



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter
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Message from the President:



February is here again,

Well it is that time of year again and the Groundhog did see his shadow. It looks like there will be six more weeks of woodturning in our future, so keep those shops warm and the chips flying!

With the help of his teleprompter, Doc Green taught us all kinds of tricks for chucking up and holding our work pieces. Also, Doc proved that you don't need to spend a lot of money on fixtures and jigs by making your own with items that you probably already have around your shop. I think that we all came away from that demo with some very useful tips that will make us more productive turners.

This month, we are bringing in a demonstrator all the way from Northeast Greensboro. Lan Brady will be our featured demonstrator for February and will be demonstrating how he makes his treenware. For those of you who don't know what treenware is, I won't give it away, but I can tell you that it is very useful and also comes from trees!

I took a vote at the January meeting to see how many of our turners still had the first piece they ever turned and more than half the group indicated that they did. I then took a vote on how many of them would be willing to bring in their first ever turned piece to show at the next meeting and surprisingly not many hands went down. Now at the meeting, I did give Ron Roe the credit for bringing this idea to my attention (especially if it turns out badly). I actually think it is a great idea, not because I am proud of the first piece that I ever turned, but for the fact that it will show our newer turners that we all started somewhere and with the possible exception of myself, our work has improved greatly with experience. Our club is all about sharing our experience, our successes and our failures with fellow turners and educating

newer turners on the proper tool techniques and best practices so that they will enjoy their own success. You have heard myself, John Morris and others say that there is not a turner in our group that is not willing to share their techniques with anyone willing to ask them. For those of you that are new to our club, there is no competition between us and I encourage you to ask questions and seek out information on turning topics that interest you. Our membership is large enough that almost all types of turning are represented somewhere within our ranks and the best way to gain knowledge of a subject is to work with someone that knows it.

I want to thank Bonna Jones who has taken over the club Librarian position from Kim Hutchins. I also want to remind those of you who have items checked out of the library to return them so that others may benefit from them as well.

We are still looking to fill our Program Director position. We currently only have demonstrations scheduled through March, so it is important that we get someone working on filling up the remaining spots.

Jim Terry will be our turner of the month for February. We still have one spot open in November, so if you are interested, please let me know.

This month's President's Challenge is to turn a finial. The finial may be by itself or part of another piece and can be any size you want to turn it, so be creative! The President's Challenge for March will be to turn an object that is comprised of at least 3 different species of wood. This can be a segmented piece, a laminated turning, or an object consisting of 3 or more individual pieces.

Our January raffle brought in around \$185, so let's see if we can beat that this month. Remember to bring in some items to show off in our instant gallery as well as some items for the raffle table. Also remember to bring the first piece that you ever turned. We will have a separate instant gallery setup for those pieces.

I hope to see all of you on February 11th.

Scot Conklin

President

Notes from our Secretary:

Our president, Scot Conklin, began with introductions of guests and new members. Since this was the first meeting of the new year, he also introduced this year's officers and mentors.

Noteworthy announcements included:

- The club's coffers increased by \$1,200 due to sizable donation and to the sale of donated items (including Doug Fischer's platter and Jerry Meismer's hat).
- Landscape lighting has a Jet 1642 lathe for sale. They are asking \$2,000.
- This month's president's challenge is for snowmen. Next month's challenge is for something with a finial.
- Jim Terry announced that there is a church in Oak Ridge that is being restored. They are looking for someone who can turn another rosette for them. If you are interested, contact Jim for details. John Morris volunteered.
- Bonnie Jones volunteered to be the club's new librarian. However, we still need someone to volunteer to be Program Director. Jim Duxbury described the responsibilities of this position.
- Scot reminded everyone about the end-of-the-year raffle and that you can earn entry tickets by: putting something in the instant gallery (1 ticket), bringing something for the president's challenge (1 ticket), donating to our monthly raffle (1 ticket), demonstrating at a monthly meeting (5 tickets), hosting a breakout session (5 tickets).

Scot Conklin was introduced as January's turner of the month. Scot donated a stunning redwood pen into the raffle. Check the club's website for images of the 30 items that were shared in this month's instant gallery.

