



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



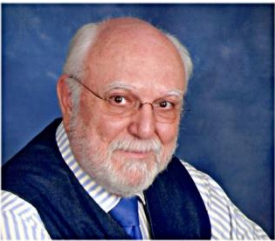
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Newsletter
August 2016

Calendar

August 9 – Elia Bizzarri – Spindle Turning & Chair Making

Message from the President:



I hope your shop is air-conditioned! A friend of mine, who is a flat worker rather than a turner, works on the apron of his garage, moving tools in and out on a set of wheeled tool stands.

He has developed a path his tools follow around the apron to keep them in the shade as the day progresses. His table saw was left in the sun while he went in for lunch the other day and when he came out it was too hot to touch. Wow!

Our picnic was a rousing success. Special thanks are due to Kim, Dean, and Rita for pulling off another excellent outing. Additional thanks to everyone who brought food – it reminded me of what we say about a Methodist gathering; “Whenever three or more are gathered in My name, a meal will be served and a collection taken.” ;-)
One of the nice things about the south is the quality of food at such gatherings – thank you to all who were involved.

I make it a practice to point out something I have learned, or reconsidered at each meeting. At the picnic I learned that Sunday might not be the best day for us to gather. In a quick vote it was unanimous that our traditional Saturday is preferred to Sunday. More telling than the voice vote was the podiatric vote. Just over 90 persons

were signed up to attend the picnic. Just over 40 actually attended. Needless to say there were lots of hotdogs and burgers left over. We will do our best to move the picnic back on a Saturday.

You can help with making our demonstration schedule be the best it can be. Please, if you have an idea for a demonstration, or if you know of someone you would like to see demonstrate, or if you would like to demonstrate yourself, send your suggestions to Phil Fuentes, phil.workshop@gmail.com.

Upcoming

At the August meeting we have Elia Bizzarri, who makes incredible chairs. He'll be turning spindles and talking about turning as part of furniture making. Since I do quite a bit of spindle turning I am particularly looking forward to this one.

President's Challenge

August: The President's Challenge for August is to make a drinking vessel. Glasses, wine or other, Irish drinking bowls, Germanic Mazers, Viking drinking vessels, Roman handled cups; the sky is the limit. Here are some links from our members to get the creative juices flowing:

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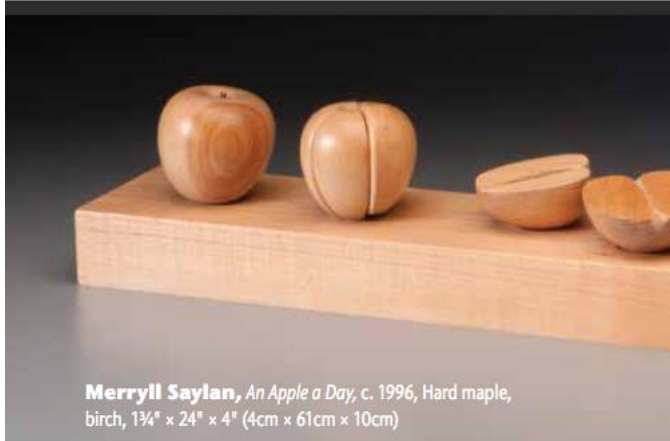
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September: Apple Season begins in North Carolina. In honor of the importance the apple has in the Western North Carolina economy, let's all turn at least one apple. (According to the USDA, apples account for roughly 5% of the agricultural production of North Carolina from the Piedmont west.) If someone will volunteer to provide a large salad bowl, let's try and fill it up with apples. Here is a picture from the American Woodturner, and some links to get you started.



