

Chairman's Report November 2023

Being grateful. These are two words that are used commonly this time of year. Although we each are grateful for something different, we should also be grateful for taking time to be together once a month. I can't tell you how many times club members have told me, "...this was worth the drive." Just being together, sharing ideas, seeing new and old faces again, laughing, sharing memories, & having fun together. That is something truly to be thankful for.

Just To Clarify...

Even though my Chairman's term is up at the end of this year (2023), it doesn't mean that I'm leaving Turners Anonymous as a member. As has been done in the past, the out-going Chairman remains at least 1 year assisting in a smooth transition with the new Board members.

Unless another member wishes the position, Tom Shortall will be stepping up into the Chairman's role, which means we need members willing to help with video equipment and the website. Tom cannot do these jobs as Chairman. That is why we need at least 3 new Board members to be sworn in at the January 20th meeting. If the Board doesn't get volunteers to be sworn in, the Board will have to look into raising dues substantially in order to deal with the lack of additional help. For example: paying for a website service provider to improve the website and take over many of the month-to-month duties that Board members do right now—event sign-up sheets (online only), reminders (computer generated) & so on. **In short, less Board members equals higher dues.**

Joe's Tools

I still have \$50 Woodcraft gift cards to sell on Joe's behalf. (Is your wife looking for a Christmas gift idea for you?)

Also, to put some rumors to rest, my leaving the Board **doesn't mean** that I will be drastically discounting any of Joe Santucci's tools. I will continue to sell his tools/supplies at a fair price so that Donna receives the funds she needs for his care.

Saturday, November 18th

This month our topic will be "Tips on Finishing". Mike Long, from Long's Furniture, will be joining us to talk about: some of the different finishes available, which finish is the most durable, the pros and cons with different finishes, the differences between epoxy and super glue inlays, etc. If you have questions on a specific finish product or why

you can't achieve that final finish coat on your project--please bring those questions to this meeting. Mike will try to answer as many questions as time will allow.

Woodcraft's Holiday Ornament Contest

Enter your best Christmas tree ornament in Woodcraft's Holiday Competition. Ornaments will be judged and voted on by Woodcraft customers and employees. The top three winners will be chosen--1st place and two runners up. Ornament Entries need to be dropped off at Woodcraft of Pittsburgh between November 1st and November 30th. Voting on entries will take place between December 1st and December 8th. One vote per person. The winner and two runners up will be chosen and announced on December 9th. The rules of the competition are:

- 1.) Ornaments must be able to hang on a Christmas tree. (Ornament kits are allowed)
- 2.) All entries must be turned in on or before November 30th.
- 3.) Only one item per person is to be entered.
- 4.) All woodworking and finishing methods are allowed.

Prizes are:

1st Place: \$50 Woodcraft Gift Card

Two runners up: \$25 Woodcraft Gift Card

Monthly & Christmas Raffles

This month along with our monthly club raffle, I will begin selling tickets for the TA Christmas Raffle which is part of the December meeting. You don't need to be present to win—we will contact the winner. The price for the monthly raffle tickets is usually \$5 for 6 tickets, but the Christmas raffle will be \$5 for 3 tickets or \$10 for 6 tickets. The Christmas raffle prizes are:

1. Matt Iannacci's Walnut segment ring
2. Craig Smith's Maple spindle leg
3. Kim Romanko's Japanese Yew mushroom
4. Kim Romanko's Japanese Yew ornament
5. Kim Romanko's Cherry captive ring goblet
6. Penn State Industries 3-step Lathe Polishing system (#LBUFFSYS)
7. NOVA Supernova2 Chuck Bundle

On the back of each of the Christmas raffle tickets, you will need to write (clearly) your name and phone number. This raffle will be a Chinese raffle. A small box will be in front of each prize for you to deposit a ticket/s if you want to win that prize. You can put a ticket in one box or several boxes depending on what you want to win. You have the option to buy as many tickets as you like and deposit as many tickets as you like in

the boxes. For example: if you buy 50 tickets, you can deposit all 50 tickets in Kim's mushroom piece if that's the one you want to win or you can split your tickets among the other prize boxes. So, buy as many tickets as you think you need to win the prize you want.

Up Coming Programs!

Saturday, December 16th – TA Ornament & Box Exchange at Ross Township Community Center (**1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237**)

The Board welcomes members to bring their family members to this event. As usual the club will **NOT** be providing donuts for this meeting. The club will still be providing hot coffee and all the paper goods and utensils. So please bring some of your own sweet treats for all to share. (Like: home-made pies, cookies, brownies, donuts, snacky stuff too)

There will not be any judging this year. We will have the Christmas raffle, regular raffle, instant gallery, and lots of fun.

Saturday, January 20th – This will be the Club's Annual Business meeting. Afterward, Tom Shortall will present "Laying Out Your Segmenting Project"

Saturday, February 17th – Dave Dudney "Hollowing"

Saturday, March 16th – TBD

Saturday, April 20th – TBD

Saturday, May 18th – Dave Betler "Basic & Unique Turning Tools"

Finally, don't forget the DVD & Book library for additional information/demos to take home with you. Check out the website, for past demos, hand-outs, and pictures to give you ideas. Ask questions, because even the simplest questions could have more than one answer.

I look forward in seeing you all at the November 18th meeting,

Becky Maruca