newsletter and on the website. This is not to say that the reviewers in the past haven't done an excellent job. I want everyone that has written for me in the past two years to know that I greatly appreciate you and your work.

Following is the list of people that I would like to give a big THANK YOU to for doing reviews for me during my term as Program Director.

Evanna Brening  
Mike Mills  
Stoney  
Gary Ritchie  
Gil Millsap  
Russell Willis  
Anyone that I may have missed.

Greg Crowder  
Program Director

### \$500 Scholarship Drawing – January 9th, 2010!!

For a chance to win the \$500 Scholarship in 2010, please give your name to Greg Crowder before the January 9th meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Christmas Party and the January meeting.



*Something NEW for  
the Ladies!*

# Quilted Wall Hanging

*Bidding to take place at  
the Christmas Party!*

*by Lee French*



# November Challenge Project – Toys for Tots!



Jim Falowski



Max Schronce



Stoney – Maple



Mike Litaker – Cherry



Scott Caskey



Dean Wright



September Challenge

Evanna Brening – Cherry



Orville Shook

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Evanna Brening												
Scott Caskey												
Jim Falowski												
John French												
Harold Lineberger												
Mike Litaker												
Jim Miles												
Max Schronce												
Orville Shook												
Stoney Stone												
Dean Wright												



## December Challenge - Turn Christmas Decorations





The 2010 Challenge Project List will be posted in the January newsletter.  
 For those of you who like to get started in December,  
 the January 2010 project will be:

\* **A ball or sphere**

## NCW 2010 Demonstration Calendar

- \* January 9 – 10am – 4pm – Jerry Measimer
- \* February 13 – 1pm – 4pm – John Benton
- \* March 13 – 1pm – 4pm – Gary Ritchie
- \* April 10 – 10am – 4pm – Dixie Biggs
- \* May 8 – Camp Grimes Picnic
- \* June 12 – TBA
- \* July 10 – TBA
- \* August 14 – TBA
- \* September 11 – TBA
- \* October 9 – 10am – 4pm – Michael Mocho
- \* November 13 – TBA
- \* December 11 – Christmas Festival

## Want to learn something new about woodturning?

*If you are interested in learning new skills, or improving the skills you have, contact one of these NCW members:*

- \* Scott Caskey (Iron Station, NC)  
704-735-2382
- \* Greg Crowder (Valdese, NC)  
828-874-6927
- \* Gene Dampier (Fairview, NC)  
828-628-9535
- \* Edgar Ingram (Statesville, NC)  
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- \* Sam McDowell (Statesville, NC)  
704-871-9801
- \* Ron Mechling (Shelby, NC)  
704-487-0506
- \* John Melius (Mooresville, NC)  
704-663-0757
- \* Jim Miles (Cornelius, NC)  
704-661-0600
- \* Don Olsen (Lincolnton, NC)  
704-735-9335

*... or see what's offered at one of these Woodturning Schools*

**Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts**  
 Gatlinburg, TN  
 865-436-5860  
 (www.arrowmont.org)

**John C. Campbell Folk School**  
 Brasstown, NC  
 1-800-FOLK SCH  
 (www.folkschool.com)

If you want to volunteer as a mentor, please contact Barb Ward with your information for the newsletter.



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Kim Koonce – Spalted Pin Oak



Orville Shook – Ironwood



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Gil Millsaps – Spalted Maple



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Evanna Brening – Mulberry



Evanna Brening – Ambrosia Maple



Edgar Ingram – Ambrosia Maple



**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL December 12th – 11:00am – 3:00pm**

**See page 2 for More Information and Directions**

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