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Bob Vavricka turned the winning Christmas ornament this year and took the \$25.00 prize.

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Winner Announced For AAU Membership

Submitted By Bob Jarrett & Jim Clow

The winner of the contest for making tops was announced at the December meeting. **Michael Reggio** won the "green" membership in the American Association of Woodturners. His name was pulled from the hat. The result of the efforts of our members was shown at the meeting. It was a huge box of tops. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all our members who turned tops, and **CONGRATULATIONS Michael!** When Michael's name was announced he said he was already a member and he wanted the prize to go to the next person who joined the COWA. **Mark Graves** said he would join so Michael

passed the award on to him. Mark is busily selecting a lathe and he hopes to make the purchase soon. **CONGRATULATIONS Mark!** (See **Winner** on page 6)

Calendar

January	10th	Club Meeting <i>A Spindle Production Turner's Perspective-A Little About A Lot</i>	Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus Demonstration by Bob Jarrett
	19th	Turning Demonstration	McLoud Elementary School
February	11th	Woodturning—Multiple Projects Class	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK
	14th	Club Meeting <i>Inside Out Turning</i>	Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus Demonstration by Dewayne Colwell
	18th	Youth Lamp Class	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK
	25th	Woodturning—Turning a Table Lamp	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK
March	10th	Woodturning—Segmented Woodturning	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK
	13th	Club Meeting—Instant Gallery & Bringback	Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus
	31st	Woodturning—Turning a Cowboy Hat	Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman OK

Visit COWA's official website for the latest club information. <http://www.okwoodturners.net>

President's Skew

a few syllables from the president of COWA

By Jim Clow

Hi All!

COWA Dues To Remain The Same For 2012

Dues for 2012 are due January 1st and will remain the same for 2012 at \$30 annually. This level requires a vote by the members.

As a reminder, the AAW dues are also due if you have a renewal date of January 1st.

COWA Receives Grant From The Central Arts Association (CAA)

I have been informally told that COWA was awarded a \$2000 grant from the CAA in the Oklahoma City area. We should receive the formal notice and funds in the next couple of days.

CAA is discontinuing operation primarily due to lack of membership participation and a declining membership. They elected to disburse their treasury balance to nonprofit organizations that completed an application back in October.

We can use the funds to continue our goal of educating youth and the general public about the craft of woodturning.

Thanks to all the members that support the functions of COWA! We are blessed to have as many volunteers as we have for the various functions we attend.

Volunteers Needed For Training Classes For Youth

We will have a youth Bowl class on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17th and 18th, at the MNT. Several volunteers will be needed to help with the instruction of the single segmented ring bowl for the youth. Contact *Dewayne Colwell* to help with this class.

Volunteers Needed For McLoud Elementary School Demonstration

On Thursday, January 19th, we will be demonstrating to the elementary school students at McLoud. There will be two classes before lunch and two classes after lunch. As before, we will be turning spin tops where we let the students pick their own three special colors. We usually eat lunch in downtown McLoud.

We will need volunteers to help with the demonstration. It is always a lot of fun to see the elementary children's face light up with excitement when they get their own spin top! Contact *Dewayne Colwell* to get signed up and participate.

All Enjoyed the COWA Christmas Party Friday December 9th

We had the Christmas party in Edmond at the New Covenant United Methodist church Friday night December 9th. We had outgrown the old facilities space in Choctaw. The BBQ ribs and brisket were very good as well as the side dishes brought by members. The ornament contest included ten entries. The winner as determined by member voting was *Bob Vavricka*.

The new way we did the gift exchange this year, where we drew tickets which had been given to everyone who brought a gift, worked very well. By doing it this way, everyone got to enjoy seeing the items brought by all the members.

Attendance was less than expected, but those who attended all had a good time!

Moore Norman Technology Center Turning Classes Scheduled For The Spring Season

Winter and spring classes have been scheduled at the MNT. These classes are project based. Several projects have been chosen that we think will be the best for the entire membership. If you don't see a class that you would like to attend, contact a board or

(President's Skew *continued on page 3)*

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class committee member. These classes are for the membership as well as the public and youth.

These classes should be fun for all! Check out the classes on the website or in the MNT program guide.

Update On Items Offered For Sale At Saint Luke Methodist Church

The church staff has displayed our pieces in an attractive area in their church hallway. To date, they have had approximately \$2600 in sales. As you recall a 20% commission will be retained by the church.

I will pick up the unsold pieces and return them to our members at the January 10th club meeting. Please plan to pick up your pieces at the meeting.

Spin Top Progress

We have made great progress in our goal of creating inventory for the spin top effort at Choctaw!!

The drawing was held at our normal December meeting for the 2012 AAW electronic membership. *Michael Reggio's* name was drawn, and he donated the prize membership to the next person to join our club. *Mark Graves* joined our club and received the new AAW membership.

Reflections

I want to THANK all of you as we close another year. Let's make 2012 a better year for woodturning!



