

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the Leonard Rec. Center.

DEMONSTRATOR: Bob Muir will demonstrate how he turns a ladle consisting of a 2 3/8" spherical bowl and a 5" handle.

FUTURE DEMONSTRATORS:

February John Morris – Open Segmented Turning
March Edgar Ingram – Cylindrical Bias Turning

PROJECTS OF THE MONTH:

January – Tops for Tots
February – spindles (candle sticks, balusters, table legs, bottle stoppers, etc.)

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We will hold elections of officers at the Jan. meeting.

Thanks to Jim Barbour, Vicki Tanner, and James Yarborough for recruiting nominees for officers of the Chapter for 2006. The nominees are

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| President | Bob Muir |
| Vice President | Vicki Tanner |
| Secretary | Lan Brady |
| Treasurer | Gene Briggs |
| At Large Member | Paige Cullen |
| Newsletter | Jim Terry |
| Photographer | Mike Evans |
| Outreach (new) | Chet Greathouse |
| Program | Jim Duxbury |

Members may submit additional nominations before the election.

We had a good time at the Holiday Dinner. I wish everyone could have been there. I hope the photos that Earl Kennedy took will give those unable to be there a sense of the fun we had. Thanks Earl!

-- Bob Muir

MINUTES OF DEC 6th MEETING:

We held our annual December Christmas Meeting on Dec 6.

With the recent growth in our club, we elected to move our location to the Farmers Market Kitchen. President Bob Muir hit a home run by selecting a larger location.

We began our meeting with the unofficial "meet and greet". It was a great surprise to receive a Roy Original Center Finding Tool. I was surprised that some of the spouses actually thought it was a pencil.

Bob opened our meeting at 6:30 pm with the introduction of the salad bar. Noticing the lengthy line, several Turners (and spouse) began thinking outside the box. They went through the hot line first. Leave it to the wood turners to use non-traditional methods. Actually, I guess the restaurant owner was lucky that the silverware was not made into a parting tool!!!

After a wonderful meal, we conducted our gift exchange by drawing numbers for the order. As each person selected their gift, it was presented to the group. The artist were personally thanked and allowed to comment. I believe everyone enjoyed being able to share their new treasures with the group. We saw big and small, hard and soft, square and round. No 2 items were the same. Fortunately we had Earl Kennedy taking snap shots of many of the prizes. I look forward to seeing some of the gifts that I did not see up close.

Our meeting was concluded with the grand prize of a \$400 gift certificate at Woodcraft. Our Lucky recipient this year was John Morris. I can already see the dreams of an open segmented holy grail. Our president, noting that the next meeting would be January 3rd, back at the Leonard Recreation center, closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

Joel Hunnicutt Named a 2006 NICHE Award Finalist!!

Baltimore MD. (November 17, 2005)-Joel Hunnicutt, a wood artist from Siler City, NC, has been named as a finalist in the **2006 NICHE Awards** for the piece entitled **Lidded Urn** in the **Wood: Turned** category.

Joel Hunnicutt is a wood turner who uses "segmented" construction as a primary design tool. This process involves the precise cutting of many small pieces of wood and then assembling them into a rough

form, which then is turned to shape on a wood lathe. He often uses dyes and inks to transform these turned shapes into a rainbow of color. His work can be seen at www.joelhunnicutt.com

Winners of the 2006 **NICHE Awards** will be announced at a ceremony during the **Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft** on Sunday February 19, 2006. Only 191 entries –out of more than 1,000 submissions by some of the nation's most brilliant and innovative artist in every medium—were named as finalist in this years competition. The awards program is sponsored by **NICHE Magazine**, the exclusive trade publication for North American retailers of American craft.

The **Niche Awards** program began in 1990 to recognize the outstanding creative achievements of American craft artist who produce work for the craft galleries and retail stores. Judging is based on three main criteria:

- Technical excellence, both in surface design and form
- Market viability
- A distinct quality of unique, original and creative thought

Niche Magazine is published by the Rosen Group which also publishes **AmericanStyle** magazine, a consumer lifestyle magazine for enthusiast and collectors of American Art.



Way to go Joel! Good luck on finishing first!

Possible improvements coming:

Brian Johnson is designing a rack based **lighting system** that will improve the quality of our video recordings of demonstrations and the ability of the demonstrator to see what he/she is doing. The rack will also provide for mounting some of the video cameras.

