



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter

January 2009

Next Meeting:

January 13th – Bill McInnis – Rose Engine Lathe

Future Demonstrators:

February 10th – Hands On & Tool Sale

March 10th – Frank Penta – Offset Base Platters

April 14th - Red Saunders - Surface decorations

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:

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hopefully you didn't miss our annual Christmas Party in December at the Moose Cafe. As in years past, the food was great as well as the company. The annual gift exchange for everyone who wanted to participate generated a unique variety of turned items. I think everyone that participated, enjoyed the gift exchange. We also had our annual grand prize drawing for four gifts of \$100 each. The winners were Earl Kennedy, Linda Michaels, Jim Terry, and Bob Moffett.



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. In future months we will be using some of the excellent suggestions you have proposed for the Turning Challenge.

Don't forget that we voted to change the meeting night to the **2nd Tuesday of the month**. We will still be meeting at the **Leonard Recreation Center**, across the hall from the room we have been in. It is a little larger and should be an improvement. As I mentioned at the Christmas Party, we will try a change to our meeting.

We will have Room 1 at the Leonard Rec. Center from 5:30 – 9:30 as well as the small room for the library starting at 6:00.

Our tentative schedule will be as follows:

5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour

View Gallery

Buy Raffle Tickets

Visit

6:30 – 7:30 Business Meeting, Gallery Presentation, Raffle, Break

7:30 – 9:30 Demo

9:30 – 10:00 Clean-up room

This should give us more time to visit and get to know one another as well as more time for the demo.

Please bring your **two** best tunings for display in the Instant Gallery. If you participate in the Monthly Turning Challenge, bring one for the Turning Challenge and one for the Instant Gallery. Please limit your entries to **two** items so we can have time to admire them and more time for the monthly demonstration.

We are working on having 2 hands-on demos and possibly two Tools sale meetings this coming year.

Be sure to bring something for the monthly Raffle. It can be wood, an old tool you don't use anymore, old Woodturning and Woodworking magazines or whatever you think other members would enjoy winning. Our Raffle is one of the ways that we raise money to support the club and is something in which everyone can participate.

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 checked out in November will be due in January.

We are always looking for ways to improve our club. We would like 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 to 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 January 13th meeting,
Bob

Future Demonstration News:

Our demonstration schedule for the upcoming meetings should prove to be quite interesting. Our line up through June:

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 inlays, stone, etc.

May - Steve Ainsworth - Turning pewter

June – Mike Stafford - Boxes

If you would like to share some of your turning skills by doing a demo, please contact Jim Duxbury and he will see if he can schedule a time for you.

Monthly Raffle:

We have a monthly raffle in which everyone can participate. You can bring wood (green or dried), old tools or jigs that you don't use anymore, old woodturning and woodworking magazines or anything else that you think someone else in the club might enjoy winning. The cost of tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Each ticket is placed in a cup in front of the raffle item that you are interested in. Tickets will be available for sale prior to the meeting and the drawing will be held between the business portion of the meeting and the demonstration. If your ticket is drawn, you win that item. All of the proceeds go to the club treasury to help fund club activities

Annual Grand Prize Raffle Guidelines:

To become eligible for the drawing, a member earns tickets during the year. There are several ways to earn tickets:

1 ticket by bringing a turning or turnings to the Instant Gallery

1 ticket for participating in the Monthly Turning Challenge

1 ticket for bringing something to the raffle

5 tickets for doing a demonstration

All the tickets are collected in a box and then a drawing is held at the end of the year Christmas Party. Four tickets are drawn and each person wins \$100.

New Toy Law:

(The following provided via AAW)

There is a new law going into effect next February in the USA called the “Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA)”. This law requires international and domestic manufactures of all items intended to be used by children 12 years old and younger (toys, clothing, furniture, etc...) to submit every batch of manufactured product to testing by a third-party agency. The testing is intended to certify on a manufactured batch basis that these children’s items are free of hazardous materials and meet US Consumer Product Safety Commission
<http://www.cpsc.gov/index.html>
[standards](http://www.cpsc.gov/index.htmlstandards). Here is a link to the Congressional Act: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsia.pdf>.

The Handmade Toy Alliance
<http://www.handmadetoyalliance.org/> sees significant problems with this act, as written, and is calling on Congress to amend the Act so that small USA, Canadian and European businesses and hobbyist are exempted from the financially onerous third-party testing provisions.

If you make toys or other items intended for children’s use, you should dial into the HTA’s site <http://www.handmadetoyalliance.org/> to read more about this legislation, the potential impact on your business or hobby income, and the proposed amendments to this Act.

Here are some links to recently published news articles on the subject...good, but scary reading:

- The federal government is here to help you
<http://www.lvrj.com/opinion/36126779.html>

- Small toy stores fear new U.S. regulations
<http://bostonherald.com/business/general/view.bg?articleid=1139071>

- New toy safety law no fun for retailers
http://www.mlive.com/grpress/business/index.ssf/2008/12/new_toy_safety_law_no_fun_for.html

- Legislating Montana Small Businesses Out of Business
http://www.flatheadbeacon.com/articles/article/legislating_montana_small_businesses_out_of_business/7197/

(Note: To follow the above three links, cut and paste into your browser. Acrobat will not allow imbedded links of more than 54 characters.)

Best regards,
 Ed Davidson
 AAW Webmaster
 Colorado Springs, CO

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.

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

Carolina Mountain Woodturners

January - Rodger Jacobs, February – Mark St-Ledger, March – Stephen Hatcher, April – Malcolm Tibbetts

Photos from the Dec 2nd. Christmas Party at the Moose Café



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

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| <p>To the Leonard Recreation Center 6324 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27410 Phone: (336) 297-4889 Some of the signage is confusing, so be careful.</p> <p>FROM WEST OF GREENSBORO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take Bus-40 E. 2. Take exit number 213. 3. Turn RIGHT onto GUILFORD COLLEGE RD. 4. GUILFORD COLLEGE RD becomes COLLEGERD. 5. COLLEGERD becomes NEW GARDEN RD. 6. Turn SHARP LEFT onto BALLINGER RD. 7. Leonard Recreation Center is about 1 mile on the right. <p>FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take I-85 S(Bus-40 W/US -29 S). 2. Take the Bus-40 WEST/US -220 SOUTH exit, exit number 123, towards WINSTON-SALEM (US -421 N). 3. Merge onto Bus-40 W/US -220 S. 4. Stay straight to go onto Bus-40 W. 5. Take exit number 213. 6. Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp. 7. Merge onto GUILFORD COLLEGE RD. 8. GUILFORD COLLEGE RD becomes COLLEGERD. 9. COLLEGERD becomes NEW GARDEN RD. 10. Turn SHARP LEFT onto BALLINGER RD. 11. Leonard Recreation Center is about 1 mile on the right. | <p>The new highway I-73 (Future I-840) that now goes north-south between PTI Airport and the Leonard Recreation Center has made it impossible to place a meaningful map in this space.</p> <p>From West of Greensboro this new highway has provided other alternatives to get to the Leonard Center from the new highway without having to go to Guilford College Rd. The following link to Mapquest will provide a view that can be panned and enlarged to see some of these alternatives.</p> <p>http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=6324+Ballinger&zipcode=27410</p> |
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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.

Please make check payable to Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association.
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