



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter

December 2007

NEXT MEETING:

December 4th – Christmas Party at Moose Café in the Farmers Market

FUTURE DEMONSTRATORS:

Wednesday, January 9th – Gary Gardner

Please note the change of date. New Years Day falls on Tuesday so the meeting date has been shifted and changed to Wednesday for this meeting. It is moved to Wednesday so Gary can be with us on Wednesday and the Raleigh club on Thursday.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4th MEETING:

- The meeting was opened by Pres Bruce Schneeman
- Welcome to our 3 Visitors and new members
- NC Symposium update was provided by Bob Muir
- Gene Briggs gave treasurer's report
- Jim Barbour presented our instant gallery

This month's demo was dedicated to Homemade Jigs and Fixtures. This has become an annual event in our club and turns out to be one of the most interesting. We have people that are capable of going into production with some of the items.

We began with Jim Duxbury.

Jim is definitely one of the people that could make and sell tools. Oh wait, he does! Rita claims that he has so many single use jigs that he has forgotten the purpose of many. His first of the evening was a back plate. We all have needs for reversing a bowl to finish the foot. This plate sits squarely on the jaws of your chuck, using it in the expansion mode. Jim has found this method to be more useful than clamping a tenon.

The next jig was a trammel. It is about 18" long so it could draw a circle of several feet in diameter. It has a changeable head on one end so that you can use a pencil, a scribe, and even a dremel tool.

Next was a purchased item but it is an angle setter/finder that can be used on a table saw or band saw. It allows you to square to the table in 0.1 degrees. This should cut down on the trial and error method, I normally use.

For people with Oneway tailstocks, and don't want the point sticking into a finished product, Jim offers a golf ball. Our resident golfer, John Morris would cringe had he seen

*Have you paid your annual dues?
If not send them to Gene.*

Jim cut a hole in a golf ball, but it makes a great turning accessory.

Jim's next items are for sharpening. He has a slide and a jig that fits in the slide to allow him to sharpen many of his tools.

He also shared his jig for cutting the Celtic knot in pens. This item was a feature in Woodturning Designs last issue.

Not "wood" turning related but Jim shows his Folgers coffee can, automatic lawn mowing device. He ties a rope to his mower and around the can. If you have a round yard, you are done with cutting by hand.

Next up- we have Earl Kennedy-

Earl has created an inexpensive solution for the carver in you. It is a fixture for mounting your chuck on a tri-axial jig that fits in your tool banjo. I hope he took pictures because I just cannot fully describe this one.

Earl's other item was a table to mount your router on and allows you to cut consecutive marks in a turned piece. It bolts to the bed. Using your machine's index set up, you can cut repetitive lines, coves, and roundovers. The only limitation for parallel cuts is your index. Since 48 index spots are not enough for Earl, he mounts a 68 Chevy flywheel on the spindle and now has 172 index positions,

Bob Moffett was our next volunteer-

He showed us a way to create multi axis bottle stoppers. Using the movement in the chuck you will offset the cuts. It creates an interesting stopper.

Bob has also created an attachment to mount his buffing wheel on the lathe for final polished finish we all so strive for!

His next item was a laser depth gage. Bob claims that he has never cut through the bottom of a bowl, but I am guessing this tool was created out of necessity! He has a PVC pipe rig that has a pointer to fit inside a vessel. Also has an external laser that points exactly to the point. Bob has even mounted a level on top to prevent the error of the operator.

He also showed a low tech bowl depth finder that allows you to measure the inside and eye ball it from the outside.

Next up we have Vickie Tanner-

Vickie has some interesting tools that compliment some of the other jigs seen so far. She has made an adjustable table that mounts in the banjo and allows you to set up center of your piece for marking indexed lengthwise positions.

And for reaching into the project, she has built a flat tool rest. This item improves your control by eliminating vibration.

(Lan was next)

Wanting to get in on the fun, I had to show some of the finished tools that we started at a demo some months back. Using our threaded jig, we mounted a PVC pipe reducer and were able to use it as a cup clamp for hollowing a scoop.

The 3-point tool was complete and sharpened.

Next was a tool handle with a chuck on the end that allows multiple tools to be used.

Our final presenter for the evening was Glen Marcel.

Glen is another person who takes great pride in building his jigs. His first was a locking flat bed cutter that fits the table saw. It sets a permanent angle that can reproduce many times over without kicking back a single piece.

