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May each and every one of you and yours bask in the peace, love, and joy of the Holiday Season

The **Beginners Corner** reminds us where we've all been, and *didn't we all begin somewhere?* The **Presidents Skew** gives our club president space to speak up about current events and activities of the club. See page 3 for his most recent remarks! Looking for an interesting video to watch? Check out our **Librarian's Gouge** on page 4 and pop it in your DVD player. Keep up-to-date by reviewing the **Calendar** on page 4. Look in the **Woodturners Toolbox** on page 4 for four things you need to know. AND Don't miss the Christmas Party Pictures on the last page! **Enjoy!**

Beavers Bend

Left to Right:
Bill Porterfield
Angie Donnelly
Kathy Jekel
Butch Lindsey
Debbie Patillo



Masters AT Work

Congratulations
Lowell Reed!
Lowell is the winner of the *prestigious* Viewers Choice award

Beginner's Corner

straight from the perspective of a novice turner

By Karen Robinson

10 Things I wish I Knew...In the Beginning

- 1 When buying a lathe...if you have the money get variable speed...most belt driven lathes can be converted later.
- 2 Don't worry about how expensive your lathe is, you will spend 20 times as much in accessories.
- 3 There is a difference in the inner diameter of a pen tube versus a pencil tube.
- 4 A box doesn't have to have four straight sides, just a lid.
- 5 Even the professionals can make things fly off a lathe.
- 6 The harder the wood the better it turns.
- 7 If it makes your body or hands hurt, you're doing something wrong.
- 8 Sharpening is not hard...screw up...regrind...don't be afraid to add a different grind to a tool.
- 9 Join the Club, the information and the people you meet are invaluable.
- 10 Once you turn – you never stop.

Photos from Moore-Norman Technology Center Wood Turning Classes



President's Skew

a few syllables from the president of COWA

By Jim Clow

Hi all!

COWA Dues Increased To \$30 Per Year

Club dues were increased by member vote in the October meeting to \$30 per year effective January 2011. The old dues level has remained the same level for the past 10 years. A lot has happened in the last few years. One of the main expenses necessitating the increase is the new \$600 insurance premium for equipment the club owns, including 7 lathes and a new trailer. Costs are still reasonable at \$2.50 per meeting.

Masters at Work Viewers Choice Award

COWA's Lowell Reed's turning was chosen by the public to receive the Viewers Choice award which was selected from all of the pieces shown in the gallery during the Masters at Work contest at Beavers Bend recently. This is the second year in a row that Lowell has won this award. Lowell has again donated the \$100 award to the club's general fund.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party was held Friday evening December 10th at the Spencer Senior Citizens Center. This was the same place we have had the party for the last several years. We had a feast of pork ribs and brisket, coffee, tea, water, rolls, and a host of covered dishes of salads, vegetables, casseroles, desserts and more.

There was no shortage of turnings for the gift exchange. I was impressed with the variety and quality of the turnings brought by those who participated. After dinner, ticket numbers were called, and the ticket holder got to pick a gift exchange bag. After selecting a gift, participants "voted" on their favorite Christmas ornament entered into the ornament contest by placing their ticket next to their favorite ornament. We had four entries this year, all outstanding, I might add. When all of the tickets had been voted, Phil Hoar's Baseball Ornament took the \$25.00 prize. Congratulations Phil!

Efforts are underway to look for and secure a larger facility for future parties to ease some of the congestion we have experienced in the past few years.



Moore Norman Technology Center training agreement

We have now had four training classes at the Moore-Norman Technology facility and I believe all have had 9 students each. The program is off to a good start!

The last class this year, a Christmas ornament class, was held on December 4th. Planning for future classes is now set. I am sure many of us will want to take advantage of the classes, some of which include special projects.

COWA Leadership positions

Club leadership positions were confirmed by member vote at the December 14th meeting. All positions will remain the same *except* for a new Treasurer, **Karen Robinson**. Welcome to all for another two years.

We all can look forward to another exciting year in COWA activities!

By Karen Robinson

Disk 151—Johannes Michelsen—creates the Original Woodhat

This disk is for the more seasoned turner who can make a wall thickness of 3/32nds. However, it also helps new turners in seeing different ways to achieve wall thickness with the use of light. But for any turner, you have to love turning 100 pounds of wood into a 1/2 pound wooden hat.

Editors Note: Johannes Michelsen's website is <http://www.woodhat.com> Check it out. It's fascinating!

Calendar

January	It's time to update your membership. Dues are \$30.00 per year.		
	11th	Club Meeting	Demonstration <i>Turning Whistles</i> by Terry Officer
	15th	Basic Wood Turning	Moore-Norman Technology Center
	29th	Basic Bowl Turning	Moore-Norman Technology Center
February	8th	Club Meeting	Demonstration by Kevin Bassett of the Dallas Club
	12th	Lidded Box	Moore-Norman Technology Center
	26th	Basic Hollowing	Moore-Norman Technology Center
March	1st	Board of Directors Meeting	
	8th	Club Meeting	Demonstration <i>Turning a Corian Lidded Box</i> by Andy Chen (Instant Gallery and Bring Back moved to April meeting)
	12th	Advanced Hollowing	Moore-Norman Technology Center
	26th	Peppermill Turning	Moore-Norman Technology Center

Not-So-Trivial Question

The brilliance of the yellow in osage orange tends to fade out over time. Do you have a preparation/finishing technique or suggestion that might slow or halt this fading in a finished turning? Please email your comments to COWAEditor@cox.net

Woodturners Toolbox

Moore Norman Technology Center is located at 4701 12th Avenue NW in Norman Oklahoma 73089. Enrollment and Information Center (405) 364-5763. Woodturning classes are \$49.00 each and enrollment is limited, so register early!

COWA maintains a Video Library which is made available to members of the club at each club meeting. Members may check out up to 5 selections at a time. The selections should be returned at the following meeting. Club Librarian, Karen Robinson, maintains a Check-out/Check-in list at each meeting where members note their selections and returns.

COWA club meetings start at 6:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the Metro Technology Center 4900 S Bryant in Oklahoma City. Going North or South on I-35, exit on SE 44th Street and go East a bare over 1.5 miles to S Bryant. Turn South (right) on S Bryant, and go about 1/3 mile. The campus is located on the West side of S Bryant.

COWA Board meetings are held quarterly, on the 1st Tuesday of the months of March, June, September and December. Special meetings may be called at any time.



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Submit your ideas, tips, experiences, techniques and anything else that may be of interest to the general membership to: COWAEditor@cox.net. Material that includes pictures should be submitted on CD, DVD or flash drive. Your contributions make the newsletter! Deadline for submitting newsletter contributions is two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December unless special arrangements are made with the editor.