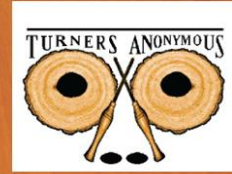


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## ***DECEMBER TURNERS ANONYMOUS MEETING!***

So-----Here's my question. How many of you haven't finished your ornament or box for the exchange on Saturday? I hope I'm not the only one! Yes, there is still time (I Hope). I remember a few years ago when one member (who shall remain anonymous) finished his ornament late the night before. Just a reminder that this coming Saturday, December 15th is our meeting day. As usual, doors open at 9am with the program starting about 9:45. For you visiting us for the first time, we meet in the basement of the Contemporary Craft Building, 2100 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh

### ***THIS MONTH:***

Our annual ornament and box exchange. Every year I am amazed at the quality and quantity of ornaments displayed. I should say also the food exchange also. This month there will be no donuts! Instead everyone will bring in their favorite holiday treat to share. Cookies, candy, cake, hors d'oeuvres – I love them all so you had better be quick to beat me to the table. Of course Gerry will have coffee and tea ready to wash them down with.

The program portion is the ornament and box exchange. Here's how it works – bring in an ornament that you have made. Put your name in the box and we will hang the ornaments on a rope. Same thing goes for boxes, except we won't hang them. We draw two names from the box, and they exchange. This goes on till the ornaments are gone. We then do the same procedure with boxes. So, bring an ornament, take home someone a different one. I have one display case dedicated to other peoples turnings.

### ***RAFFLE***

Becky always has a nice selection on the raffle table. This month in addition to the regular raffle, we have the piece turned by Derik Weidman in a special raffle.

### ***DUES***

Time to raid the cookie jar! Bill will be collecting dues for 2019. See him at his usual perch in the back corner and cough up that 30 bucks. While you are there, please check the roster to see if your contact information is up to date.

### ***AIRPORT SHOW:***

Last Tuesday several of us met at the airport to set up the display on the top level of the landside building. If any of you are flying out, this is on the parking lot side of the building from where you go through security (TSA).

I counted 146 pieces and was proud to have everything represented from small to large, plain functional pieces to artwork. You all sure came through to show what we do. This gets word out to the public what we are about and how to get more information.

The display will be there until the end of February. Thanks to all who helped.

### ***COMING UP:***

JANUARY – There is a rumor going around that a few of you have made a mistake on a turning. Or maybe the tree put that crazy knot in the wrong place. How did you recover? Did you recognize a “design opportunity” or did you enjoy the glow of that bowl in the fireplace? I know some of you will share your experiences with us. Please see Glen at this week’s meetings to schedule a few minutes at January’s meeting.

APRIL – We may have to juggle a meeting date due to Easter, but we have scheduled Ted Sokolowski for a demo and classes. Ted has developed a unique method of making beautiful metal inlays in woodturnings and will demonstrate this at the April meeting. For those of you wanting to add this to your bag of tricks, classes will be available on Sunday and Monday. We have a rough budget on this program, and the price will be in line with past programs. More to come in the weeks ahead.

### ***GALLERY***

Even though the table will be filled with food, we still want to see what you are working on. If you have a partially completed project, bring it in – we love to see work in-progress.

### ***CLEARING OUT SPACE IN THE SHOP:***

Remember, we always have the table where you can sell your unwanted tools, books, etc.

I have had a sneak peek, and know there is something coming for those of you who want to try power carving and those of you that are looking for another chuck.

Please put your name and a price on the item for sale so the buyer can find you.

This is a great meeting to bring your spouse or your best friend – in my case Salli fits both categories – how about you?

See you there,

**Dave Betler**

