



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter
April 2012

April 10, 2012 Jim Duxbury --- Turning by Duxbury
May 8, 2012 Nim Batchelor --- Pepper Mill
June 12, 2012 Jim Barbour --- Profile Turning

Message from the President:

GREASING THE WHEEL

Definition of TACT--the ability to step on someone's shoes without taking off the shine.

Until our March 13 meeting a month ago, we had not been in the gym (normal meeting spot) since November 2011. It was good to be able to spread out and have our "equipment" handy. However we experienced some difficulty with both our sound and video of the gallery. This has been very much discussed since the meeting and we feel a better product will be presented at future meetings. However I was part of the sound problem because I was running my mouth on the sidelines, being disrespectful to both our demonstrator and the audience. My Mother taught me better manners. I sincerely apologize. Therefore I will try to either not carry on a conversation or go into the hall way to do so. Please get out the Kiwi polish and shoe brush!!!



On a more positive note, On April 10, we are most fortunate to have Jim Duxbury as our guest demonstrator. Jim is a multi-talented turner who produces both "normal" wooden objects and many that requires us to use the other side of our brains to develop and finalize. He has also produced very useful tools. Jim has provided excellent demonstrations at several Symposiums including the national AAW in Richmond, the upcoming AAW in San Jose, Calif., North Carolina, Hawaii, many (many) local chapter demos. He has authored several articles which have appeared in national publications--and the future is ahead for he and Rita as they plan on traveling more. I hope you have had the pleasure of visiting at his "shop" near Graham as he and Rita hosted guest demonstrators for various sessions. Whatever he has in store for us

will probably be "different", interesting, and professionally presented.

Past President Bob Muir and Rita Duxbury are busy planning our July get-together--might have a slightly different twist this year. We will see if they are prepared to let the cat out of the bag--a little bit on April 10.

Kim Hutchins is assisting in the PTWA Library. There is a rumor that she and Dean stop somewhere between Kernersville and Leonard Center to pick up roadside treats for us to enjoy. Please see Kim, Linda Michaels, and Rita to view some of the videos PTWA has--both commercially prepared and of past demos (normally shot by Cecil B. DeMuir)

Pam Robbins, Director of Leonard Center, is currently working on the youth summer camp program. She has contacted us about our continued participation. I hope Pam can visit with us at one of our monthly meetings. She is already aware of the enjoyment had by both the youth and our club in assisting. Last year we had about 13 members directly helping and others who provided various wood supplies. From all appearances the female youth made a bee-line to Doc Green. Immediate Past President Bob Moffett will again chair this project. By the way, PTWA is the largest in number of any group presently using Leonard Center. We should be very appreciative for their support and cooperation by allowing us to 1. Meet there. 2. Store our equipment.

Treasurer Bob Holtje and Newsletter Editor Jim Terry have worked hard at collecting 2012 dues and compiling a membership list. As normal we have had some shrinkage in numbers from the end of 2011, but have new members associate this calendar year. I believe they have sent to Woodcraft (Greensboro) and Klingspor the membership listing which allows for discounts for most non-machine items.

See you April 10.

JOHN MORRIS, President

Notes from the March Meeting:

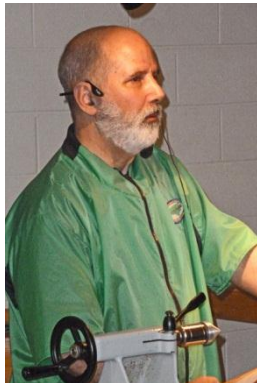
- President John Morris opened our meeting
- A welcome to members(new and old) and 2 visitors was extended
- Jim Terry acknowledged the gift of a large number of pen blanks to the club
- Also introduced our new camera
- Chris Roe invited participation in the MS Walk on March 31
- Mike Thompson reviewed the 2 Wood Cutting events at MMM
- Special thanks to Matt Larsen Tree service for assisting Mike
- The Wood working show is in Charlotte on March 23-25
- Mike Thompson and Dean Hutchins presented our gallery
- The raffle was presented with something for all

Jim D introduced our turner for the evening. We were honored to have Bob Verne from Chapel Hill. After retiring from IBM, Bob has become a full time wood turner. He belongs to 2 clubs in NC and is an active Board member of the NC Woodturning Symposium. Bob likes to make projects that are usable tools as well as pieces of art. He will show us his interpretation of the Standard rolling pin. You will have grandma memories by the time he is through with this project!

Bob begins with assembly. He has several pieces of wood measuring 3" x 12". The thickness varies from 1/32" to 1/2". The species varies from maple to cherry to Paduk and other woods that I cannot name. He likes to make his blanks in bulk to cut down on the wasted wood and wasted time.

Bob sets his table saw to 10 degrees and cuts 3" x 3" blanks. Don't throw away the first cut thinking it is wasted. It is glued to the other end, making an extra pin blank. Bob's glue of choice is Titebond III. It seems to be the most waterproof and has an adequate open time for you to work the blanks up.

The newly created blanks are 3 x 3 x 11. Bob places one between centers. He begins roughing and turns the entire blank to round at about 2.75".



Now he measures to produce a round blank that is 2.5" from end to end. Although his cuts are exceptional with the roughing gouge, he does recommend finer cuts using the spindle gouge. Although it seems that the Skew would be the weapon of choice for this task, he suggests that it creates some unwanted tear-outs.

