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**Christmas Party
December 9th**

**Woodturner's Tool
Gift Exchange
&
Spouse's Gift
Exchange**



2007 Election Results

New officers for the coming year are as follows:

President: Tom Reiman

Vice President: Paul Rasmussen

Secretary / Treasurer: Lloyd Johnson

Board of Directors: Scott Blackman; Doug Brown; Walt Brown; Jerry Keller; Fred Kline.

Continuing on in their current volunteer positions are:

Librarian: Chris Dix

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Library News

State of the Library 2006

As the year draws to a close I'm compelled to condense the year – as if it doesn't just blast by a bit faster and faster every year on it's own. This year we added about 6 books and as many DVDs to the library. Finding new items turned out to be a bit more challenging than one would think, because our collection is quite extensive and very current. So, finding something new often became an adventure. On average about 30 items per month were checked out and returned. As borrowers of the library items you, the members of NWWT, are to be commended for your promptness in returning the items you check out. The few occasions when items were not returned at the next meeting your expressions of concern were genuine and no calls have had to be

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Christmas Party Gift Exchanges

I hope you have already reserved and paid for your place at the NWWT Annual Christmas Party! If not, you may be able to beg and plead with Fred Kline to add just "one more" reservation. Try contacting him in the evenings at (503) 257-6405.

For those not familiar with the tool and spouses' gift exchanges, the following is a brief

overview. First, if you wish to participate in one or both exchanges, you **must** bring a wrapped gift for that exchange. Both exchanges work in a similar fashion. One may choose a gift from the gift table or "appropriate" a gift from someone who has already opened one. If you have a gift taken from you, it is again your turn to either open a new gift from the table or "appropriate" from someone else. After a gift has changed hands a total of three times it becomes safe for the last person holding it and no one may take it from them. This opening and taking continues until the last item is opened, plucked and held.

The tools can be anything related to woodturning – new or used (but **must still** have

good life left) – something that just didn't work for you, etc. The spouses' gifts are generally woodturnings or something in which a turning is incorporated from our own shop. In years past, some very nicely done work was given away – and fought over by the ladies. I don't believe any punches have been thrown, but one never can tell when two or more of the ladies have their eyes on the same gift.



Above: Don Woodward's Birdhouse Ornament.



Merry Christmas, Glædelig Jul,
Hyvaajoulua, Joyeux Noel,
Srozhdestvom Kristovym,
Buone Vrolijk Kerstfeest,
Froehliche Weihnachten,
Kala Christouyenna,
Mele Kalikimaka,
Meri Kirihimete,
Feliz Ano Novo,
Feste Natalizie,
Feliz Navidad,
God Jul!

*Ornaments from the top: Tree topper,
Don Woodward; Kathleen Duncan;
Paul Rasmussen; Paul Rasmussen;
Martin Knittel; Kathleen Duncan;
and Paul Rasmussen.*

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made. Thank you for your library etiquette.

I was speaking with one of Santa's little helpers at the mall the other day and somehow got onto the subject of woodturning. An Elf-type person agreed to take my video camera back to the North Pole to record some of the tools and lathes they use up there. I was assured that my camera would be back under my tree in time to capture the little darlings opening their gifts and the tape of Santa's workshop will be in my stocking. The tape will contain some never before seen footage of the most fantastic lathes you have ever heard about. Spindle speeds up to 100,000 RPM and diamond tipped tools that never need sharpening. It is truly a production shop unlike any other. The workpieces are held in place using powerful "wood-magnets" that securely grip the wood but do not leave any marks. The tool rest automatically floats and follows the tool-tip but locks in place when the tool-tip touches the work-piece. The tools also have an anti-catch mechanism built in that forces the tool away from the work-piece to prevent those nasty dig-ins. Parts for toy trains, soldiers, and spinning tops are finished in just seconds from an endless supply of raw timber. This video will be narrated by the wood shop's head Elf who has been turning for well over 500 years but says he is just getting started. This private recording will be a welcome addition to our library and we will be the only club in Oregon that has a copy. However, I am still a bit curious why that Elf wanted to know my address and if I was going out of town? Oh well – true joy can be obtained this holiday season if we keep in mind that giving is more blessed than getting.

Happy Turning,

Chris Dix - Librarian

Challenges for 2007

January - **Pens & pencils** - last year you promised to start the taxes earlier!
February – a **box** for your sweet nookums - don't forget the sparkle rocks inside.
March – a **goblet, stein, cup...** anything to hold yer green grog!
April – Hummingbird to Ostrich... **Eggs, Eggs, Eggs!**
May - a **Vase** to hold the flowers that you're sure to get Mom.
June - the perfect wedding gift for the new bride - a **Rolling Pin**.
July – Batter Up! **Baseball bats** - any size, any wood.
August - Going, going, gone! **Wood auction**, no challenge.
September – It's National Honey Month, **honey dippers and honey treen**.
October – Something scary, a trick-or-treat. Something for **Halloween**.
November: Christmas is just around the corner, time to make some **ornaments**.
December: **Christmas party and gift exchange**, no challenge.



Left: Reed Gray, of Eugene, demonstrates coring systems at the November meeting.

Freedom Pen-a-thon

This event was hosted by Woodcraft stores across the country where experienced and novice turners alike were able to turn and assemble pens. The pen kits and wood blanks were donated by Woodcraft and were predrilled with the barrels glued and trimmed. The finished pens went to military men and women serving abroad as a token of our appreciation. Each completed pen was accompanied with a short autographed note that described the type of wood the pen was made from. Our club was represented by over five turners whose combined efforts turned out about 40 finished pens. Thanks goes out to Bob Tuck, Craig Taylor, Jerry Keller, Fred Kline, and Chris Dix for time they volunteered.

While this event neither condones nor condemns the politics behind the war/police action/occupation it was rewarding to make a gift for a fellow American whom, by no choice of their own, is living and working far away from home.

Throughout the day more than one casual shopper was able to try their hand at turning pens and get the woodturning "bug." The combined efforts of all the Woodcraft stores resulted in just under 5000 pens.



Jerry Keller explains the finer details of pen assembly while Bobbie from Woodcraft looks on.

Classified Ads

Guidelines for Classified Ads: If you sell or find your item please notify the editor. Ads will only run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad to the editor by the 20th of the month. Editor makes no apologies or guarantees for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.

For Sale: Delta Midi (mini) lathe with extension bed, spur drive, live center, 2 tool rests, wrench, knock-out, extra banjo, and extra belt. Well used, not pretty but fully functional - \$125. **Contact Owen Lowe, 503-538-5325.** (12/06)

Woodcraft® Classes with Bob Tuck & Fred Kline

Sharpening Your Lathe Tools

Thursday, December 14, 6pm - 9pm
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate
Instructor: Bob Tuck

Beginning Lathe Turning

Saturday, December 16, 10am - 4pm
Skill Level: Beginner
Instructor: Bob Tuck

Basic Bowl Turning

Sunday, December 17, 10am - 4pm
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate
Instructor: Bob Tuck

Turn a Duck Call

Saturday, January 20, 9am - 1pm
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate
Instructor: Fred Kline

For more information and to register, contact the Tigard Woodcraft store. Call (503) 684-1428 or email <portland-retail@woodcraft.com>.

Editor's Note:

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 20th of the month. Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other items pertaining to woodturning are welcome.

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From far left: pod-like, myrtle vessel by Jim Hall; Bob Tuck's yew and padauk lidded container; walnut Christmas bell ornament by Pam Stalder.