Next he shares his jigs for making staves and for cutting the staves into multiple rings. It has a band where you can lock a cylinder in place and cut off a cross section and advance the cylinder for another cut of exactly the same size

He must sand the rings flat, so he also has created a method for sanding. Using magnets he holds the large sheets of sandpaper flat on the table. Finesse like this is essential for the perfect miter joints we have all come to expect from Glen.

He also has a sled that allows compound miter cuts on the table saw. Instead of tilting the blade, it tilts the wood to keep your tablesaw in top condition

We did not conduct a raffle due to limited items. Please remember to bring something to the January meeting. It can be anything from old tools, wood, DVD's, or any other turning related item.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

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NEXT MEETING:

As noted earlier the date has changed as a result of the holiday and to coordinate with the Raleigh club. Gary Gardner is from Morganton, Ga. and has taught at John C. Campbell and was a demonstrator at the NC Symposium. Gary is an excellent presenter that you don't want to miss.

NC WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM – RECAP:

by Bob Muir (adapted from article written by Bob Gunther)

After 18 months of planning the 2007 NC Woodturning Symposium became a reality. It took place October 5-6-7 at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, NC and was a huge success.

The symposium was planned by a Board of Directors from seven of the AAW chapters in North Carolina: Bob

Gunther and Gary Bills (Carolina Mountain Woodturners), Tom Masters, Secretary and Frank Bock (Charlotte Woodturners), Bill Williams and David Kaylor (North Carolina Woodturners), Bob Muir and Jim Barbour (Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association), Barry Russell and Jim Smith (Southern Piedmont Woodturners), Terry Waldron, Treasurer and John Still (Wilmington Area Woodturners Association), and Andy Gunning, President and Frank Penta (Woodturners Guild of North Carolina). These clubs donated to the initial start-up funding.

There were five headliner demonstrators: Trent Bosch, Nick Cook, Chris Ramsey, Dick Sing, and Jacques Vesery. Nine regional demonstrators were: James Duxbury, Gary Gardner, Alan Hollar, Elvie F. Jackson, Earl Kennedy, Alan N. Leland, John Morris, Frank B. Penta, and Joe Ruminski. Demonstrations were conducted in seven rooms, each room sponsored by a club. There were nine rotations over the three-day event for a total of 63 demonstrations, which were quite varied and included topics that were of interest to all the 245 attendees. The demo rooms were spacious allowing for easy observation and comfortable seating.

The Teaching Learning Center (Carolina Mountain Turners) was used for two rotations conducted by Joe Ruminski for children. Adults also participated. This event was received with enthusiasm by everyone involved as was a sharpening station, which was set up by Frank Penta and Alan Leland to help attendees with any questions about tool preparation.

The lunch buffet Saturday was excellent with a great selection and more than ample food for everyone. Saturday night there was a banquet. The food at this meal was better than most banquet meals. It was hot and tasty with an attractive presentation. The tables were attractively set and the service was excellent.

After the banquet was an auction conducted by John Hill and as always John did an outstanding job. Over \$7000.00 was raised.

About 15 vendors were present and provided a varied selection of woodturning tools and wood. The vendors were situated around the periphery of the eating area so everyone had ample opportunity to visit the booths and see what was available.

Each demonstrator provided a demo description that was incorporated into a bound book that was available for attendees to purchase for a nominal fee. Frank Penta and Andy Gunning compiled this information and assembled the books. Nearly all of the 200+ books were sold.

The symposium could not have been run without the volunteers from each of the seven clubs. Those from PTWA included Dan Allen, Jon Cowgill, Tom Danek, Jim Duxbury, Gabby & Thea Gutierrez, Bob Holtje, Martha Hunter, Linda Michael, Bob Moffett, John Morris, Ron & Chris Roe, Bruce Scheeman, Tim Smith, Vicki Tanner, Jim Terry and Mike Thompson. If I have omitted anyone, I sincerely apologize.

In response to a suggestion made by one of our PTWA members at the November meeting, the Board approved granting a donation of \$250 to be used by the Campbell Folk School for their efforts to enhance the ability for disabled people to take woodturning classes.

Other actions of the Board include

- * Working with the Greensboro Coliseum to hold the 2009 Symposium there, probably in early October.
- * Trying to schedule as "headline" turners [Stuart Batty](#), Allan Batty, [Jimmy Clewes](#), and [Ray Key](#).
- * Invite the AAW chapters that are not currently members of the Corporation to join.
- * Hold over the current bank balance to use as start-up funds for the 2009 Symposium (see below for details)
- * Invest \$16,000 in a 6 month CD at %5 APY and re-new it as appropriate.

