

# Finger Lakes Woodturners

### A Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners



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FLWT meetings are held from 6:45 to 9:00 PM (pre-meeting Show and Share starts at 6:00 PM) on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our meetings are held at the Isaac **Heating and Air Conditioning University** classroom, 180 Charlotte St, Rochester, 14607. For more information, go to http:// fingerlakeswoodturners.org/.

From The Chair – January 2011



Mark Mazzo **FLWT President** 

With the turn of the year there is always the potential for changes and new things to experience. This year is no exception. This year, I have the opportunity to move into the role of President of the Finger Lakes Woodturners Association. For this opportunity, I am both

excited and humbled. In addition, we have several board members and advisors stepping into new roles and I can assure you that I and the entire board of directors will be working hard to continue to evolve the organization in the future.

I enter this role with great respect for the tremendous job that Jim Echter has done to put the organization on solid footing and to pave the way for more great things to be accomplished in the future. He has left large shoes to fill. Thanks, Jim, for all you have done and for all I know you will do in the future.

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Earlier, we solicited the membership seeking its preferences for future turning workshops. At our January board meeting, we will be compiling the results and soon thereafter, sharing those results with you. Hopefully we will be able to act on your preferences and provide one or more interesting workshops this year.

We are also in the process of writing and submitting a grant request to the American Association of Woodturners (the AAW, our parent organization) for some needed equipment to help facilitate more members to take part in future workshops. As you know, we have started collecting materials for the club library and, as part of this grant request, we are asking for some donated AAW materials and funds to further augment the library materials that we already have. The opportunity to receive grants to help grow our club is just one of the great benefits that we enjoy by being part of the AAW.

With the board of directors, the plan is to focus on some strategic efforts for the organization during the remainder of this season and into the next. We intend to discuss some of the specifics of those efforts in our monthly group meetings. Until then, be assured that your board will be working hard on your behalf to make this the best chapter of the AAW going!

I would be remiss if I did not call attention to the fine job the Mike and Debbie Hachev and Ward and Dorie Donahue did to plan and organize the Christmas party. With the help of many volunteers and the colorful commentary of Jerry Sheridan, the night was a great success! Please be sure that you thank these folks for all of their hard work at the next meeting. Remember that all these efforts are

volunteer efforts as are those of the board of directors. I encourage each of you to make a New Year's resolution to get more involved with your club this year. Every little bit helps and those things are what can take a club from good to great.

Over the holiday break I had the opportunity to do some turning and to host several of our members at my shop to discuss some of the embellishment techniques I use. All I can say is that the camaraderie of events like that are why I am involved our organization. I definitely enjoyed myself! I hope that each of you were able to spend some time at your lathes doing some turning or maybe with others from the club talking shop during the holidays. Here's hoping that Santa heard your wishes and brought you that new tool that you were wanting! --Mark ♦



### **The January Challenge Project**

By Ralph Mosher Photos by Rich Connelly

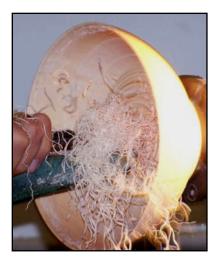
The "Challenge Project" for January is to turn a thin walled bowl! Mark Mazzo gave a great demo on thin wall turning at our November 2010 meeting. Let's all

Turn a bowl to 1/16 inch wall thickness in stages as Mark demonstrated. Cutting to a uniform color while shining a light source through the work is a good measure of uniform thickness.

take the "Challenge Project" up a notch! Try your hand at thin wall turning as Mark demonstrated at our November

meeting! This would be a "Great Challenge" for every member of the Finger Lakes Woodturners!

In the words of Mark from his on line blog, The Craftsmans Path.com, "For thin walled turning it is beneficial to shine a light source through the bowl to show the thickness of the walls. Green wood is best for this due to its high moisture content



This looks easy! Give it a try and bring your work to show.

and translucence plus it's just more fun to turn!"

Light colored woods such as maple or box elder, are a few excellent choices of wood for thin wall turning.

