



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter

December 2008

## Next Meeting:

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Party at the  
Moose Café in Farmer Market

## Future Demonstrators:

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Bill McInnis – Rose Engine  
Lathe

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Hands On & Tool Sale

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Frank Penta – Offset Base  
Platters

**Meeting Night Change - Beginning in January we will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We will also meet in the room on the left at the Leonard Rec. Ctr.**

## Message from the President:

Hello Everyone, I hope you all had an outstanding month.

I hope that you didn't miss our demonstration on turning a translucent lamp shade by Matt Birchfield last month. If you did, you missed an informative demonstration on how to turn a lampshade from green wood. It was really interesting how he used a light bulb to determine the thickness of the shade. I had seen this done on an old AAW Symposium video but I had never seen a live demonstration. I personally enjoyed it and I hope you did also.

It was good to have John Morris back and able to present the Instant Gallery. We have missed him and his kind words and are glad



to see him back on his feet again. We had some really nice pieces in the Gallery last month. Since we are having our annual Christmas Party, we won't have a gallery in December. That gives us all an extra month to work on our pieces for the Gallery. Let's have another great gallery in January. That will be a good way to start off the 2009.

Remember, the January Turning Challenge is to turn something *from plywood*. The only restriction on what you can turn is your imagination. So, let's all see what we can come up with. Also, anyone who took a roughed-out bowl blank and finished it, please bring it to the January meeting and let's see what you did with it. If you haven't finished it, that's alright too. You can bring it to the February meeting. If you enjoyed this project, let us know and we can do it again another time. We had some good suggestions for Turning Challenge projects last month. We will be using some of these suggestions in the future. It should be fun trying to turn these different things.

We won't have a demonstration or raffle for the December meeting, since we are having our Christmas party. However, we will be having a gift exchange. The gift exchange is open to anyone who wants to participate. So bring your turning and enjoy the fun. The gift should be a small, wrapped turning. It can be whatever you like to turn.

The Christmas party will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Moose Café, 2914 Sandy Ridge Rd., #H, Colfax N.C. 27235. This is in the Farmer's Market complex, west of Greensboro just off Interstate 40 at Exit 208. The menu will be a buffet style dinner, including dessert and beverage. The cost will be \$12.50 per person which includes meal, tax

and gratuity. If you haven't paid yet, you can send a check for a reservation to Jim Duxbury at 3141 Shelly Graham Drive, Graham, N.C. 27253. Spouses are also invited. We will also have a drawing from the year long raffle for four \$100 prizes. If you have any questions email Jim Duxbury at [cyberdux@bellsouth.net](mailto:cyberdux@bellsouth.net).

We have a good line up of demonstrations scheduled through May as follows:

January - Bill McInnis - Rose Engine Lathe

February - Hands on day and tool sale and exchange

March - Frank Penta - Offset base Platters

April - Red Saunders - Surface decorations using Inlace, stone, etc.

May - Steve Ainsworth - Turning pewter

If you would like to do a demonstration on something that you like to turn see Jim Duxbury and I'm sure he would be glad to schedule a time for you to do your demo. This is a good way to learn to do demos and it's a lot easier to do in front a group of your friends.

Don't forget that we voted last month to change the meeting night to the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**. This will take effect beginning with the January 2009 meeting. We will still be meeting at the Leonard Recreation Center, but will be across the hall from the room we have been using. It is a little larger and hopefully will be an improvement.

An inventory of our library materials has been taken and many new items have been added to the collection. In order for the library to grow, we need all members to contribute the requested rental fee for items and also to return items on time or at your earliest convenience. With the monies from rentals, we will continue to purchase new items to enhance our collection, particularly professional DVDs. Any items that were checked out in November will not be due until January.

I would like to personally thank all of the members who contributed their time and talents to make this past year a great success. Among the people who helped so much were:

John Morris, V/P

Lan Brady, Secretary

Gene Briggs, Treasurer

Page Cullen, Member at large

James Duxbury, Program Chairman

Jim Terry, Newsletter editor and Webmaster

Mike Evans, Photographer

Rita Duxbury, Librarian

Bruce Schneeman, Past President

Bob Muir, Past President, PTWA representative to NCWS and AAW

All the people who have helped setup and cleanup the meeting room both before and after the meeting.

And, last but not least, all the other members who helped in so many ways to make our club one of the best.

We are always looking for ways to improve our club. We would like for 2009 to be our best year ever for the Club. Please let any Board Member know what you think we can or should do that we aren't doing that will improve the club for all members. If you have some suggestions or request, or if you want to contribute some of your talents, contact any Officer or Board Member and your ideas will be considered. This club belongs to all of us and working together we can all make it better and more fun.

See you at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting,  
Bob

## Minutes of November 4th Meeting

We had 58 people attending with 4 new members and 3 guests.

Mentors List-- If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact Jim Terry. If you are a member of AAW you are covered under AAW insurance if you are a listed mentor. We have many experienced wood turners that are willing to give you their time to help you, please contact one of them and enjoy a day of turning and learning.

Earl Kennedy brought to the clubs attention that if you plan to make a tool rest using angle iron to cut the sides at a 45 degree angle to avoid getting your tool caught and causing an injury.

Dennis Ross informed us that the Winston-Salem Arts Council and the Sawtooth Center will be cutting down Holly trees surrounding the building in to logs and chunks for use by the club for turnings. Turnings from the wood will be auctioned off at the 2010 reopening of the new Arts Building. A donation of \$30 per turning will be given to the Club. This is a great opportunity for the club to earn funds as well as for our members to get recognition for their artistic abilities. Contact Dennis Ross at [denniswross@yahoo.com](mailto:denniswross@yahoo.com) for more information and if you would be willing to assist in the collection and cutting of the trees.

