

Minutes for the First State Woodturners meeting held at the New Castle, Delaware Woodcraft on November 2, 2011 and the First State Woodturners Christmas Party held on December 10th at the Center for Art in Wood.

November 2, 2011 meeting at the Newcastle, Delaware Woodcraft Store.

Jeff Turi (President First State Woodturners) opened the meeting promptly at 7pm.

22 people were in attendance.

Jeff invited all members to attend the club's Christmas Party at the new "Center for Art in Wood" gallery in Old City, Philadelphia on December 10th at noon.

After the announcements members presented their Show and Tell items.

Tom Mumpher started off by presenting a Christmas Tree Ornament made from Cedar with a carved star on top. Tom also showed a beautiful Maple Burl bowl. Tom stated that it was his 5000th bowl and he had supervised the felling of the tree in Colora, Maryland.

Mike Adams showed a Red Cedar sphere he created using a Skew Chisel.

Jim Gafney followed with a segmented piece created from Curly Maple, Brazilian Apple, Purple Heart, Bloodwood, Black Walnut and Veneer. Jim created butterflies with a Leigh Dovetail Jig and incorporated them into this vessel's design.

Dave Beehler showed an Ash Bowl he created from a tree downed by a storm. He also showed an Ash Vase that had cracks that occurred during turning. Dave creatively saved the piece by using Ebony sawdust to fill in those cracks. Dave also showed a Southwestern inspired piece he created from Claro Walnut with a beautiful grain pattern.

Mike Okner showed an Argentine Osage Potpourri Bowl. Mike also showed a Potpourri Bowl created with figured Sycamore.

Ross Kendall showed a Lidded Box he created from Bubinga that he got from his son-in-law's sawmill. (We all could use a son-in-law with a sawmill!)

Roger Early showed a box he created from Walnut with a Box Elder lid.

Jim Glanden showed a Banksia Pod blank and the ornament he made from one.

Roy Tedesco showed a Cherry Box with a Curly Maple lid. Roy also showed a Curly Maple winged bowl, a Salt Cellar and an Ash Container with a suction lid.

Baxter Smith showed nested bowls he created with a Oneway Easy-Core Coring System, fittingly cored from an Apple tree. Baxter also showed a Hollow Form created from Punky Birch with a Holly Finial.

Tom Struble showed an Apple shaped Black Walnut Box with an Ebonized "Stem" he created as a gift for a teacher.

Jeff Concluded the Meeting with a summary of all of the events that First State Woodturners had hosted in 2011 and John Bachino gave an update on the club's finances.

Joe Nestlerode's wonderful Photos from the November woodturning meeting can be viewed here:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/WoodturningPhotos>

The New Castle, Delaware Woodcraft store is independently owned and allows the use of lathes, tools, and the meeting room without charge to First State Woodturners.

First State Woodturners Christmas Party held on December 10th at the Center for Art in Wood.

Jeff started the meeting by inviting everyone to check out the new Gallery space.

We had an awesome turnout for the party! I could not get a real head count as members and their spouses were enjoying the many gallery exhibits throughout the meeting.

The party was held in the upstairs Library/Boardroom. Since the party was upstairs, members got to view several displays of Wood Art that is not available to the general public. (A rare treat!)

The menu for lunch was pulled pork BBQ, roast turkey, Caesar salad, and coleslaw.

After lunch a show and tell table was assembled with several bowls, Christmas ornaments, and a raised platter.

Jeff received several items from the Gorilla Glue Company. Jeff held a raffle and several members had their choice of hats or shirts. All members in attendance were winners because everyone went home with a bottle of Gorilla Glue's new wood glue!

After the Gorilla Glue raffle a silent wood auction was held. Several members scored baseball bat blanks and the proceeds from the auction went to the First State treasury. A win-win for all members!

Jeff concluded the meeting just as he had started it, by inviting everyone to check out the new "**Center for Art in Wood's**" Gallery space.

From Jeff,

January 4th, 2012 meeting AGENDA:

- Bring in your pieces you have been working on over the holidays. It's OK to bring in problems or mistakes since we all can learn from them.
- Bring in any great presents you got from Santa and want to show off to the club.
- . - We have many talented people in the club so think about signing up to do a short demo or lecture (30 minutes) at a future meeting. The demos do not have to be elaborate just show a technique or an idea that you use.

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