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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.



## President's Message by Greg Crowder

As most of you know the season of change is upon us in the club and with that I am proud to be your president for the next year. John has left behind a legacy to follow as did Sam and all of the other past presidents.

I hope that everyone that came to the Christmas party had a great time and enjoyed the food. Those that couldn't make it, you better be there next year. I guess that most of you know that we had a lot of food left and I wanted you to know that it wasn't thrown away. The church was having several youth rehearsals that night so I donated it to them for being so accommodating to us. They were very thankful for the food and let me know that we were welcome to come back anytime we need a place to meet.

I also wanted to throw out a big thank you to everyone who stayed and helped clean up after the party.

One of my goals this year is for everyone to learn at least one thing. This is your club. The more that you put into it, the more you get out of it. The board can only do so much to make this a great club for everyone. Your input is welcome. If there is something that you think would make this club better let me know.

Greg Crowder

## Membership & Library News by Mary Bachand

**Membership:** I believe NCW has another first-a grandfather-granddaughter membership combination! Please welcome Kim Koonze to our chapter. Edgar Ingram is the proud grandfather.

Our annual Christmas celebration was a huge success and a lot of thanks goes to our new president Greg Crowder for all of his pre-party and after-party work. I'm afraid to mention other names because I might miss someone but, if you looked around, you saw your board and some other members and their WIVES busy helping to make the day a success. Then a special THANK YOU to those who were kind enough to stay and help clean up. You are special and I appreciate each of you. I do have to give a word of appreciation to 2 very special helpers for me. Lee French helped me at the goodie table as she always does. She even does the messy job of cutting the fruit cakes. Then Steve Hoyle, although I told him not to, helped get all of "my good stuff" loaded into our car. I was worried because I wanted to get up the mountain before the freezing rain that had been forecast, arrived.

"Santa" in the person of my "walnut man" delivered a very large bag of walnut pieces at our party. That means we'll have plenty of goodies laced with walnuts for our meetings. Thank you, "Walnut Man".

The cutoff for being included in our 2010 directory is the January meeting. Of course, I'd prefer that the dues were mailed to me ahead of the meeting. A special "thank you" to Sharon Lochaby who has volunteered to print our directory and membership cards BUT she is working with a tight schedule so the cutoff is important.

The beautiful quilted wall hanging that was a "Lee French Original" led to some interesting bidding-especially for your library crew. Lee had requested that any funds earned go into our treasury. Thank you, Lee, for being so generous. Great food, Great friends, A very special day!

**Library:** ALL rentals are due at our January meeting. If you are not sure whether you will be able to attend the meeting, please mail your rentals to the address on the rental. I WILL list ALL overdues in the February journal.

Scott Caskey needs a "finders fee" for ordering two DVDs for the library. They are Skill Building Projects with Mark St. Leger and Turning Projects from Scrap with Robert Rosand. Both turners have demonstrated for NCW in the "distant past".

## 2009 Christmas Woodturning Festival by Evanna Brening

What a turnout, what an event. Seventy-Seven NCW members and guests came to the Evangelical Methodist Church in Rutherford College with holiday spirit and generosity in their hearts.

The tables were spilling over this season. There were more items in the silent raffle than years past, enough to fill the entire back wall. The live auction held some beautiful prizes also, from a turned/carved ambrosia maple vessel from Alan Hollar to John Jordon tools to a quilted wall hanging by Lee French, to name a few.

Mary sold her scrumptious fruit cakes, Evanna sold raffle tickets and registered all attendants with name tags and numbered each person for the raffle and ornament exchange. Scott was busy as always doing various duties: printing the silent auction sheets, photographing the ornaments and show & tell, and printing the yearly contest certificates. Greg, Michael, Stoney, and Gary assisted with the numerous silent auction pieces.

Then there was John who was the social butterfly greeting each guest and as his last hoorah as President. I know I forgot some of the helpers and I apologize for any misgivings.

Food, Food, and more food... Barbeque pork (chopped & pulled) and chicken with all the BBQ trimmings were served promptly at noon after touching prayer of thanks from Russell Willis. Let's not forget the endless table of desserts compliments of Mary and the other "wives". YUMMY!

With our bellies full of scrumptious food we held the raffle. On the raffle block was a 5' ladder, a dremel tool, a 3/8<sup>th</sup> inch bowl gouge, and many more prizes. Then on to the ornaments, it was a bit like first come first serve. The numbers listed on the attendants name tags were the order to which the ornaments were handed out. After each of the "spouses" received their gifts we were onto the live auction.

