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President's Notes

The annual DAW Holiday Party is only a few weeks away! Our November meeting will be your last opportunity to purchase a ticket. Don't miss out on the great raffle prizes and auction pieces that will be offered that evening. You must be present to participate! You will, however, have one last chance at the November meeting to buy tickets for the annual Jet mini-lathe drawing to be held at the party; if your ticket is drawn and you're not there, we'll hold your prize, but you won't be able to gloat about it until the January meeting.

Last month we collected fifty bowls from fifteen members for the 2012 Empty Bowls event. The good news is we are half-way to the record number we submitted last year; however, only twenty-two members have contributed so far this year. **That means only 15% of our members have participated!** At the meeting Randy Rice pointed out that last year's Empty Bowls luncheon raised over \$120,000 for the North Texas Food Bank; each dollar raised provided four meals for children in our area who would otherwise have gone hungry. This Thanksgiving when you are thinking (with a full stomach) about the many blessings you've enjoyed this year, think of what you can do with just a little effort to help feed those less fortunate members of our community. **Just one bowl will help raise enough money to feed a child for a month! A few evenings or weekends in the workshop, enjoying your favorite hobby, will make sure they eat for the next year!**

Last month two members were nominated for the vacant positions on the 2012 Board-of-Directors. **Craig Fyock** was nominated to serve as Vice-President, and **Richard Merunka** as Training Coordinator. Their names, as well as the eight current officers and directors who have agreed to serve another year, will be put before the membership at the November meeting. Be sure to attend and cast your vote.

We held two Open Shops last month. The first was hosted by WoodWorld on the Saturday following our October meeting. Several members turned their first bowl at the event. Thanks to Craig and his staff for providing their shop and equipment. The following week, a few more bowls were turned at a get-

together at the Training Center. Attendance was light at both events, but a good time was had by all. You will have additional opportunities to come and turn, ask questions, or just visit with other turners, at Open Shop Saturdays planned for 2012.

We'll see you Thursday evening at WoodWorld! Be sure to bring something for "Show-and-Tell" and at least one bowl for Empty Bowls!

Robert Pope

November Program

Mark Duval is going to demonstrate making a perfect sphere using a homemade jig. He promises not to shower the first rows with chips and will have several examples for display. Commercial jigs sell for around \$400.00. The home made jig was put together for under \$30.00. Mark uses an Easy Finisher for the cutting tool but there are a variety of other tools that can be used.

2012 Officer Nominees

The following officers have agreed to another term: Pres.: Robert Pope, Sec.: Glenn Katz, Treas.: Bob Matern, Librarian: Mark Montgomery, Prog. Dir.: Mark Duval, NL Ed/Webmaster: Ken Rodgers. New officer nominees are V.P.: Craig Fyock and Training Coordinator: Richard Merunka.

Monthly/Quarterly Raffle News

You have just one more chance to win the 4th quarter raffle prize--a Jet 10-24 mini-lathe. The winning ticket will be drawn at the DAW Christmas dinner on December 2. Improve your chances of winning by buying more tickets at the November meeting. **Be sure to put you name on the ticket before putting it in the jar.**

Rockler

When buying items at Rockler, remind them to enter your purchase in their special club purchase book. They provide a gift certificate to the club after so many purchases are made. The certificates are then used at monthly meeting as raffle prizes.

Tickets for Christmas Party Still Available

DAW members and their families and friends are invited to attend our annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 2 at the Holiday Inn Select in Richardson. The hotel is on the west side of Central between Arapaho and Campbell.

This is something we've been doing for the last 8 or 9 years as a way to raise funds to further our goal of providing you with the best woodturning educational experience in the area.

The evening will start at 7 PM with a full buffet dinner featuring roast beef, turkey, veggies, salads and desserts. We'll then move on to the raffles for tools and wood spearheaded by Randy Rice and the auction of turned wood pieces donated by some of the most talented of your fellow DAW members conducted by the inimitable Larry Genender.

We'll also intersperse some drawings for special ladies-only prizes. (That means no gouges, sandpaper or fishing rods.)

The night will be capped off around 9 PM with the drawing for the grand prize of a Jet Mini-Lathe based upon the **all** the raffle tickets bought at the DAW meetings in October and November. No raffle tickets for the lathe will be sold on the night of the party and you need not be present at the party to win the lathe. So if a mini is on your list for Santa this year, get your tickets at this meeting to be eligible!

