



COMBERLAND WOODTURNERS
ASSOCIATION

A Chapter of the AAW
NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2006

President: Jack Semelsberger
Treasurer: Ken Warrick
Activities/Program Committee: Randy Trentham & Jake Niedling

Vice President: John Lucas
Secretary: Teresa Paar

PREZ PAGE by Jack Semelsberger

We're ready to start off another new year. The club officers have met to discuss ways to keep the club enthusiasm high, the camaraderie in place and keep advancing all the members' skills as woodturners.

Some of the things we will be working on to improve our normal meetings;

- Including more members in the monthly demos.
- Expand the Monthly challenge to include the newer turners.
- Interface with other local clubs on demos, ideas, and some meetings.
- Have some maintenance "classes" for woodworking machines.

The Holiday party was a great success. Thanks to everybody for their participation in the event – the food was excellent. Special thanks to Dave and Marjorie Phillippe for opening up their beautiful home for the club event.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

There was no regular program for December, only the good food and good company of the Holiday party. If you weren't able to make it, you missed a great time. Photos are at the end of the newsletter.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January Sharpening

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

There was no challenge for December.

New Idea for Monthly Challenge:

In order to "even the playing field", the officers discussed to have 2 categories, Novice & Advanced, for the Challenge each month. There would be a winner in each category. You decide which category you want to participate in each month.

UPCOMING CHALLENGES

January Bowl, any size
February Anything made from a pine/fir 2x4, 12" length

WOOD O' THE MONTH

WOM was won by Bill Westerbeck in November. There was no WOM in December.

ANNUAL "SHOW & TELL" DRAWING

At the Holiday party, we should have had the drawing for the prizes for participating in the Instant Gallery throughout the year, but we forgot! So, the drawings will happen at the January meeting. There will be 3 drawings for \$50 each, you don't have to be present to win.

INSTANT GALLERY

There was no Instant Gallery in December.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Officer elections were held at the December Holiday party. Congratulations to Jack Semelsberger, President, and Ken Warrick, Treasurer.

Please be sure to thank Jim Bentley and Bill Westerbeck for the time and effort they have devoted to this club as officers, and give your support to Jack and Ken to keep our club growing and successful!

SOME IDEAS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The officers met to discuss some ideas for the coming year, such as:

- Another Longworth chuck workshop
- More interaction with other clubs
- Group discussions on topics (ex. Finishing)
- Club Logo (club shirts)
- Club buying tools for rent to members

CLUB LIBRARY

The Library materials will be kept at Bill Westerbeck's shop until the January meeting. Contact Bill if you'd like to check something out during this time.

WEBSITE

We're still missing some member bios and photos. Also, submit any tips and web links you think might be useful for someone else.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Westerbeck gave the Treasurer's report as follows for December:

Previous Balance	\$2,216.80
Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 762.04
Ending Balance	\$1,454.76

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

January – Jim Bentley

A signup sheet will be circulated for 2006 refreshments at the January meeting.

NEXT MEETING

WHEN:	January 25 @ 6PM
WHERE:	Bill Westerbeck workshop
PROGRAM:	Sharpening, by John Lucas
CHALLENGE:	Bowl, any size

HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS

Jim Bentley calls the group to order...



Exchanging of Turnings



Jim Bentley and Jake Niedling

