



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter
August 2011

August 9th – Jack Reyome – Spiral Turning
<http://www.towncreekturning.com/>
September 13th – Hands On & Tool Sale
October 11th – Bob Moffett – Fluted Bowls
November 8th – Joe Herrmann – Small
Rectangular Bowls
December 13th – Christmas Party

Asst. Operational Manager of Southeastern Region for WWS was our host. They provided gift bags and special discount for us in the retail store. Also provided (that means paid for) an excellent demo by Mark Sillay of Georgia (I don't think my cuts on the lathe are up to his).

We enjoyed good BBQ, and excellent desserts (I always have to kid Mary Johnson about her delicious pound cakes).

Richard Moore of Clemmons brought some wood blanks to sell.

Message from the President:



GREESING THE WHEEL

What is the most CRITICAL DISTANCE IN THE WORLD? You should be wondering why is John G. asking such a question. He should be writing about past, present, and future events, types of turnings, specie of woods,

coloration, tools, etc.

In PTWA and other organizations, it's the membership who gets things done. Now the answer! The distance varies among individuals. For a short (and fat) person like me, it's about 21 inches. For tall people, like Richard Coates and Mike Thompson, it's probably 27+ inches. Simply put, that's the distance and difference between a pat-on-the-back and a kick-in-the-a__! How do we get our message across?

It's wonderful to observe the amount of dedication many of our members have shown since my association in April 2004--without seeking credit, praise, or even "thank you." But a simple and SINCERE pat-on-the-back leaves a very favorable impression and helps make their unpaid work for PTWA well worth the effort.

Here's some (certainly not all) of my "A-T-T-A B-O-Y" recognition:

To Rita and Jim Duxbury, who headed our super picnic at Woodworker's Supply in Graham on July 9. Until several years ago, we only enjoyed cookies and ice cream at one of our local suppliers. If you and/or spouse did not/could not attend this event, you missed something special. Gary Brande,



To Bob Moffett, who chaired this year's Woodturning Sessions at Leonard Center's Summer Camp. By the time you receive this, we will have completed our 5th and final Tuesday with about 15 well behaved and attentive youth being exposed to our art/craft. Bob Muir, who chaired the project for the first 3 years, begged off this year. We had about 12 PTWA members as instructors and several others provided materials and lathes. Pat Burton, local manager of Woodcraft loaned us 3 lathes. We had 6 first-timers who helped us: Bob Moffett, Doc Green, Harold Jones, Bob Barrett, Jim Rezin, and

Nim Batchelor. I think you'll see some photos and a write-up about this in Jim Terry's excellent Newsletter.

To Bob Muir and Jim Barbour, who represent PTWA in the N.C. Symposium event to be held in early November. We will be hearing from these two at our meetings, e-mails, and Newsletter. Jim Terry is assisting with the website.

To PTWA officers, directors, and other Team players who have helped plan our year, and with YOUR assistance, arranged our meeting area set-up and clean-up.

To you who have volunteered to demo your woodworking talents and skills this year so far: Lan Brady (Log To Bowl plus a break-out session), Michael Jones (Sanding and Finishing), and Scot Conklin (Pens). Their presentations and explanations were splendid. Really enjoyed seeing Scot and his Dad load up his shop in the pick up after his demo.

And to Doc Green, whose published book, *FIXTURES AND CHUCKS FOR WOODTURNING*, should be required reading for all who turn on the lathe. As I stated at Woodworker's Supply, we would all be better turners if we applied some of the knowledge Dr. Green has shared with us.

Former President Harry S. Truman is quoted as saying, "It's amazing what can be accomplished when no one seeks the credit." My fellow members, I feel that's the spirit of PTWA. Until Tuesday, August 9,

JOHN MORRIS
HEAD CHEERLEADER

Notes from the July Meeting:

We had a great meeting this past month. If you missed it, you missed a lot of good food, fellowship, a great demo by Mark Sillay, some good deals on turning blanks and discounts at Woodworker's Supply. The meeting was held at Woodworkers Supply along with our annual picnic. We had the picnic in their warehouse so it was nice and cool.

John Morris opened the meeting.

Jim Duxbury introduced Gary Brande from Woodworkers Supply and he told us about numerous specials that the store was offering us.

The food was arraigned by Jim and Rita and was great! We had BBQ, and all the fixin's as well as 22 different deserts and side dishes brought by member. Yes, I did count the number of deserts and sampled several of them.