While John was auctioning off the gifts there was busy activity behind the scenes. All silent auction items were tallied by Scott, Michael, Greg, and Evanna. Before the guests left, Gary and Evanna collected the funds from the auctions while Mary made her customary closing statement: Please help clean up the meeting facility, grab a chair, a table and help us leave it how we found it.

With everyone's help the 2009 Christmas Woodturning Festival was a great success. Now looking into the future, may your 2010 be filled with shavings big and small. Turn On!

## Program Notes - Jerry Measimer - January 9th, 10am - 4pm

*"I am an Ohio native, and have always strived to become a craftsman. My wife, Tammy and I moved to Richfield, NC in 1981 after a tour of duty in the US Marine Corps. When I was young, I watched my grandfather make beautiful items from wood and it was not until eighth grade where I turned a lamp and a baseball bat. I continued to do wood working in the Marine Corps by carving name plates and military plaques, using M-16 shell casings to add a little flair to my work. My wife and I remodeled the inside of our home while living in a single room garage. Our home has been a work in progress for 29 years, we've raised two children and have recently opened it up as a Bed&Breakfast.*

*This is my second-term serving as president of the Southern Piedmont Woodturners. I love spending many hours in my studio turning various wooden pieces. I make pepper mills and have turned columns and spindles for various cabinet shops. My favorite is turning hats, I love sharing the gift of turning within the community and schools. I like teaching so I am currently enlarging my studio and adding another lathe for anyone who wants to learn more about the art of wood turning."*



Jerry Measimer will demonstrate, 'mastering the skew' with a very informative and interesting demo about this difficult tool. Jerry will demonstrate turning with the skew in the morning, and then in the afternoon a hands-on will be available for those who want to give it a try! Please bring your skewers with you to the hands-on. Don't miss this demo if you want to find out the trick to turning effortlessly with the skew.

## Tools Explained by Scott Caskey

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh -- '

**SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old style paper and tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used as the name implies to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a .50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**DAMN-IT TOOL:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'DAMM-IT' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

## 2010 Challenge Projects

- \* January - Turn a Sphere
- \* February – Duplicate it ( a pair of matching candlesticks, bowls, plates, whatever.....they key is that they match!
- \* March - Turn a Thin Bowl –no smaller than 8 inches, less than 1/4 inch thick!
- \* April - Turn a Wooden Flower
- \* May - Free Month – Camp Grimes Picnic
- \* June - Part 1 – Turn a bowl or vase but don't put a finish on it. We have to see each part at the club meeting.
- \* July - Made of Plywood....bowl, vase, whatever.....just turn it.
- \* August - Mirror or picture frame
- \* September - Part 2 – Cut the Part 1 Project turned in June or add something to it to change its shape.
- \* October –Candlestick Holder
- \* November - Turn two of the same thing....one large ( 8 inches or larger), one small ( 3 inches or less)
- \* December - Christmas Decorations

### Can YOU Go the Distance In 2010?

We are doing things a little differently this year.  
The rules and prizes have changed so please pay attention.



#### Rules:

- \* The project has to be made after the December 2009 newsletter was released.
- \* The project must be turned in for the month that it is due . **Only one makeup allowed**
- \* You must be present at the meeting when the project is turned in.

#### Prizes:

- \* We will continue giving raffle tickets to the monthly raffle for up to 3 entries each month.

#### The end prize is going to be different.

- \* Everyone who completes the projects (11 entries from the rules above) will get a \$20 discount off the NC Woodturning Club 2011 yearly dues.
- \* Everyone who completes the projects will be put into a raffle for a bigger prize (over \$200.00 value). We are still working on details of that prize

**Good Luck!**

### \$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 January meeting.



## NCW 2010 Demonstration Calendar

- \* **January 9** - Jerry Measimer - 10am - 4pm - skew demo in am/hands-on in pm
- \* **February 13** - John Benton - 1pm - 4pm - Thin Wall Turning
- \* **March 13** - Gary Ritchie - 1pm - 4pm - Small Lidded Boxes
- \* **April 10** - Dixie Biggs - 10am - 4pm
- \* **May 8** - Camp Grimes Picnic!
- \* **June 12** - TBA
- \* **July 10** - TBA
- \* **August 14** - TBA
- \* **September 11** - TBA
- \* **October 9** - Michael Mocho
- \* **November 13** - TBA
- \* **December 11** – Christmas Festival



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## 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:*

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([www.folkschool.com](http://www.folkschool.com))

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

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

**NEXT MEETING: January 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 4:00 pm**