So, give your favorite

green wood turning block a "spin and a cut" on the lathe, then bring the result to show! ♦

### **Christmas Party Door Prize and Silent Auction**

By Debbie Hachey Photos by David Schafer



And Fun Was Had By ALL!

Happy New Year everyone. We ended 2010 with another fun Christmas party with 64 people in attendance. There was good food, stimulating conversations, fantastic items for both the "show and share" and the challenge, a successful silent auction and great door prizes.

Ed Jolls, Manager of Rockler Woodworking in Buffalo, donated three beautiful Figured Maple Bowl blanks won by Roger Coleman, Chris Russell and Dorie

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### **Christmas Party Door Prize and Silent Auction**

By Debbie Hachey Photos by David Schafer

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Donahue. Gary and Ward – we expect you to make Chris and Dorie a nice bowl out of those blanks and I am sure we will see a bowl from Roger at a show & share this year. Thanks Ed. We appreciate your support of our club.

Ed Lehman won the Pepper Mills 101 DVD generously donated by Jim Hilburger when he gave his demonstration in early November. He also donated one to our library. I can't wait to have Jim come back again to demonstrate at our club! He is so much fun to watch.

Doug and Pat at Thompson Lathe Tools donated two gift certificates towards Thompson Lathe tools. These were won by Mike Brawley (\$15.00 certificate) and Georgia Sadler (\$10.00 certificate).

Our own Jim Hotaling donated \$25.00



Dave Vevers selecting the Finger Lakes Woodturners Golf Shirt

through his company, Precision Woodcraft Co. Mike Sullivan was the lucky recipient of this. Thanks Jim – that was a very nice donation.

cash

The club

purchased and donated a Stainless Steel Carving Fork and Knife set and Ed DeMay generously donated the wood

needed to make the handles. This was won by Jerry Sheridan. Dave Ververs won the Finger Lakes Woodturners Golf shirt that was also donated by the club.

Yours truly decided to spice things up a bit for the women and received a few donations from the guilt shops. Okay, I must admit, I am starting to do more quilting than woodturning and was hoping I might win one of these!! Kitty from Patricia's Fabric House in East Rochester gave us a \$10.00 gift certificate which was won by Ann Kay Hotaling. Trish from



Cheri Sheridan with her Charm Pack selection

Ivy Thimble in Victor donated two Charm **Packs** which were won by Cheri Sheridan and Jim Byron. Jim Byron generously donated his to Georgia Sadler as neither Jim nor Leonora

quilt!! I am sure Georgia appreciated receiving it.

The Silent Auction was again a huge success this year bringing in \$193.00 for the club treasury. Many thanks to those who donated items: Donna and Dave Gould, Dave Smith, Harry Beaver and Bill

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By Debbie Hachey Photos by David Schafer

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McColgin. If I missed any one who donated I apologize but not all sheets were filled in with the donator's name. So thanks to any donators that I missed and thanks to all who generously bid on the items.

This year we had an Oneida Dust Deputy donated to us by Oneida Air Systems. We raffled this off and it was won by Ed DeMay who donated it back to the club. Thanks Ed.



Cheri Sheridan and Dorie Donahue at the check in table

I also want to send a special "Thank you" to Cheri Sheridan. Dorie Donahue and Ward Donahue who manned the check-in table this year. That was a tremendous

help.

In closing, 2010 was the last year Mike and I will be coordinating the Christmas party. I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of the Christmas party over the years, back to the days we were meeting at Woodcraft and had pizza and wings for our Christmas party. I especially would like to thank Ward and Dorie Donahue who have been on the Christmas party committee each year helping out in all aspects. In fact, Ward and Dorie are the ones responsible for us being able to have our party at the Pieters Life Center. It is such a nice location and facility and has worked out really well for us.

