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Always check the web site for the Meetings, Challenges, Show and Tell, and announcements



Christmas



Party

A little over 40 members, spouses, and other family members spent a couple hours just having some conversation, a lot of food, turning fun, and gift exchanging. A row of tableclothed woodworking benches held the entree and accessories provided by KCWT (obtained by Kevin Neelley) and a myriad of wonderful dishes brought by members. It certainly felt good to be able to gather as a group and celebrate our collective interest in woodturning but even better to see, in person, people we haven't seen in quite awhile. Chuck Levenson won, by acclamation, the ugliest Christmas sweater - possibly of all time.

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS

Iron Turners: Ann Mellina, Mike Thomas, Ann Mellina, and Kris Coyan

Hall of Fame: Efi Kamara and Ed Jasczcak

Participation: Wendy Lythgoe

Legend: Jerry Darter



WHAT MAKES JERRY DARTER A LEGEND

It seems his first mention in Woodchips was in 1999. In 2000 for Show and Tell he showed a Squirrel Thumping Tomato Decoy (pure Jerry). By 2001 he was serving as KCWT Secretary. He has provided numerous demonstrations on a variety of topics. In the videos tab on our web site you can see a demo he did on turning a platter. He is an original member of the Top Guys and started the Top Guys donating tops to the Ronald McDonald Houses of KCMO. Over the years he has turned thousands of tops, taught how to prepare and turn them, and challenged everyone to make different and interesting tops. He helps with KCWT outside events like The Maker Faire, Urban Woods, and The Irish Fest. He has a story, a smile, a laugh, and help for everyone he meets. Jerry is a wonderful example of a KCWT Legend.



You bring a gift and you get a gift. There was a lot of participation and a lot of great turnings.



The turning competition this year was to turn a snowman with a cocked hat. The only tools that could be used were a skew and a spindle gouge. Each team had four members and there were three rotations each of a minute. The competition was hot and a lot of fun to watch.