In addition, he is designing tables/benches to facilitate the activities of the demonstrator that will include a bench for a sharpening system, a bench for arranging tools and supplies, and a lathe-bed table for use by the demonstrator.

Does anyone have a low speed grinder they are willing to donate to the club?

Robert and Carol Karraker are going to bring their wireless **microphone/PA system** for use at the Jan. meeting so we can think about replacing the one we have with a better one.

INSTANT GALLERY: As soon as you bring your piece in, find the sheet to record your name and information about the piece, and put the ID sticker on your piece.

Having woodturning problems? If you would like to bring pieces that you want help with (but don't necessarily want to put in the gallery), bring them to our meetings and we'll provide an opportunity to share your concerns.

UPCOMING SYMPOSIUM:

Hello Bob,

Please forward this message to your AAW Chapter members.

The registration price for the Desert Woodturning Roundup Symposium to be held in Mesa, Arizona February 18th and 19th, 2006, is still only \$125.00 for all AAW woodturning club members. We will be raffling off two new lathes plus other items. See the following web site for more details about the great demonstrators, vendors, and to register. <http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com>

Thank you, Sean Troy

Weekly Woodturning Tips - Tip 42 Part 1 from [woodturningtips.com](http://www.woodturningtips.com)

ON SHARPENING CHISELS (1) – Grinding & Sharpening – The difference

This tip is in response to a question sent in by Carl - one of the members of this newsletter.

When sharpening woodturning chisels on a grinder, it is necessary to be aware of the difference between grinding and sharpening. We grind a chisel to get the required bevel angle. It can be a time-consuming, slow process and you will probably be using a coarse as well as a fine stone. Once the bevel angle is obtained, lengthy grinding of the tool should not be necessary for quite a while – and then only for correcting the angle that may be lost as a result of poor sharpening.

Sharpening of tools, which have lost their sharp edge, is best done fairly frequently, as soon as the tool isn't cutting as well as when it was first sharpened. It is also best if it simply involves one or two light passes on the fine grinding wheel – just enough to restore the edge while still maintaining the bevel angle.

Three of the most common mistakes made by beginner turners learning to sharpen tools are:

- Letting the tool get too blunt before going to the grindstone
- Lengthy grinding each time
- Pressing the tool too hard against the stone so that the grind becomes uneven or the thin edge overheats.

The key words to remember when sharpening are 'frequent' and 'firm but light-handed'.

More on sharpening next week.

To request a particular topic that you would like to see covered as a weekly woodturning tip, simply go to the following address and fill in the details of your topic: www.woodturningtips.com/request_a_tip.htm

The Woodturning Tips eBook, "Woodturning Tips & Techniques: What Woodturners Want to Know", by Carol Rix is now available. For more info, visit the following page: www.woodturningtips.com/7_reasons_why.htm

To access previous weekly tips, click on the following link: www.woodturningtips.com/weeklytips.htm Please feel free to email me with any feedback about the weekly tips that I've been sending. We welcome any suggestions or comments.

If you do not wish to be subscribed to this email list, click on the following 'unsubscribe' email link and hit 'send': unsubscribe@woodturningtips.com

WOOD FOR SALE:

PHOTOS FROM DECEMBER HOLIDAY DINNER

WHEN YOU BRING ITEMS FOR THE GALLERY, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR NAME AND THE WOOD TYPE SO WE CAN PROPERLY ASSIGN CREDIT.

Photos are courtesy of Earl Kennedy. You can see the color versions by going to the newsletter section of our website or by visiting the website at <http://albums.photo.epson.com/j/AlbumIndex?u=4076797&a=31993669&f=>.







UPCOMING WOODTURNING CLUB MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

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| <p>Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association First Tuesday, 7 p.m., Leonard Recreation Center, Greensboro Jan. 3 – Bob Muir – spherical bowl ladle Feb 7 – John Morris – Open Segmented Turning Mar 7 – Edgar Ingram – Cylindrical Bias Turning http://www.piedmontcommunities.us/go/ptwa</p> | <p>Woodturners Guild of North Carolina Second Thursday, 7pm??, NCSU Craft Center Demonstration schedule unknown to the editor. http://www.woodturnersguild.com/</p> |
| <p>North Carolina Woodturners Second Saturday, Woodworking Shop, Hickory, NC. Usually 1 PM (sometimes 10-4) http://www.geocities.com/nc_woodturners/</p> | <p>Carolina Mountain Woodturners Third Saturday at Folk Art Center (near Asheville) Blue Ridge Parkway just South of mile marker 382. 10AM – 4PM. Jan. – Talmadge Murphey, North Carolina Feb. – Cindy Drozda, Colorado Mar. – Ray Key, England http://www.carolinamountainwoodturners.org/</p> |