Christmas Ornament Class

By Bob Jarrett

Carl Shortt taught the last turning class for the fall semester at Moore Norman Technology Center on Saturday, December 3rd. Chairman *Dewayne Colwell* and mentors *Darrell Cookman, Phil Hoar, Phil Lokken, Jim Clow, Dale Jones, Michael Reggio, Wayne Furr* and *Bob Jarrett* provided individual instructions. Several club members and some soon-to-be members took the class. Class members included *Gina Crissman, David Dyer, Mark Graves, Dick Nowlin, Carol Reggio, Don Roetker* and *Glen Crissman*.

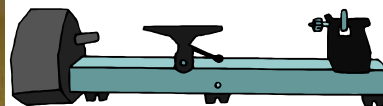
Carl provided written instructions as well as demonstrated the construction of the ornament. The ornament was made from a 3" x 3" x 8" blank. It included a top and bottom finial and a hollowed globe. The project was well received and there were several outstanding pieces completed.



Gina Crissman finishes her ornament under the watchful eye of Michael Reggio.



Glenn Crissman, Dick Nowlin, Carol Reggio, Instructor Carl Shortt, Don Roetker and Mark Graves with some of the ornaments produced in the class.



Dewayne Colwell, Gina Crissman and David Dyer examine sample ornaments before the class starts.



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.

KNOW YOUR TURNER

Story and Photos by Virgil Young

McAlester Oklahoma is where it all started for **Bill Hart**. He was born there in October of 1930. Soon after that his family moved to Ada Oklahoma where he was raised and went through high school. His college consisted of two years at East Central University. Adventure called and Bill spent four years in the Navy aboard ship working as a general purpose repairman. He said that was the worst kind of job he ever had. When the Navy said general purpose, they meant general purpose. It did give him a well rounded experience.

His tour with the Navy helped him get a job with the telephone company where he worked as a telephone exchange equipment repairman retiring from there in 1985. Then it was on to Kerr Lab where he maintained their communications systems equipment until he retired in 1992.

Bill found Ada to be a comfortable place to live, marrying **June** in 1952 and raising three children; two girls and one boy. Bill is a semi-pro turner, selling as the opportunity arises. His turnings are some of the best I have ever seen. I can easily compare them to those of the well known turners. June is an artist in



have seen. The picture of him and June shows him holding the piece. It was featured in the AAW symposium literature at Charleston, South Carolina.

Bill and June are a really wonderful couple that you should meet and get to know. They are warm and unassuming, quick to smile and eager to help as they can. They will welcome a visit. Take advantage of it!

Bill Hart



her own right. She does landscape and floral paintings that are exceptional. She often assists Bill in designing and making his turnings. A serving tray is one of their joint ventures that is really beautiful.

There are three lathes in Bill's shop and usually, there is a project going in each one at the same time. He started turning in 1991 using a Delta lathe which he passed along to someone else some time ago. He now has a Oneway 1224, a Woodfast M410, and a Jet mini. Bill spends a lot of time in his shop and his turnings show it. He produces some very beautiful artwork. He has the only turning of pistachio that I



What's your story?

WE WANT TO READ IT!!!

Contact Virgil Young. *He knows what to do!!!*

Colwell Presents At Tulsa Club

By Bob Jarrett

Dewayne Colwell presented a program at the Northeast Oklahoma Woodturners Association in Tulsa on Tuesday October 4th. He demonstrated and exhibited the process he used on his piece for the state fair of making a striking Cobra. The piece consisted of two snakes, and a segmented piece hanging from the snakes. Dewayne was well prepared and his demo showed it. In fact, he showed much more preparation than we are accustomed to seeing. The piece was a combination of turning and carving. He had a total of four pieces in various stages of completion that he used to demonstrate the various steps. Dewayne also used a dying technique that he learned in a recent class with **Jimmy Clewes** in Las Vegas. The program was a most interesting hour and a few minutes. I saw no one leave and it was especially well received. The climax of the program was the presentation of a finished piece to the Tulsa club. This was unexpected and far more than Tulsa could expect. I would strongly recommend that he repeat the program for our club.

Woodturning Tips

By Bill Johnson

Have you ever harvested a light colored wood such as holly or magnolia only to have it turn an ugly gray? Try an ounce of prevention and either soak or completely cover all the cut surfaces with a mold or mildew agent such as a commercial product called "TIMBOR" or a shop made solution containing borax or boric acid (before applying end grain sealer).

Plan ahead when storing turning wood so that you are not setting up a cafeteria for termites. Wood should never touch the ground. Cement blocks or bricks used to elevate the wood should be treated. Wood coated with paraffin will suffer less degrade.

Model airplane glue such as "SIGMENT" is a cellulose based (lacquer) glue makes an excellent hole or crack filler. Works best when the hole or crack is found when finishing.

Librarian's Gouge

Librarian's recommended DVD

By Karen Robinson

I want to take this opportunity to review the Club Library and rules of use. Whether you are new to the club, have forgotten how to use the Library, or just like to watch DVDs and read, this review is for you!

The Club Library is a collection of DVDs and books of woodturning interest. The DVDs and books are composed of demonstrations done in our normal club meeting, and those we buy from SWAT. They are listed on the club website for you to browse through anytime. I have provided three lists of the library: *All By Number*, *By Demonstrator*, and *By Subject Matter*.

