



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
December 2014

Calendar

December 9 - Xmas Party 6:00 PM
Jan 13, 2015 - Dean Hutchins – Piercing & Texturing
Feb 10 2015 - Willie Simmons – Turned Stool with Woven Seat
Mar 10, 2015 - Home Made Tools, Jigs & Fixtures

Message from the President:

Ok, can someone tell me where this year went? My parents always told me the older you get, the faster the time goes and it looks like they were right about that. I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday with their loved ones. By now you should just about be done with the leftovers.



Our final demonstration of 2014 was something a little different. The guys from ShopBot Tools in Durham brought out one of their smaller CNC routers. The

machines are amazing and can produce just about anything. I was under the impression that we would get to see them carve a piece with it, but it sounded like it was a pretty slow process. It would still be a neat machine to have in your collection of tools!

Joe Ghezzi was our final turner of the month for 2014. Joe donated a very nice lidded bowl (which I was very happy to win) for his contribution. I want to thank all of the members that have volunteered to be turner of the month this past year. The items that you contribute are always popular and it helps generate some extra revenue for our monthly raffle as well. If you wanted to be turner of the month this year and did not get a chance, do not worry because we will be doing it all over again next year. Just let me know if you would like to participate and I will make sure you get on the list.

We held our annual officer elections during the last meeting, which resulted in only two changes from the 2014 line up. Jeff Clark will be stepping down as Vice President and will be replaced by Jim Duxbury. Also, Nim Batchelor is stepping down as Secretary and will be replaced by Jerry Jones for 2015. We have also decided to roll the Program Director responsibilities into the Vice President role. I would like to thank all of the 2014 officers and volunteer contributors who help keep things running smoothly with our club. With all that being said, our club officers for 2015 are as follows:

President – Scot Conklin
Vice President/Program Director – Jim Duxbury
Club Treasurer – Bob Holtje
Club Secretary – Jerry Jones
Members At Large – Lan Brady & John Moehlmann
Website/Newsletter – Jim Terry
AAW / NCWS Liaison – Bob Muir
Librarian – Bonna Jones
Sergeant At Arms – Earl Martin

Last but not least, it is time once again for our club's annual Christmas Party. The party will be on December 9th (our normal meeting night) at 6:30 at Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale. As in the past, it will feature a buffet style dinner, dessert & beverage. We will also have prize drawings and a gift exchange. At last count I believe that we had 81 members indicate that they would be attending, so it should be better than ever. We will operate the gift exchange the same way we did last year. If you would like to participate, we would ask that you bring a turned gift inside a plain brown paper (lunch style) bag. Please do not wrap the item or write your name on the bag. All of the bags will be placed on a table and one person will start us off by picking a bag. The person who made the gift inside that bag will choose next and so on. If everything goes according to the plan, each participant will leave with a turned gift from one of

the other members. In order for this to work properly, we would ask that each participant bring only one gift for the exchange. As always, spouses are welcome to participate in the exchange as well. In addition to the gift exchange we will be holding drawings for yellow ticket participation. There will be four \$100 checks given away. We will also have some other door prizes to give away. If you would like to contribute an item or items as door prizes, you are more than welcome to do so, just don't put them in a plain brown paper bag and set them on the gift exchange table! If anyone has any questions about this, please get in touch with me.

Once again, thank you all so much for making 2014 such a great year for our club. I hope to see all of you on December 9th at Pioneer Family Restaurant.

Scot Conklin
President

Notes from our Secretary:

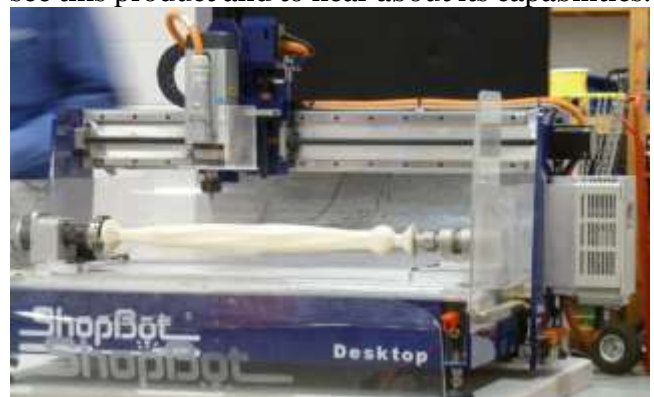
Noteworthy announcements included:

- We currently have 131 members AND it is time for everyone to renew their membership. Let's all be sure to do this promptly. Consideration for those who help us, is always appreciated. \$30 for single membership and \$45 for a family membership.
- Our club is a 501 (c)(3) organization, so any contribution you make to the club will count as a tax deduction.
- Ron Kerrick continues to offer spindle blanks at 60% off.
- 2014 PTWA Christmas Party will be held at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale on Tuesday December 9th at 6:00. Once again this year, there will be a gift exchange. If you want to participate, you should make an item that is small enough to fit into a small brown paper bag. If your spouse or significant other wants to participate, it is ok to bring two gifts. We will rotate selections until all the items have been distributed. In addition, there will be door prizes given out. If you want to make something that can be given away as a door prize, donations are welcome.
- The club recognized its veteran members and there was a "thank you" cake to celebrate veterans day.
- The president's challenge this month was to turn a serving piece. Due to the Christmas party, there is no president's challenge this month.