He now creates a tenon to fit the 2" jaws. After placing the blank in the chuck, Bob drills a 5/8" hole in the end. He drills it 2.5" deep. Once complete, he reverses the blank and repeats on the other end... He also round off the edges to create a nice radius while he can see both ends.

He removes from the chuck and using jamb chucks at both ends, he cuts to the finished length of 10.5". This is a good time to make finish cuts on your ends so you don't have tear-out.

Time to make handles. Bob's wood of choice is Zebrawood. This is a point where you can make custom grips for the client. He begins with a piece about 1.5 x 1.5 x 3" and drills a hole all the way through that is 11/16". Coincidentally the hole is 1/16" larger than the pin that will hold it on. He then shapes and rounds to perfect ergonomic hand grip.

For the pin, you can use pen blanks. No need to get too exotic here because all you will see is the cap on the end. He prefers a harder m, more dense wood such as Ash or Hickory. He then turns the shaft to 1/2" and creates a cap on the end and the handle and pin are ready to go the rolling pin. You now repeat the process for the other end. Bob ended his session with a few questions and a nice round of applause.

For complete details Bob was kind enough to provide a handout. It is probably on the website before you read this.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

Our Demonstrator for April:

Our demonstrator for our next meeting is our own Jim Duxbury. Not sure what Jim has up his sleeve but I am sure it will be very informative. Jim has made a tremendous contribution to our club and has served as program chairman for the last several years. Jim will be demonstrating at the AAW this summer.

Our Treasury & Club Store:

Our current balance is \$7,559.

Our treasurer also reports that we have the following items for sale:

- CA Glue thin and medium - \$4.50
- Accelerator - \$3.50

- Colorwood, wide selection, mostly \$5 and \$8
- Chrome Bottle Stoppers – pack of 5 for \$12

Habitat for Humanity:

Jim Yarbrough has been working with Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County for a number of years. Each year he has provided an opportunity for members of PTWA to contribute turned items which will be auctioned to raise money for Habitat. If you have an item you can contribute, please bring it to Jim at the April 10th meeting.

Elm Cutting at Triple M Ranch:

The PTWTA completed two scheduled and several individual cuttings of the Elm at Triple M Ranch hauling away tons of wood. We owe a special thanks to Bill Mericka for allowing us to come and cut the Elm for our turning adventures. He said he looks forward to seeing what the talented members of this club do with the beautiful Elm.



We also owe former member Matthew Larsen of Matt's Tree Service special thanks as well. Matt

gave up a Saturday at no expense to us to come and get the last remaining large limbs safely on the ground using his expertise and equipment. Matt can be contacted at 336-456-9226 (cell), or mattlarsen1@netzero.com. I am sure he would appreciate any referrals that we would send his way. Also a BIG thank you to all the members that participated in the tree cutting!

Michael Thompson

Bill had arranged a welcoming party.



Rolling Pin Handout:

Bob Verne's handout on rolling pins has been placed in the Turning Tips section of our website. If you have not visited that section of our website lately, there are many articles on various aspects of woodturning.

Photos of the March Instant Gallery

When you bring items for the gallery, please log it in so we can properly assign credit.

*All photos are the property of PTWA and the individual woodturner. You can see the larger color versions by going to the **Instant Gallery** on our website <http://www.ptwoodturners.org>*



Lan Brady – “Turner-of-the-Month”



Floyd Lucas – Segmented Vase



Jim Raine – Maple French Rolling Pin



John Moehlmann – Cocobollo



Jim Yarbrough – Ambrosia Maple Lidded Box



George Sudermann – Myrtlewood Rolling Pin



Clyde Mosley – Maple One-Hand Rolling Pin



David Holly - Vase



Robert DeHart – Segmented Vase



Dean Hutchins – Walnut Segmented



John Morris – Walnut, Mahogany, Cherry, Yellowheart



Linda Michael – Ash, Pyrography



Earl Kennedy – Dyed Pecan Natural Edge



Matt Larson – Maple Natural Edge



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Pat Lloyd – 6” Red Maple Burl



Dave MacInnes – 17” Laminated Rolling Pin



Jim Barbour – Maple Acorn Box



Jim Barbour – Oak Maple Box



Nim Batchelor – Flash Drives
Palm/Maple/Ebony, Rosewood/Maple



Jack Johnson – 10” Pine Platter



Bob Blanchard – Natural Edge Cherry



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Lan Brady – 14” “Triple M” Elm



Earl Kennedy – Redwood Platter

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FROM WEST OF GREENSBORO

Take I-40 East to Exit 212 (Bus-40 Greensboro To Bryan Blvd). Exit is from the right lane.
 At the top of the Exit 212 ramp take Exit 24 (To Bryan Blvd. PTI Airport). You will now be headed north on the new highway.
 Exit the new highway onto W. Friendly Ave. and go left (west) on W. Friendly.
 Go about ¼ mile west on W. Friendly to Chimney Rock Rd. and turn right (north at traffic light) on Chimney Rock Rd.
 As Chimney Rock Rd. parallels the new highway, you will come to the intersection of Ballinger Rd.
 Turn right on Ballinger and go under the new highway. Shortly beyond the overpass Leonard Recreation Center will be on your left.

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FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENSBORO

Ballinger turns west from New Garden / Guilford College Rd. just north of Guilford College. The following link to Mapquest will detail this area.
 Directions from Bus-40 to Guilford College Rd have been removed since the above directions are much faster from Bus-40.

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=6324+Ballinger&zipcode=27410> (Do not follow Old Stage Road from this link. It does not exist)