Finances: We started with seed money of \$8563, the holdover from the 2007 Symposium plus contributions from the seven charter member clubs. That along with income from registrations, vendor fees, book sales, contributions, auction, etc. amounted to a total income of \$59,983. Total expenses (brochures, Coliseum/Catering, Demonstrator fees, printing of books, etc.) amounted to \$36,138. The resulting bank balance is \$23,845. As can be seen, our expenses were \$36,000, so keeping \$23,845 for funding the 2009 Symposium seems to be the prudent thing to do. It is anticipated that the \$16,000 investment will yield about \$2000 over 18 months.

It is planned that a program of scholarships and grants will be established to be funded by the net income from the 2009 Symposium.

FROM THE AAW:

Dear AAW Chapter President-

I am your new chairman of the Chapters and Membership committee of the AAW Board. It is my intention to establish a close connection with the Chapters and their members, and I welcome e-mails and phone calls about any and all issues that you have relating to the AAW and its activities. You will receive e-mails from me and periodically from other members of the Board to keep you connected with the AAW. The Board considers all 275 Chapter Presidents as its voice to all the Chapter members, so please provide the following news to all your members.

The AAW Board met in Chicago on Nov. 2 - 4, and several items of great interest to all 275 Chapters were decided upon. This message relates only to membership. (but please note the "Heads Up" at the end.)

Membership

We are having a membership drive. Only about half of all the members in the Chapters are AAW members, and this should really be much higher. Remember, besides all the tangible benefits of AAW membership, please impress upon your members that if not for the AAW there would be no chapters at all and we would all be toiling in our shops all by ourselves, all 13,009 of us re-inventing the wheel every day!

OK, here's the deal: Any member who signs up 5 new AAW members by Dec. 31, 2007 will receive a free registration to the AAW Symposium in Richmond VA, to be held June 20 - 22, 2008. A new member signing up in 2007 will receive all four 2007 issues of the American

Woodturner journal. A new member signing up in 2007 may elect to have his/her membership begin in Jan. 2008 and still have that membership count towards the sponsor's total. If you or one of your Chapter members do sign up 5 new AAW members, please let me know the names of the persons you signed up and I will look after getting you your free Symposium registration

There are about 20 Chapters who currently have 100% AAW membership. We would like to see this number increase. All Chapters achieving 100% AAW membership will be recognized as AAW Star Chapters. These Chapters will receive a set of the AAW Masters Series Videos and will be recognized by a plaque and be listed in the Resource Directory. If your Chapter is already an AAW Star Chapter, please let me know, so that we can get you the recognition you deserve.

Heads Up!!

The hall in Richmond can only seat 1700 people at the Banquet and Auction next June. There may well be more than this number of attendees at the Symposium, which means that everyone who registers might not be able to be seated at the Banquet. Therefore we have had to remove the tickets for the Banquet from the registration packet, so that you will have to buy these tickets separately. The take home message is that you'd better buy your tickets early to make sure you can get your Banquet tickets before they're all gone.

Other issues that I will send you soon relate to the Collaborative Challenge, newsletter and website competitions, recruitment of demonstrators, American Woodturner journal content etc.

The AAW Board is anxious to connect with the AAW Chapters and membership. If you have any suggestions as to how we can better accomplish this, please let me know. If you want a Board member to speak to your chapter, let me know and I'll try to make this happen. And again, please feel free to contact me about anything.

Yours truly,

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NOVEMBER GALLERY PHOTOS:

I would like to thank Earl Kennedy for filling in and taking some photos of the gallery when neither Mike nor I could be there. Not being accustomed to the process we don't have identification of the turner of several of the pieces. If you can identify some of the turnings, please call or email me with the img # and I will update the photos on the website gallery and on the archived copy of the newsletter. Thanks – Jim Terry



Dear Piedmont Woodturners, Family, and Friends,

Our annual Christmas party will be held at 6:30p.m. on Tuesday, December 4th at the Moose Café (formerly the Farmer's Kitchen) 2914 Sandy Ridge Rd, #H, Colfax, NC 27235. This is in the Farmer's Market complex, west of Greensboro just off Interstate 40, Exit 208.

The menu will be a buffet style dinner of Virginia Baked Ham, Buttermilk Fried Chicken Breast, including dessert and beverage. The cost will be \$12.50 per person which includes meal, tax, and gratuity.

***Please send checks for reservations made payable to:
James Duxbury
3141 Shelly Graham Drive Graham, NC 27253***

We need to know your intentions for a definite head count no later than Nov. 26nd !