I hope there is someone in the club who will have an interest in taking this over. It is neither a hard process nor a timeconsuming process and it is all documented with a timetable of when things need to be done, so it should be easy for someone to step in. Catalina Johnson at Pieters Life Center is the one who coordinates with the caterer and sets up the room so not much has to be done on that end other than to meet with Catalina and decide the menu and room layout. Mike and I will continue to be available to help whoever takes over managing the party as will Ward and Dorie. •

### A Night to Remember

By Lou Stahlman Photos by David Schafer

What a night---12/16/2010, that is!!!! Great party, good food and plenty of it, door prizes, tops galore! You name it. it was there. And there was not only one highlight of the evening, but TWO!!

Jim Echter and Ed Lehman each receiving well deserved recognition awards---no surprise there.

The highlight was that each was so surprised they were almost---ALMOST---

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rendered speechless. Never thought I would live to see it. As they slowly came to their senses, the irony was that they wound up thanking us for thanking them. Two guys who have given so much time and energy to FLWT were being thankful for the opportunity to be of service in helping our club climb to its full potential. And



Jerry presenting Jim with FLWT's Certificate Of Appreciation for his outstanding service to the club

they meant it. Just like we meant it when Jim was named recipient of a Certificate

By Lou Stahlman Photos by David Schafer



Jerry presenting Ed with a Lifetime **Membership Award** 

Of Appreciation and Ed was named a lifetime member. Jerry Sheridan summed it up nicely when he said "these guys have never told us 'no'.

And so, once again, from all of us, thanks ol' buddy, good job, well done and may you find comfort and a smile knowing our club is a better place for your being one of us. Thanks so much. ♦

### Turning a Bad Day Around



I spent much of the day on Thursday, December 16, doing what, for me, was some difficult spindle turning. I had agreed to help an acquaintance by turning some highly ornate legs for a coffee table he

was making. My friend happens to earn his living making beautiful hardwood furniture, fireplace mantles, dressers, hutches, etc., but he doesn't do any turning. He

#### by Ed Lehman

often supplies me with hardwood cut-offs, so I accepted the challenge as a gesture of gratitude for those raw materials he sends me.

After I had completed the first leg, I took it upstairs to show it off to Johnnie. She seemed impressed. Upon returning to the shop, however, I glanced over the drawings I'd worked from, and my heart sank to the floor. I had misinterpreted one segment of the blueprint, and the

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### **Turning a Bad Day Around**

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piece was off by 1/2" at one segment of the pattern. I sheepishly phoned my friend to give him the bad news. He was most generous in his reply. "Just make the next three the same way, and we're in perfect shape," he said. Needless to say,



Ed studying his Lifetime **Membership Award** 

I was relieved, yet still very embarrassed.

By the time we left home for the FLWT Christmas party, I was still feeling low. I had failed my friend. I couldn't even read a scale drawing and produce the correct shape on the lathe. Bummer! It was

by Ed Lehman

not my best day.

Then, after dinner at the party, Jerry Sheridan spoke about his gratitude for people who had helped him develop his turning skills. I knew he had worked with Ward Donahue, Jim Hotaling, and others and had visited well-known turners in the region. Then he mentioned my name. He identified me as the person who got him started on the right path in turning. Wow! I could hardly believe my ears! He called me to join him to present me with lifetime membership in FLWT! I immediately recalled that wonderful gesture given to four other members a year ago. And there he was standing with Jim Echter giving me the certificate. I suspect everyone recognized that I didn't know what to say.

Well, one thing I can say is that the Board of FLWT really knows how to turn a bad day into a good one! I'm humbled by the gesture. It's a great feeling to know that others think you've done something right. So thank you, FLWT! I'm looking forward to lots more fun time with you. (Oh, yes, you can be sure that Johnnie will make sure I can still wear the same sized hat.)

Ed Lehman ♦

### Robert Sorby Demo at Rockler Woodworking in Buffalo

By Ed Jolls

Thursday. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Date:

Two Sessions:

After noon session: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Evening Session:

Seating is limited. Call early to reserve a seat - 716-631-8922

Clive Brooks, product manager of Sorby will be here to give advice on different aspects of woodturning, including demon-

strations on new products as well as established favorites.