Scot invited everyone to thank Linda Marsh—the current director of Leonard recreation center—for going out of her way to schedule the center's basketball activities around our meetings.

After a break, Doc Green began his presentation. Doc took a moment to thank Harold Jones for helping create and launch Doc's website (<http://www.docgreenwoodturner.com/>). Doc assured us that this site contains a great deal of material that members of the club might find helpful. He also mentioned that his book, Fixtures and Chucks for Woodturning, is available from the club for \$15 and on Amazon for just a bit more.

Doc's presentation consisted in a series of pointers, tips and insights. I am certain, however, that everyone present would agree that the primary thing that Doc Green shared with us was his good humor and exuberant infectious personality. It was a genuine joy to experience Doc's presentation.

Doc's first tip of the evening involved pointing out that you can tapping the end of a #2 morse taper. This morse taper can then be secured in place with a threaded tension rod. When used in conjunction with a drill chuck, you can securely hold an internal bowl buffer. For more on this, see:

<http://www.docgreenwoodturner.com/lathebuffing.html>). Next, Doc showed us how to cut threads in MDF to make a faceplate. You start by using a Forstner bit to cut a hole that is 1/8th of an inch smaller than the tap you plan to use. The trick is to use a point on your tailstock to both drive and center the tap as it cuts. Thin CA glue should be used on plywood and end-grain. Then Doc showed us how he cuts a finial. The key, he suggested, is to begin by shaping the large end (oriented toward the tailstock) and end with the pointy end (which is oriented toward the headstock). Doc then shifted to talking about how to sharpen a scraper. He pointed out that the edge you have straight off the grinder is both too jagged and too fragile. He recommended that you hone both the top and then the bevel (in that order). This will leave a burr that will both cut well and last. For more on this, see: (<http://www.docgreenwoodturner.com/scrapers1.html>). Doc ended his presentation by showing us how to grip a square-edged bowl. The key is to put gripping tenons on both sides. Once you have that, you cut the top of your bowl, reverse it, then cut the bottom, reverse it again and then remove the last tenon. This last step is done by using a point on the tailstock to press the top of the bowl against a large flat MDF face-plate that is attached to the head stock. You complete the bowl by cutting the tenon away to a nubbin, which is removed with a knife or saw and finished off with a 1" sanding pad.

Respectively submitted,

Nim Batchelor

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Photos of the January Instant Gallery



Robert DeHart – Cherry, Maple & Purpleheart Vase



Robert DeHart – Maple & Purpleheart Vase w/ Santa



Jim Yarbrough – Maple Natural Edge Bowl



Nim Batchelor – 10” Cherry Bowl



Jerry Jones – Wooden Pendants



George Sudermann – Honey Locust Natural Edge Bowl



George Sudermann – Ambrosia Maple Lidded Box



Michael Thompson – Walnut & Aircotte Stemed Bowl



Michael Thompson – Plum & Bloodwood Stemed NE Bowl



John Morris – Pine Closed Seg Bowl



Jeff Clark – Ebony Shaving Set



Jim Raine – Walnut Bowl



Floyd Lucas – Pine Segmented Vase



Linda Michael – Maple “Leopard” Platter



Linda Michael – Maple Off-Center Bowl



Jack Johnson – Maple Peppermill



Earl Martin – Elm Bowl



Earl Martin – Ambrosia Maple, Bloodwood & Ebony Lidded Vessel



James Duxbury – Cherry Lidded Glass Vessel



Rudy Cook – Maple Bowl



Rudy Cook – American Elm Bowl



Jeff Clark – 15” Ambrosia Maple Chip & Dip Platter



Jeff Clark – 13” Poplar Platter



Phil Fuentes – Padauk & Alaskan Yellow Cedar Duck



Dean Hutchins – Elm Bowl



Kim & Dean Hutchins – Elm Pierced



Dean Hutchins – Maple Natural Edge



Snowmen – Rita Duxbury, Earl Kennedy, Jerry Jones & Floyd Lucas

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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.

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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.