Members may check out up to six (6) DVDs at a time and they should be returned at the next meeting. If you only return three of your six, you may only check out three new DVDs. The Library is open during the regular general meetings of the club from the time I get there (which is usually early) and closes by the end of the meeting. Please write your name and the DVD number(s) (include the letters if more than one copy is available) on the check-out sheet. If you are the checking DVDs in, put the check-in date on the check-in sheet. You may put your DVDs back in their proper place in the library when you check them back in, however, if you are unable to put them back in their proper place, make a separate stack of 'checked-in' DVDs.

If you ever find a DVD that does not work, please place a note inside with the disk describing the problem and place it in a separate stack on the library table so I will find it later.

If you ever have any questions or need help with anything in the library, please let me know.

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Woodturners Toolbox

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

Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus (MTC-SBC) is located at 4900 S Bryant in Oklahoma City. Going North or South on I-35, exit on SE 44th Street and go East a hair 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 club meetings start at 6:30 on the second Tuesday of every month (weather permitting!) at the Metro Technology Center South Bryant Campus (address and directions above) in the Auto Training Auditorium. Annual membership dues are \$30.00.

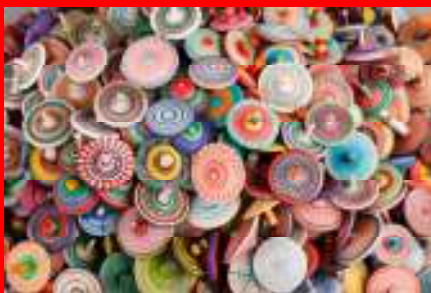
COWA Board of Directors meet quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of the months of March, June, September and December. Special meetings may be called at any time.

COWA maintains a Video Library which is made available to members of the club at each club meeting. Members may check out up to six 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.

Winner

Mark Graves was recruited while he was being helped at the *Turn Pens for Veterans* day at our local Woodcraft store. From that experience he enrolled in the Christmas Ornament Class we sponsored in December at the Moore Norman Technology Center. From those favorable experiences he attended our December general meeting, joined our club, and received the AAW Membership.

Carl Shortt, our resident photographer, took the following pictures of the tops. Very impressive!



Christmas Ornament Contest



Photos by Bob Jarrett

Bob Vavricka's winning entry is the segmented bell. It is made of walnut & 1/8" birch plywood.

Beginner's Corner

straight from the perspective of a novice turner

By Karen Robinson

Beginner's Corner is closed for the holidays. Happy Holidays to everyone! Oh, and turn safely!



Karen Robinson assisted at the COWA Christmas party, distributing gifts as tickets were drawn.

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Member club of the Southwest Association of Turners

Esteemed club member **Bob Jarrett** will be demonstrating at our January 10th meeting. The title of his demo is *"A Spindle Production Turner's Perspective - A Little About a Lot"*

Topics include: Common mistakes and how to fix them; The skew and how to use it; Texturing and coloring; Home made mandrels; "Let's make a pill box" and "Let's make a finial"

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Class Schedule

Moore Norman Technology Center

4701 12th Avenue NW Norman, Oklahoma 73069

FR—Franklin Road Campus

To enroll call (405) 364-5763

Course	#	Days	Date	Time	Loc
Woodturning-Small Holiday Projects	368	SAT	Dec 3	8:30 am-3:30 pm	FR
Woodturning-Multiple Projects	378	SAT	Feb 11	8:30 am-3:30 PM	FR
Woodturning-Turning a Table Lamp	377	SAT	Feb 25	8:30 am-3:30 PM	FR
Woodturning-Natural Edge Bowls & Goblets	376	SAT	Mar 10	8:30 am-4:30 pm	FR
Woodturning-Turning a Cowboy Hat	375	SAT	Mar 31	8:30 am-3:30 pm	FR
Woodturning-Segmented Woodturning	374	M&W	Apr 9-May 3	5:30-9:30 pm	FR



Club Items for Sale

Item	Size	Color	Price
Tagless T-Shirt	S—XL	Any	\$15.00
Tagless T-Shirt	2XL	Any	\$16.00
Tagless T-Shirt	3XL	Any	\$17.00
Polo Shirt without Pocket	S—XL	Any	\$24.00
Polo Shirt without Pocket	2XL	Any	\$26.00
Polo Shirt without Pocket	3XL	Any	\$28.00
Polo Shirt with Pocket	S—XL	Any	\$28.00
Polo Shirt with Pocket	2XL	Any	\$30.00
Polo Shirt with Pocket	3XL	Any	\$32.00
Hat—Regular		Khaki	\$10.00
Hat—Mesh		Khaki	\$10.00
Additional Name			\$10.00
Separate Patch			\$20.00
Tree Book			\$5.00
Sealer	1 quart		\$5.00
Sealer	1 gallon		\$10.00

Contact Karen Robinson at karenp_is@yahoo.com to place an order, or see her at the club meeting!