



# First Cuts

The Monthly Newsletter of the First State Woodturners



December, 2007

## *Holiday Celebration*

Thanks to Jeff and Donna for the wonderful meal they served at the December meeting.



It was a pleasant way to end the year and to celebrate the holidays as well as an appropriate way to review the events of the year. Jeff spoke of the guests who would come to demonstrate their skills and techniques. Guests like Graeme Priddle, Ed Kelle and Alan Lacer. Jeff praised the members for the participation in member demonstrations and certainly all the craft fairs and other events which allowed members to display their design and turning skills.



## Program

Thanks to Tom Jackson for his presentation "Physics on the Edge". Tom talked about the angles ground into turning tools. Then he described how a tool bends and stretches wood fibers until they reach a point of failure. In a controlled failure this becomes a clean cut. Tom also described how a dull tool, too deep a cut, or unsupported cut will produce tear-out where fibers fail at irregular points. It was a good presentation for those unfamiliar with how wood reacts to the toll during the turning process and how the

Finally was the holiday ornament contest for a Woodcraft gift certificate. The winner selected by the members was Ron Wilson.



## Ornamental Cheer



The Winner



## December Gallery



## Treasurer's Report

Ending 11/25/07	\$857.62
Deposits	\$34.66
Balance 12/31/07	\$892.28

Remember January is the time to renew your membership.

## Coming Events

Our next meeting is **January 2, 2007**.

### Future Meeting Dates

February 13, 2008

March 5, 2008

April 4, 2008

Topics are TBD at this time.

AAW Challenge Meeting

December 15

1 PM Woodcraft Store