Merryl Saylan, *An Apple a Day*, c. 1996, Hard maple, birch, 1 3/4" x 24" x 4" (4cm x 61cm x 10cm)

<http://www.woodcraft.com/articles/454/making-wooden-fruit.aspx>

<http://www.woodworkersinstitute.com/page.asp?p=341>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MAYrGufS4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCUzik9OwMs>

Remember also that we have TWO President's Challenges. I have yet to see anything come forth for the second. As a reminder of the second:

So here is a second President's Challenge, one that is ongoing. Take your pen to hand and write up the process by which you make something you do regularly. Send it to me via jim@shopdogturnery.com and I will see to it that it is shared with the club. This will accomplish several things. First it will cause you to think through the process by which you turn something and, just by thinking it through in a systematic manner you may find places that can be improved. Second, it will give other members food for thought and creation, sparking both imitation and new creation. Third, and this is the one about which I

am most excited, it will give Phil a set of interesting activities from which he may choose to solicit a demonstration for the club.

North Carolina Woodturning Symposium (NCWS)

As I pointed out last month, the North Carolina Woodturners Symposium is coming in November of 2017. It is not too early for us, the host chapter, to begin thinking of how we can help make this go smoothly and well. We will need to provide housing for demonstrators as well as staffing our demonstration room and helping out with staffing common areas, such as the vendor's area and the instant gallery. Put the first weekend in November 2017 on your calendar and try to protect it.

Remember, we are planning on having all the demonstrators be from the US. There are at least two ways you can immediately have a part in making this symposium be the best one yet:

First, if you have seen a demonstration, or know of a turner who demonstrates who you think would be a good fit for this symposium, please send their contact information and the particular demonstration you have in mind, to either Bob Muir rmuir2@triad.rr.com, or to me jim@shopdogturnery.com. We will see to it that their name gets full consideration.

Second, if there is something you have seen at previous symposia, or at some other symposium that you either DO want repeated or you DO NOT want repeated, let us know so we can take your suggestions into consideration while there is still time to make them happen. Again, send your thoughts to either Bob Muir rmuir2@triad.rr.com, or to me jim@shopdogturnery.com.

AAW

As a reminder, the AAW is undertaking a new initiative to improve services to members. One step is the development of a repository of woodturning videos. These will all have been reviewed for both safety and quality so you can trust that these are good quality work and worthy of emulation. The videos are on this site <http://aawvideosource.org/>. Just click the link to the right on this page to go to the search page. Using the dropdowns and the search button you can filter the videos to pretty much any level you wish.

There is also a link to submit videos. If you have made a video, or if you know of one that is particularly good, please submit it for consideration. Once it is reviewed for both safety and quality, and assuming it meets both standards, it will be included in the repository.

Also regarding the AAW, the AAW Board is offering a Guest Membership for 60 days for free. I really do recommend membership if for no other reason than the *American Woodturner* journal. Follow this link to learn more:
<http://www.woodturner.org/general/custom.asp?page=GuestMemberLanding>

Jim Barbour
 President

In Memory:

We lost one of our members to cancer recently. Jack Johnson had been a member and a mentor of PTWA for the past 12 years. We will miss Jack's friendship and contribution he made to our club. PTWA made a contribution to Arrowmont in Jack's memory. The following is an excerpt from the acknowledgement that was received from Bill May, Executive Director of Arrowmont:



"Thank you for believing in and supporting our mission of *enriching lines through art* with your generous gift to the Friends of Arrowmont Annual Fund in memory of Jack Johnson. Your gift will make it possible for us to be a cultural center in our region through our workshops, gallery exhibits, symposiums and community events. We will be able to continue to impact the lives of children, studio artists, returning veterans, educators and other makers who

come to Arrowmont to grow personally and professionally. Learning new skills makes them better artists, but also makes them more fulfilled individuals who are able to contribute to their families and communities. Arrowmont will continue to influence the field of craft; but, our larger goal is to help shape our culture in positive ways. *You make all this possible!*"

August Demonstrator:

Our demonstrator for August is a chair maker from Hillsborough, NC named Elia Bizzarri. He will be demonstrating spindle turning for us and discussing his work. This should be a good demo, with plenty of info for those of you looking to add some furniture to your repertoire. Check out his website at handtoolwoodworking.com to see some of his fine work.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the picnic, and in August for the demonstration!

Phil Fuentes

Available at the Club Store:

- Colorwood turning blanks
- Wine Stoppers
- CA Glue – thin, med, thick & black

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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 *Note: Ballinger Rd. is now open.* 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 doesn't exist.