

December 2008

The holiday season is here. This is a good time to purchase tools and supplies. Most specialty companies are offering special deals and free shipping. Our tool order is complete and Ron will have the goods at the December meeting. I am working on a couple articles for our newsletter. One article will give a practical explanation of the types of steel used in turning tools and another will be on the geometry and materials used in screws.

Hollowing end grain is always a challenge. In the last two years the carbide cutter has evolved as the preferred tool. Mike Hunter is at the forefront of this development. A carbide disk is attached to the end of a shaft. As the tool dulls, the cutter is rotated a little to expose a new edge. All the suppliers offer them. Hunter is not the only brand. We will likely see more companies offer them in the near future.

Remember to bring your Christmas ornaments to the December meeting. The best thing about turned ornaments is they are all different. So bring a few, so we have a wide variety to show and talk about.

The club has purchased some new training materials, books and DVD's. Take advantage of this free training.

No doubt the coming days are going to be busy getting ready for Christmas. If you do not have time to be in the shop, take time to plan projects you can start at the beginning of the New Year.

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