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INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.piedmontcommunities.us/go/ptwa> **OUR CHAPTER'S WEB SITE**

<http://www.woodturner.org/> **THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS**

AAW Galleries base page: <http://www.woodturner.org/gallery/>

AAW Members' gallery page: <http://www.woodturner.org/photopost/index.php>

AAW Members' forum: <http://www.woodturner.org/vbforum/forumdisplay.php?f=2>

AAW Members' e-mail discussion list info: <http://www.woodturner.org/community/discussion.cfm>

AAW products (videos, logo items, etc.): <http://www.woodturner.org/products/>

Some photos of Instant Gallery at AAW 2004 Symposium (Orlando): <http://www.swflwoodturners.org/AAW2004Gallery.html>

Directions for cutting threads for threaded lid boxes: http://www.revolutionary-turners.com/attach/Threaded_Boxes.htm

Here are some web links that show a variety of different top designs:

<http://www.spinning-top.de/>

<http://www.m.ehime-u.ac.jp/~tateishi/Tops/tops/alltops01.html>

<http://sandstrum.com/MYCOLLECT.HTML>

http://www.spinningtop.de/spinning_top/spinning_top.html

<http://www.toycrafter.com/tops/fingertops.htm>

<http://www.toycrafter.com/tops/flips.htm>

<http://www.woodmagazine.com/>

Russ Fairfield's web site: <http://www.woodturnerruss.com/>

Christian Burchard's web site (VERY DIFFERENT!): <http://www.burchardstudio.com/>

Russ Fairfield's "How to turn a pen tutorial": <http://www.woodturnerruss.com/Pen10.html>

Ken Grunke's inside-out turning how-to: <http://www.crwoodturner.com/ornaments/ornaments.pdf>

Kenn Osborne's "How to make a segmented pen tutorial": <http://www.penturners.org/content/segpen.pdf>

Ed Davidson's "How to turn a cigar pen tutorial": <http://www.penturners.org/content/CigarPenInstructions.pdf>

Jay Pickens' "How to cast polyester resin pen blanks": http://www.penturners.org/content/PR_Instructions.pdf

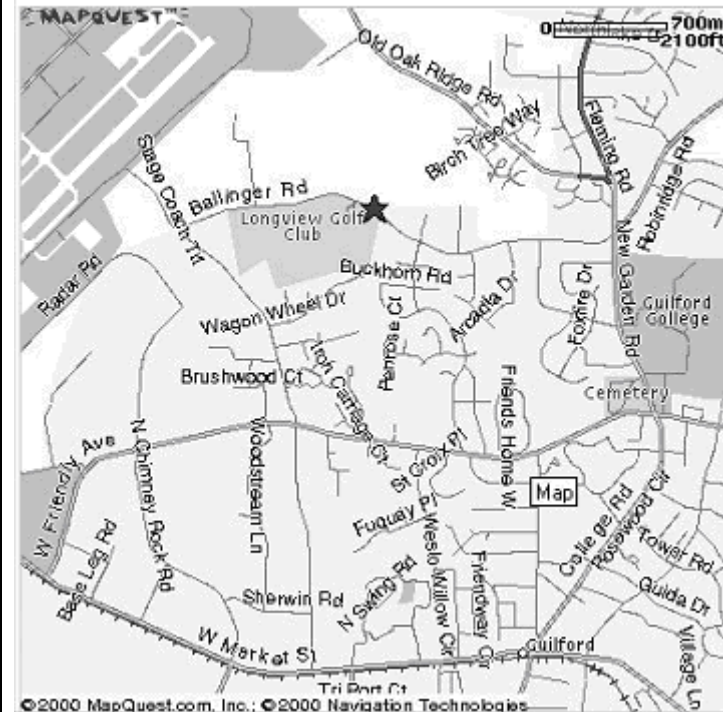
Source for epoxy and polyester resins: <http://www.artstuf.com/>

Arts and Crafts supplies: <http://www.craftsetc.com/> also <http://www.MisterArt.com/>

Irene Gafert's web pages: <http://www.woodturndeco.com/>

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 **COLLEGE RD.**
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.
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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.

Please make check payable to Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association.

Mail to: Gene Briggs, 1831 Squire Davis Rd, Kernersville, NC 27284