All Sorby Tools will be 20% off!!! Plus we will give away \$100 of turning stock to some lucky individual!

Hope to see you all here!

**Thanks** Ed Jolls Rockler Companies, Inc. ◆

### 2010 FLWT Special Award

Each year, the AAW holds two contests: Best Chapter Newsletter and Best Chapter Website that coincides with the national symposium. Due to the effort put forth



Jim presenting Dave with AAW's **Best Chapter Newsletter** "Certificate of Participation"

by Dave Smith during the two years he was editor, FLWT now has a world class monthly club newsletter. When contacted by the AAW Judging team, they stressed

#### by Jim Echter

to me that we had one of the best newsletters that had ever been submitted. Even though we did not win, they were very impressed by the articles, the amount of information, all the club activities scheduled and the photos of our members' work. They sent to us a Certificate of Participation that our club picture framer, Ward Donahue, matted and put into one of his beautiful frames so we could present it to Dave at our December meeting.

To me, one of the great ideas that Dave implemented was to include pictures in every newsletter of members (with their names) and their Show & Share or Challenge piece. This little idea has helped all the members to put names with faces and help build our community. I know it took Dave a great deal of time to take the photographs and to build a database of members along with all his other editor duties. This is something we should all be thankful he was willing to do for the newsletter and our club. Dave, we all raise our skews in salute of thanks! •

### **Springdale Farms Volunteers**



Springdale Farm is looking for volunteers to lend a hand in their woodshop. What better source of woodworking skills than our own Finger Lakes Wood Turners!!! You would be working with developmentally disa-

bled young people and the staff at their wood shop. One particular need is for talented wood workers to teach, train, guide and help out in the shop. If you are interested, give me a call and we can go to their shop to take a look so you can

#### By Ward Donahue

see first-hand what is involved.

I have had a group at my shop making projects and can tell you that they are a great group to work with. Working with these folks is a real pleasure. Since FLWT got the machines donated for the shop, they now have the equipment to run their own wood shop but they do need a bit of help setting up and running the facility. If you can spend some time, I guarantee a good experience.

If you would like to take a look, give me a call.

Ward Donahue 585-334-3178 ◆

### **Quips and Quotes**



**Grandpa and Cassie** 

At the December party we had several donations to the library from our members. We received five VHS's and a number of woodworking magazines. I

know that David Byrne gave me one VHS but since my wife Chris was manning the table most of the evening. I didn't get the names of the other donors. Thanks to those members anyway, I'm sure they know who they are. Anyone else wishing to donate items, I'm sure I could be persuaded to take them.

The new VHS's are.

20015 The Skew Chisel by Lacer, Alan

20016 Turning Boxes by Raffan, Richard

20017 Joinery by Adams, Marc

20018 Routing by Adams, Marc

20019 Cabinets by Adams, Marc

#### From the Librarian - Gary W. Russell

The new magazines are:

Fine Woodworking - Issues April, June, August, and October of 2003 Woodworker's Journal – Issues April, June, and October of 2003 Woodsmith – February and June of 2003 and December/January of 2004 American Woodworker – March of 2003

Library items may be loaned out a month at a time. I will continue to bring new items and a good selection of DVD's to each meeting for loaning out. If anyone would like any library item, please let me know; and I will bring it to the meeting for you or we can make other arrangements for pickup or returning.

Unfortunately because of the Holidays I was not able to review any of the library materials for you to be able to give a firsthand analysis. I hope to do that for the upcoming newsletters. Anyone wishing to do a review for the members, please feel free to do so and get the it to Ralph or myself for inclusion in the newsletter. •

### **Dust Deputy Group Buy**

Cyclonic Retrofit for your existing dust collector. Turn any single stage stage dust collector into a super cyclonic dust collector.

This is the same unit that was offered in our Christmas Party Raffle.