Jim Duxbury introduced Mark Sillay, our



demonstrator, who showed us several demonstrations including tree ornaments, sea urchin ornaments and several other items. He turned his globe ornaments without using a tenon, which I could not understand until I saw him do it. He cut the top of the icicle and the bottom of the finial at a 45 degree angle and uses a grinding stone to trim the hole in the top and bottom of the globe to 45 degrees and they matched perfectly. He also recommended wearing gloves when you handle a sea urchin shell until you spray it with Kyrllon lacquer to seal it because it is made of calcium. He finished his ornaments with thin CA, slowing down the speed so the CA will not be drawn to the largest circumference.



He spent some time showing us how to use our tools to get better cuts. He uses a parabolic curve on the bevel of his spindle gouge and got a really smooth surface.

He explained entering the wood at 12:00 to get the best cut while twisting the tool to either 1:00 or 11:00 depending on the direction of your cut.

He stressed moving your body with the cut and explained to us that spindle gouges and bowl gouges can only travel in an arc to give the best cut.

He also recommended that when we sand the inside of a bowl, if you cut darts (like used when sewing) into the sand paper, you will get a smoother sanding job. He recommended Mirlon

sandpaper made by Mirka as his favorite sandpaper.

He covered a lot of other things also, but I didn't get them all.

After the demo, John Morris and the group thanked Jim & Rita Duxbury for all of the work they put into this year's Club Picnic.

Mike Thompson and his crew presented the Instant Gallery.

John closed out the meeting about 3:00 when Woodworker's Supply was closing and we all went home happy and well fed.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Moffett (filling in for Lan Brady)

Turning Challenges for 2011:

Month	Project
• August	Pens
• September	Sphere
• October	Trivet
• November	Christmas Ornament (can also be used for the Christmas Party drawing)
• December	No President's Challenge

Turner of the Month for 2011:

August 2011	Scot Conklin
September 2011	John Morris
October 2011	Jim Barbour
November 2011	Earl Kennedy & Linda Michael
December 2011	Christmas Party – No Turner of the Month

Youth Turning at LRC

I would like to personally thank all of the club members who helped make this summer session be such a success.

This is our 4th year of summer sessions and I think one of our best participation years. We had classes for 5 weeks, meeting each Tuesday from 6/21/11 to 7/26/11 except for July 5th. This year, our classes were from 10:30 to 12:00 which made things a lot less hurried.

John started off each session with a discussion of what projects we were going to do that day, a short safety lecture and a few "Johnisms." Among the club participants were John Morris, our esteemed president, Jim Yarbrough, Bob Holtje, Doc Green, Jim Rezin, John Moehlmann, Earl Kennedy, Bob Muir, Harold Jones, Nim Bachelor, Bob Barrett and Bob Moffett. I was not able to attend all of the sessions so if I missed your name, please forgive me, it was not intentional.

The kids made honey dippers, ring holders, baseball bat pens, twist pen and a clock. David Myers kindly provided most of the wood for the classes. Thanks, David. We had about 15 kids each session and they all seemed to have a good time creating their projects and learning a skill that they may have never had the opportunity to learn otherwise.

If you can participate next year, I think you would really enjoy it. You do not have to participate every week as this is summer and we all have summer vacation plans.



I know I really enjoyed it and I think the other club members did also. We also went out to lunch as a group after the class each week and had some good fellowship. Several times I had to go to work after lunch which shows that you don't have to be fully retired to participate.

Bob Moffett



Bob Holtje's grandson Austin Magliato pitches in.

Open Segmented Breakout Session:

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 9:00 - 2:30, at Woodcraft in Greensboro, John Morris will have a presentation on Basic Open Segmented Turning. This follows his session on Basic Closed Segmented Turning on May 15, 2010. More information will be

provided at our membership meetings of Aug. 9 and Sept. 17, and our Sept. Newsletter. A brief review of Closed Segmented Turning will be presented. You may contact John at 919+799-6869 or via e-mail at jgmjr1@hotmail.com.

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**MEETING LOCATION: Leonard Recreation Center (336) 297-4889).
6324 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27410**

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.

FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO

Take Bus-40 through Greensboro
Take Exit 212 (To Bryan Blvd. PTI Airport). You will now be headed north on the new highway.
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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>