Christmas Party, December 2 2008.  
Moose Café at the Farmers Market off Sandy Ridge Road in Greensboro. If you want to participate in the woodturning exchange please bring a wrapped small woodturning. There will be drawings of four \$100 gift certificates to Woodcraft from the tickets earned through out the year for this drawing. How to earn tickets: A demonstrator earns 5 tickets and participation in the raffle, instant gallery and the Presidents Challenge earns you 1 ticket each.

Tennessee Woodturning Convention  
January 23 & 24--Demonstrators are Jimmy Clewes, Cindy Drozda, Mike Mahoney and Bob Rosand among others.

A vote was held on a meeting date change to bring us in line with other NC Woodturning groups to reduce the cost of outside demonstrators. Effective in January 2009 we will meet the second Tuesday of the month. The motion passed with all yeas with a majority of the membership present.

Presidents Challenge for January---  
PLYWOOD

Library News-- Our library has a large variety of woodturning material as well as DVD's of our demonstrators. This is a valuable source that is not utilized by all. Stop by the library at the next meeting and see Rita and check out what is available. Rental costs go toward buying new materials. If there is a DVD or Book that you think would benefit the club let Rita know what it is and we will work toward purchasing the

material. If you have any magazines DVD's Articles that you would like to donate to the library please do.

Treasure Bob Holtje gave the treasure's report

PTWA and AAW Dues are due

Bob Muir passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in new PTWA shirts. See Bob at the next meeting to order yours.

John Morris conducted the instant gallery of 37 items.

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Our demonstrator for November was Matt Birchfield -Turning lamp shades

Material used for turning lamp shades--green wood logs. Use the smallest part of the log toward the tail stock. Use a face plate on the headstock. Place both the head and tail stock on the pith as this will be turned out later and will prevent cracking. A roughing gouge or bowl gouge is used to turn the log round using the lowest and safest speed for the size of the log. Begin shaping the log to the desired shape of the shade. Be aware of any cracks or surface defects that could adversely affect the turning.



Once the log is turned to the desired shape, remove the tail stock and position the lamp on the turning. Once you start this process you must continue with out stopping because of the movement of the green wood. Using a heavy duty hollowing gouge begin hollowing the inside of the shade continue this process until you start to see the light coming through the wood, (This will be a bright red in color)

at this point you know that you are approaching the right thickness of the shade. You want to make sure that you leave the base, bottom of the shade slightly thicker  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to provide for support. As you continue turning the light will change to a bright yellow and this is the desired thickness  $\frac{1}{16}$  of an inch. Once this is achieved through the entire turning you are ready to part off the shade. Using a three prong support for the shade to sit on, you do not want to permanently attach the shade to the support because the wood will continue to move and you can just reposition the shade on the lamp.



Respectfully submitted, Lisa Mason

## Upcoming Events:

The **Tennessee Association of Woodturners** will hold their annual symposium Jan. 23-24 in Nashville. Demonstrators include Jimmy Clewes, Cindy Drozda, Mike Mahoney, and Bob Rosand. Information 615-300-0363 or [info@tnwoodturners.org](mailto:info@tnwoodturners.org).

The **Arizona Woodturner's Association** will hold its third Desert Woodturning Roundup on February 6, 7 & 8, 2009 at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ. [www.desertwoodturningroundup.com](http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com)

**Carolina Mountain Woodturners** will have [Jacques Vesery](#) on November 15<sup>th</sup> and [Keith Tompkins](#) on December 20<sup>th</sup>.



## PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER INSTANT GALLERY

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

Photos by Mike Evans. All photos are the property of PTWA and the individual woodturner. You can see the color versions by going to the On-Line Newsletter and the Instant Gallery on our website <http://www.ptwoodturners.org>



Jim Terry – Box from Canarywood pen blank



Jim Terry – Box Open



Lisa Mason – Ornaments – Honey Locust, Redwood Burl



Gabby Gutierrez – Needle Holder from pen blank



Gabby Gutierrez – Ornament – Fineals from pen blank



Bob Moffett – Mahogany/Walnut Box



Bob Moffett – Maple/Walnut Box



Linda Michael - Pyrography



Earl Kennedy – Wavey Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Threaded Holly Box



Earl Kennedy – Threaded Toothpick Holder from pen blank



Earl Kennedy - Ornaments



Bruce Schneeman – Bird House



Bert Rau – Red Oak/Walnut Bowl



Bert Rau – Pear/Bloodwood Bowl



Doc Green - Ornaments



Doc Green – Plum Pedestal Bowl



Joe Nelson – Cherry/Walnut Christmas Ornament



Al Thomas – Cherry Inside Out Vase from pen blanks



Robert Green - Pens



Robert Green – Birdseye Maple Backscratcher



Jim Yarbrough – Cherry Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Knife Handle from pen blanks



Gene Ayers – Cedar Bowl



Gene Ayers – Cedar Bowl



Bob Blanchard – B. Walnut Bowl



Bill Voss Maple/? Ornament



Wayland Loftin – Mahogany/Maple/Ebony Ornament



Wayland Loftin – Maple Burl/Oak/Ebony Trinket Box



Gene Briggs – Cherry Bowl



Jim Terry – Micro Box from pencil



Lisa Mason – Cherry Goblet



Linda Michael - Pyrography



Bruce Schneeman – Walnut Hollowform



Gene Briggs – Cherry/Walnut Mahogany Salt & Pepper



Lan Brady – Maple/Mahogany Stool

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

★ 6324 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27410-9062

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_  NEW APPLICATION  RENEWAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Home)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

City \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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