Tickets for the party are \$20 per person if purchased at the November meeting.

Hope to see you there, and if you have any questions, contact any board member.

Empty Bowls and Beads-of-Courage Boxes

We are still far from our goals. So, please turn some bowls. A personal goal might be at least one bowl per month. If blanks are needed, check with a DAW board member. **THOSE MEMBERS WHO PLEDGED 12 BOWLS NEED TO GET TURNING, ONLY THREE OR FOUR MEMBERS HAVE MET THEIR GOAL.** Mentors will help those who are new to bowl turning--contact one near you for assistance. The mentor list is published on the DAW Website. After login, go to <http://www.dallaswoodturners.com/Members/MentorList.aspx>. If you have trouble with the login, contact Ken Rodgers at krodg505@tx.rr.com.

Attention All Wood Artists

The next DAW wood show is coming up pretty fast! We'll be at the ArtCentre of Plano in March, but at the new location on 18th St. The new show is called *As the Wood Turns*. The show we had last year drew all sorts of accolades, and the City of Plano aired us on their TV Channel which gave us additional publicity. So sharpen your gouges and tool up for the show.

The ArtCentre is in a beautiful Victorian mansion which is much more elegant than the former location. However, it represents a downsizing which means they can't accommodate as many pieces as they did last year. If the number of participants is anything like last year, we may have to limit each person to one item. Even so, we may still have to go through a jurying process if there are more than 60 participants.

The show will run from March 2 to March 31 with the opening reception on Friday, March 2. The load in date is Tuesday, Feb. 28, or Saturday Feb. 25th for those who cannot make Feb.28. More news to follow, such as actual times on those dates.

If you are ready to commit to being in the show, please contact me at carmur@alumni.gwu.edu.

- Murray, exhibit chair

DAW Library News

Since we don't have a December club meeting, the November meeting is your last opportunity to check out items from the library in 2011. It also means you get to keep the items for two months. Please be sure to return items you currently have checked out at this month's meeting so others will have an opportunity to use them over the holidays.

And, don't forget to check on the new series of videos (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) from Eli Avisera. We also have the 3 DVDs from this year's AAW symposium in St. Paul. The library listing will be updated this weekend to reflect the new items.

Raise Some Christmas Cash by Selling Your Turnings

At this time of year, who couldn't use a little more spending money? Have you ever considered selling some of your turnings online? It's not that hard. Here are a couple of Internet sites you may want to consider as a way to get your work out there in front of the public.

<http://www.artfire.com/> The first month is free and then it's \$12 per month to keep your store open.

<http://www.etsy.com/> is probably the most popular site for selling arts and crafts. There is no monthly fee but there is a small fee for posting individual items and the site takes a small percentage of each transaction.

<http://www.zibbet.com/> has no monthly or transaction fees but limits you to listing 50 items unless you purchase a premium membership for about \$10 per month.

How much to ask for your turnings? A reasonable approach would be to contribute a sample of your work to the DAW Christmas party auction and see what it goes for. Then double that price online. You see, wood turners are much pickier about the details of the pieces they buy and they have the advantage of actually handling the pieces rather than just relying on photographs.

Good luck!

It's Time to Decorate Your Income Tax Return with Another Charitable Contribution

Just a reminder that Dallas Area Woodturners is an IRS approved Section 501(c)(3) charitable educational organization. Cash donations to DAW are tax deductible if you itemize deductions on your personal tax return.

Anchorseal Available

(For newer turners, Anchorseal is liquid used to "paint" the end grain of newly sawn logs to inhibit cracking until you can get around to turning them.)

DAW has Anchorseal available for members. We store the filled jugs off-site so you'll have to place your order for Anchorseal in advance and then pick it up at the meeting. We've got 2.25 gal. jugs for \$25 and 1 gal. jugs for \$12. Just let **Bob Matern** (bob@dfwair.net) know by noon on Wednesday before the meeting and we'll have it ready for you.

Schedule of Upcoming DAW Events

November 17 – DAW Meeting - Mark Duval will demonstrate turning perfect spheres with a homemade jig.

December 1 – DAW Board meeting

December 2– Christmas Dinner/Auction/Raffle

No regular club meeting in December

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