Food, fellowship, conversation, gift exchange of a wrapped, turned gift for all who wish to participate, and drawing for winner of the year long raffle.

For reservations or questions, please email Jim Duxbury, Program Coordinator at cyberdux@bellsouth.net or call 336-227-7168



PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER INSTANT GALLERY

WHEN YOU BRING ITEMS FOR THE GALLERY, PLEASE LOG IT IN SO WE CAN PROPERLY ASSIGN CREDIT.

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



Bob Moffett



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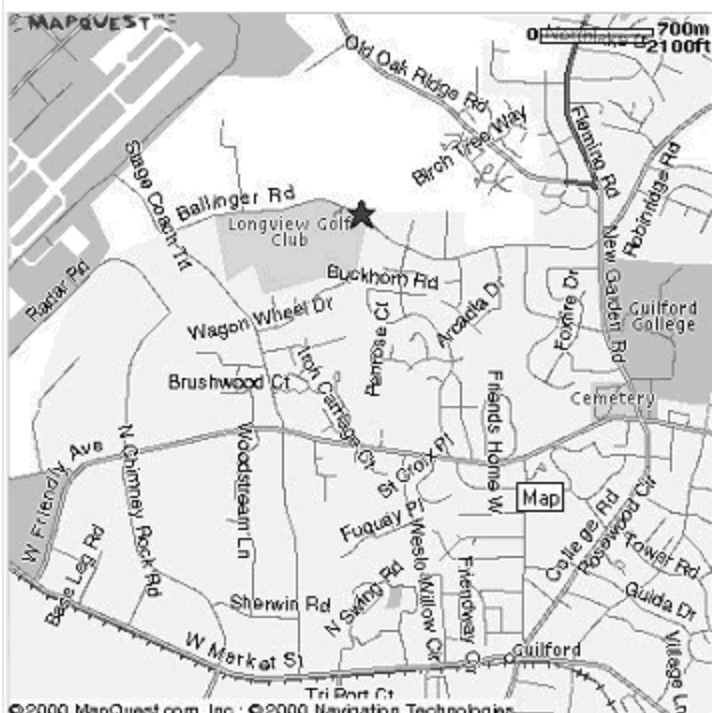
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MEETING LOCATION: Leonard Recreation Center ((336) 297-4889).

★ 6324 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27410-9062



To the Leonard Recreation Center
Phone: (336) 297-4889
 Some of the signage is confusing, so be careful.

FROM WEST OF GREENSBORO

1. Take **I-40 E**.
2. Take exit number **213**.
3. Turn **RIGHT** onto **GUILFORD COLLEGE RD**.
4. **GUILFORD COLLEGE RD** becomes **COLLEGERD**.
5. **COLLEGE RD** becomes **NEW GARDEN RD**.
6. Turn **SHARP LEFT** onto **BALLINGER RD**.
7. Leonard Recreation Center is about 1 mile on the right.

FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO

1. Take **I-85 S/I-40 W/US -29 S**.
2. Take the **I-40 WEST/US -220 SOUTH** exit, exit number **123**, towards **WINSTON-SALEM (US -421 N)**.
3. Merge onto **I-40 W/US -220 S**.
4. Stay straight to go onto **I-40 W**.
5. Take exit number **213**.
6. Keep **RIGHT** at the fork in the ramp.
7. Merge onto **GUILFORD COLLEGERD**.
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“An accident at the lathe can happen with blinding suddenness; respiratory problems can build over years. Take appropriate precautions when you turn. Safety guidelines are published in the AAW Resource Directory. Following them will help ensure that you can continue to enjoy woodturning.

From American Woodturner

**Dues Renewal or Application for Membership
 Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association**

Date _____ **NEW APPLICATION** **RENEWAL**

Name _____ Phone _____ (Home)

Address _____ Phone _____ (Work)

_____ E Mail _____

_____ AAW membership No. _____

Membership Fee: \$24.00 per year. Dues paid In October each year. We prorate dues if you are joining at other times of the year.
 Oct/Nov/Dec \$24.00; Jan/Feb/Mar \$18.00; Apr/May/Jun \$12.00; Jul/Aug/Sep \$6.00.

For those who desire to receive the newsletter via US Mail the dues will be:
 Oct/Nov/Dec \$30.00, Jan/Feb/Mar \$22.50, Apr/May/Jun \$15.00, Jul/Aug/Sep \$7.50.

Please make check payable to Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association.
 Mail to: Gene Briggs, 1831 Squire Davis Rd, Kernersville, NC 27284