

# WOODCHIPS - 2014



## December



### January Challenge

Something with a spindle

### REMINDER

Get your raffle tickets when you come into the meeting

### January Demo

Mike Thomas and Shaun Q. McMahon



Larry Dice made arrangements to have a 4-H group stop by and have a tour of our facilities. they came on 11/22/14. **Shaun Q. McMahon** was roped into providing a demonstration and **Efi Kamara** took the photos. They seemed to enjoy our company, the demonstration, and the answers to their questions.

## The December Meeting

The meeting began with the recognition of **Bob and Mary Davis** for their incredible generosity to **KCWT**. They were presented with a lifetime membership and had a view of the gallery which is being started with the donations of their turned art.

They have been involved with turning for over 30 years and are now moving into a different living situation. Bob was worried about all their turnings and when it was suggested that we could start a gallery, he jumped on the idea.

Together they are one of **KCWT's** finest treasurers. We have truly been gifted by their membership and will continue to be.

Kevin Neelley is in the process of cataloguing all of their donated art - there are very many pieces. We will shortly make their pieces available for everyone to view in the gallery and on the internet.





The first order of business was to load up the tables with the food that was brought in and the second was to get it. It took quite a while to work through the line as there were many choices and a lot of conversation happening at the same time.



It didn't take very long for most of it to disappear and then the excitement started to build toward the competition. People were talking and reacquainting themselves with others they haven't seen in awhile but soon the talk shifted to the competition of the evening. The place started to buzz with excitement.





Those who weren't going to compete started filling in the good seats up close.

Others gathered their tools and tried to work off the pre competition jitters.



Teams were selected by lottery using the raffle tickets. This assured that there would be a good mix of skill levels. Four teams of four were selected with each team having the use of their own lathe. The competition involved turning a Christmas tree with each member of the team having two minutes to make their contribution.



After the rules were explained, and everyone agreed to abide by them, (there was some concern about this in the beginning) the competition started in earnest.



This was not a competition to be taken lightly. Teams got together and discussed their strategies. They made the decisions about what the tree was going to look like. Which end would be at the head stock. What the line up order was going to be. What tools would be used. **Larry Dice** was the time keeper. There would be no cheating in this competition with the president in charge. The tension was incredible. You could almost hear Larry say, "Ready. Jet Set. Go." over the din of the serious planning.

The lead off turner sprang to their lathe with the speed of someone trying to get out of the way of a speeding car. They were rooted on by their team members and by members watching the competition who could frequently be heard muttering things like "What the heck is going on?" "Is that person suppose to be doing that?" "Why is Jerry crying?" "Who is the young guy?"





The competition was fierce but like all good things, it had to come to an end - FINALLY. The trees were all identifiable as Christmas trees, some more creative than others. One never got off the lathe. That team worked even after the competition was over to finish. They get the determination award.

Gee, guess who won?

But, as in competition there are winners and then there are (\*)\*&%%^\$&^\$%#

The winners each received a \$10 certificate from Woodcraft and a member of another team was heard to say, "They'll be sorry. You can't buy anything for \$10, they will end up spending \$50 hahahaha. (with evil intonation)"

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