- Joe Ghezzi was this month's turner of the month. Due to the Christmas party, there will be no turner of the month for December.
- Elections for 2015 officers were held. The nominating committee came up with a slate of candidates for each position and there were no nominations from the floor. All candidates were unanimously elected.
 - President – Scot Conklin
 - Vice President and Program Director – Jim Duxbury
 - Secretary – Jerry Jones
 - Treasurer – Bob Holtje
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After the instant gallery and the monthly raffle, four representatives of the ShopBot company described and showed videos of their CNC (Computer Numerically Controlled) machine. In addition to being able to cut shapes in flat wood, the model that they were showing had the capability of cutting spindle stock which was rotating on an axis. When asked about how ShopBot's software compares to CAD, the response was that their software package is similar to CAD but had a somewhat easier interface. They are continuing to make the design software as user-friendly as possible. Overall, it was pretty cool to see this product and to hear about its capabilities.



For more detailed information, you can visit their web site at:

<http://www.shopbotttools.com/index.htm>

Respectively submitted,
Nim Batchelor

Dues for 2015:

Our membership dues are for the calendar year. Dues are \$30 for individual, \$45 for couple and \$45 if you are getting the newsletter via US Mail to cover the cost of printing and postage.

Get your dues to our treasurer. If you are coming to the Christmas Party, bring a check, Bob will be there. Let us get our dues closed out by the end of the year.

Bob Holtje.
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Mentors:

Jim Barbour, Elon (336) 584-4228
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Christmas Party Directions:

**Pioneer Family Restaurant
10914 North Main Street
Archdale, NC 27263**

From Winston-Salem:

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| 1. I-40 E/US-311 S toward Greensboro/High Point | 2.5 mi |
| 2. Slight right onto US-311 S (signs for High Point) | 9.8 mi |
| 3. Continue onto I-74 E | 6.6 mi |
| 4. Take exit 71B to merge onto I-85 BUS S/US-29 S/US-311 S/US-70 W toward Thomasville | 1.8 mi |
| 5. Take the US-311 S ramp to Asheboro | 0.2 mi |
| 6. Turn right onto US-311 S/S Main St | Pioneer Restaurant will be on the left
2.2 mi |

From Greensboro:

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| 1. I-40 W/I-85 BUS S/US-220 S/US-29 S/US-421 N/US-70 W | 0.7 mi |
| 2. Continue straight onto I-85 BUS S/US-29 S/US-70 W (signs for High Point/Charlotte) | 5.4 mi |
| 3. Continue onto I-85 S | 7.3 mi |
| 4. Take exit 111 for U.S. 311 N toward Archdale/High Point | 0.2 mi |
| 5. Turn right onto US-311 N/N Main St | Pioneer Restaurant will be on the right
0.9 mi |

From other locations see Google Maps and use the above address as your destination.

Photos of the November Instant Gallery



Joe Gheezi – Maple Burl Box – Turner of the Month



Michael Thompson – 11” Sourwood Tewa Feathered



Michael Thompson – Bradford Pear Zia & Zuni Design



Robert DeHart – 11” Bloodwood/Walnut



Henry Sample – 6” Mulberry Bowl



Jerry Jones - Pens



Jeff Clark – 8” Ambrosia Maple



Jeff Clark – 6” Rosewood Bowl



Jeff Clark – 16” Ambrosia Maple



Jeff Clark – 8” Bowl



Julien McCarthy – 9” Maple w/walnuts



Julien McCarthy – 7” Chestnut & Turquoise



George Sudermann – 9” Cyprus Bowl



Frank Crotts – 5” Maple



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Jim Duzbury – 14” Walnut Bowl



Earl Martin – Holly Mushrooms



Bob Moffett – Bubinga & Spalted Pecan Pens



Earl Kennedy – 8” Walnut & Maple Stacked Ring Bowl



Earl Kennedy – 4” Mahogany & Maple Box



Geoff Purser – 11” Box Elder



Dave MacInnes – Maple 7 Walnut Saturn



Dave MacInnes – Black Cherry Pedistal Bowl



John Morris – Wine Stoppers



Jack Johnson – 6” White Pine Vase



Red Saunders –Carved & Painted



Tim Smith – Red Oak Peppermill



Milt Transou – 16” Black Maple Chip & Dip Bowl

CHAPTER OFFICERS

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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.
 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 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 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.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dear Piedmont Woodturners, Family, and Friends,

Join us for Food, Fellowship & Conversation

Annual PTWA Christmas Party

6:30p.m. - Tuesday, December 9th

Pioneer Family Restaurant

10914 North Main Street, Archdale, NC 27263

Buffet Style Dinner, Dessert & Beverage

Each person will pay individually.

Approximately \$12.50 per person including tax. Gratuity is additional as you see fit.

Gift exchange of a wrapped, turned gift of modest value for all who wish to participate. Item must be contained in a plain, brown paper lunch bag. No gift wrapping!

Drawings for 4 - \$100.00 prizes of the year long raffle.

If you have any questions, please email Jim Duxbury, Program Coordinator at cyberdux@bellsouth.net or call 336-227-7168.