Oneida Air Systems will give us a 15% discount when we buy 5 at a time. I bought one recently at full price and wonder why I didn't get it sooner. Everything is collected ahead of the collector --- no chips in the filter of the collector. More



The Dust Deputy

#### By Ward Donahue

info will be available at our January meeting, Thursday, January 20. ♦



## **Enjoying the Christmas Party**

Photos by David Schafer



"There was good food, stimulating conversations, fantastic items for both the "show and share" and the challenge, a successful silent auction and great door prizes." Debbie Hachey

## **FLWT Thanks Rockler Woodworking and Hardware** a 2010 / 2011 Season Sponsor!



- FLWT members (must show membership card) receive a 10% discount.
- Excludes sale items, power tools & Leigh jigs, CNC, Festool, and Rockler Gift Cards.
- · Valid at Buffalo, N.Y store only.
- Not valid with any other coupon or offer. ♦

### FLWT Thanks Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning

FLWT thanks Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning and Lee Spencer, VP of Finance, for their generosity in letting FLWT use

the "Isaac University" facilities for our meetings! ♦



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### **Treasurers Note**

by Ed DeMay

Starting January 2010, I will present the Treasurer's report at each monthly meeting. If any member wishes further details of our accounts, I'll be happy to oblige if you contact me. •

## Calendar of FLWT Woodturning-Events 2010/2011

Date		Event	Location / Time	Pre-Mtg Show & Share	Challenge	Demo / Topic
Jan 2011	20	FLWT Turning Mtg	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45	Turn a thin Wall Bowl	Jim Hotaling Candlestick Demo
	25	FLWT BOD Mtg	Ralph Mosher 715 Telephone Road West Henrietta, NY 7:00 - 9:00 PM			
Feb 2011	17	FLWT Turning Mtg	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45	Turn a Candle Stick	Lou Stahlman on Design
	22	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBA 7:00 - 9:00 PM			
Mar 2011	17	FLWT Turning Mtg	Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning Classroom 6:00 - 9:00	6:00 - 6:45	ТВА	Jim Echter Turned Lidded Box
	22	FLWT BOD Mtg	TBA 7:00 - 9:00 PM			

## FLWT Board of Directors 2010 - 2011

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## **Local and National Woodturning Events of Interest**

2011		Event	For More Information	
January 2011	28-29	The Tennessee Association of Woodturners 23rd Annual Symposium	http://tnwoodturners.org/ symposium/	
February 2011	24	Robert Sorby Demo at Rockler Woodworking in Buffalo Afternoon Session 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Evening Session 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  Seating is limited. Call early to reserve a seat	716-631-8922 See page 7 of this News- letter	
March 2011	126-27   Saratoga Springs City Center Saratoga Springs		http:// www.totallyturning.com/	

