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We made it!

That's another wood turning year consigned to club history.

The year's final classes were held this week with turners making a last minute rush to complete turning projects before the Christmas break.

Throughout the past 42 weeks we have had a large number of short- term members getting a taste of wood turning and learning the basic skills. However, the club has benefitted considerably from a solid core of regular members with many now enjoying very long-term membership.

A pleasing aspect of club operations is the overall improved standard of turning projects. Indeed, in each of the three sessions we have had an increasing number of members who have reached a super-high standard of project work. Thus several turners have attained the coveted emerging expert status. Congratulations to all concerned.

The organisation for classes for next year has already started and the workshop will reopen on Tuesday 4th February 2020. Have you enrolled yet to secure your place in your preferred session?

Please remember to pay your \$20 annual membership (for 2020) any time prior to Friday 7th February.

In the meantime do have a happy festive season.

I hope your Christmas and New Year turns out to be everything you wish it to be.

Stay safe and stay well.

As always, I am but a phone call away if you need turning assistance during the break.

Cheers

Clive

**The Hamilton Wood Turners' Workshop is now
CLOSED for the holiday break**

**Thus there is NO SATURDAY SESSION
this week.**

**NO woodturning session
TOMORROW 20th December**



An experiment in colour variances.

MURRAY used a “rusty nail” dye and a concoction of other stuff to colour his two oak-wood bowl turnings.

Some super-good work here.



RICHARD's rather intriguing and irregular-shaped turning was fashioned from a cherry-wood burr.

See, you really can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

These three bowls are testament to **ALEX's** high level of achievement this year.

Having an analytical mind and the courage to self-critique are most certainly a solid reason for Alex's turning successes.

Goodonya Alex.



Two tiny turnings for Christmas. *Left:* **MALCOLM's** mini snowman complete with his top hat. *Right:* **MURRAY's** stepped-wall dinky bowl.

It has often been said that some of the most difficult tuning tasks is to make something small and give it lots of detail. These two turners are "on to it" !

The WEDNESDAY team sharing a last supper for the year



IVAN was keen to get his Christmas gift projects completed before the workshop closed for the year.

1. a London Plane pepper mill
2. a Deer Antler bottle opener
3. a Rewarewa wood bottle opener

Merry Christmas to some lucky person.





COLIN acquired another *lignum vitae* lawn bowl and turned it into a little treasure. – a dinky lidded pot.



.....but wait....there's more!
take the lid off and hidden inside is a flip top spinning top



FRENCH OAK was the wood of choice for **AARON's** two projects. Aaron continues his knack of getting the best possible finish to his work.



SPENCER used a small block of wood taken from the stumpy leg of an old couch to make his natty lidded jewellery box. Buffing on the Beale system brings out the shiny wax finish. A "Goodonya" gong here.



The THURSDAY evening team farewells the year with a shared supper. Happy looking lot eh!

**Merry Christmas to everyone.
Have a safe and happy New Year.**

**Your workshop will reopen on
Tuesday February 4th 2020**

Clive