## **Mentor Contacts**<sup>1</sup>

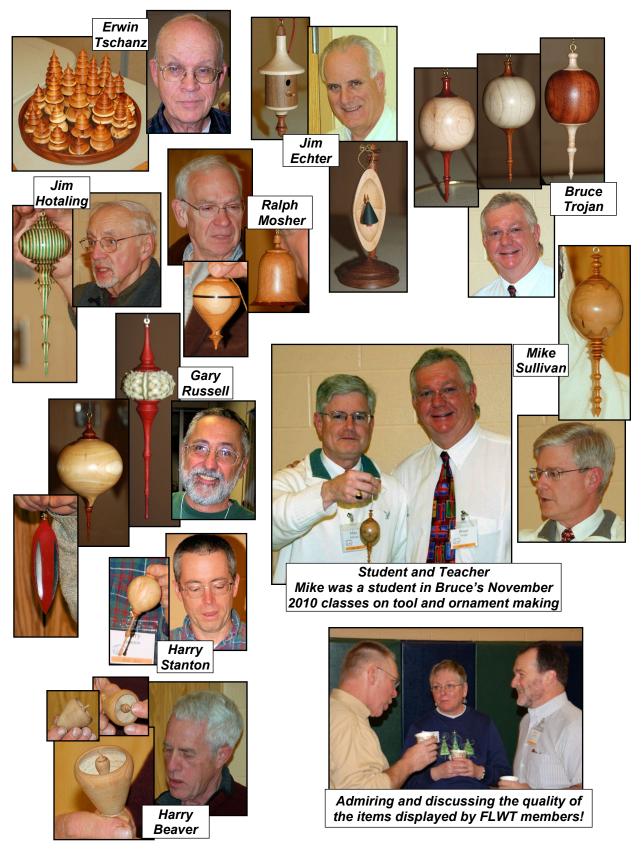
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Doug Crittenden	924-5903	924-5903	cleo99@frontiernet.net	General turning
Ed DeMay	406-6111	924-5265	edemay@rochester.rr.com	Bowl turning, dust collection
Ward Donahue	334-3178	334-3178	wddonah@frontiernet.net	Spindle & hollow turning, coring, sharpening
Jim Echter	377-9389	377-9389	jechter@rochester.rr.com	Spindle & faceplate turning, sharpening
David Gould	245-1212	245-1212	D2sGould@aol.com	Bowls, plates and hollow- forms
Jim Hotaling	223-4877	223-4877	jhotaling2198@aol.com	Christmas ornaments
Ed Lehman	637-3525		eljw@rochester.rr.com	General turning
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Dale Osborne	(315) 524-7212	(315) 524-7212	dborn3@rochester.rr.com	General turning
Lou Stahlman	248-2097	248-2097	lstahlman@rochester.rr.com	How to cut wood
Erwin A. Tschanz	271-5263 (Dec – Mar)	271-5263 (Dec – Mar)		Historical, bowls, plates, goblets, boxes, bone, antler

<sup>1.</sup> Here's a great way for you to improve your turning skills. FLWT has award winning and expert turners who, at no cost, are willing to share their expertise one-to-one with other club members. A mentoring relationship might be as simple as getting a mentor's advice in a one time conversation. Or, it

might include regular hands-on sessions over a lathe. The exact nature is up to you and your mentor. If you feel you could benefit from mentoring, organize your thoughts about your needs and contact an appropriate volunteer mentor above to determine if he or she is a match and available. •

## **December Challenge Project — Make an Ornament**

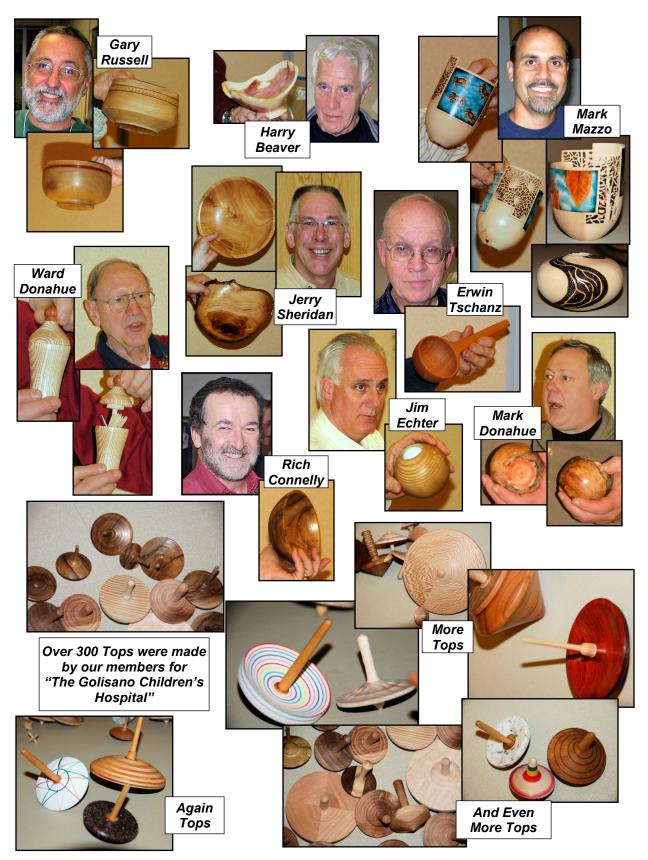
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## **December Show and Share**

#### Photos by David Schafer



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