



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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## Message from the President:

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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years and got just the turning toy (I mean tools) that they needed. As John Jordan would say, "We are all just one tool away from greatness.



I think everyone that attended our annual Christmas party and gift exchange at the Moose Café had a good time. The fellowship was great as well as the food and the gift exchange was a lot of fun for all who participated. We also had drawings for 4 \$100 gifts, a Woodturning DVD donated by Woodworkers Supply in Graham, N.C. and 5 \$10 gift certificates from Craft Supply. If you missed the Party, please be sure to attend next year. You will enjoy it.

We are fortunate to have our own Scott Conklin demonstrating his techniques for turning his beautiful pens. Personally, I am looking forward to this because I have turned some pens but, they never look as good as his. And I have never turned an acrylic pen so this will be a good learning experience for me. If you have turned some pens, they may be good items to show in the Instant Gallery.

Our January Turning Challenge will be to turn a mushroom. Several tutorials for turning mushrooms can be found at [www.turningonline.com](http://www.turningonline.com). The only restriction on size of your mushroom is that it must fit through the doorway, so it can't be over 36" wide and 84" tall. Other than that, the only limit is your imagination. It can also be as small as you want it to be.

Our February Turning Challenge will be your choice of either a plate, platter or wall hanging (a large platter). Several tutorials for turning one of these can be found at [www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning\\_projects.html](http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_projects.html). It can be as large or small as you want. It can be segmented, laminated, round, square or a rectangle. Other than that the only limit is your imagination.

Jim Barbour has graciously stepped up and is coordinating selection of a turning from the club for our chapter to submit to the AAW 25<sup>th</sup> Symposium turning gallery. At the November meeting, he said that he would like to use the following format for the club to select a piece for the gallery: for the following months, November, January and February, each participant can bring in a piece to be juried by the club members. The club will select the top 3 each month. We have two more meetings that you can enter a piece for the exhibit, January and February. One piece will then be selected from the juried pieces. That piece would be sent to AAW to put in the AAW 25<sup>th</sup> Symposium Turning Gallery. The piece submitted can be no larger than 8" X 8" X 8". The remaining pieces will be displayed in a local gallery. If you would like to get club and national recognition, this is a great opportunity to do just that. This is open to every member in the club. Remember, if your piece is selected, it may be sold to a collector or other patron of the arts, so don't submit a piece that you wouldn't want to sell.

We had one member who made a \$1,000 contribution to the club treasury last month. This will be used as the Officers and Board of Directors see fit to best benefit the club. The contributor wants to remain anonymous, so, on behalf of the club, thanks to that member.

The library will be open will again in January. Please return any DVDs or Videos that you have checked out when you come to the January meeting so that other people can use them. If you can't come, you can call another member and have them

return them for you. The library is a tremendous resource available to all members and you should take advantage of it. Rita and Linda are doing a great job as our librarians and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. Rita told me that she is planning on ordering some new DVDs so our library will be even better.

We will once again be having a Raffle this coming meeting. So, go through some of your old stuff that you aren't using to select things to bring to the **First Raffle of the New Year**. Let's make this the biggest raffle ever! You can bring old tools that you don't use anymore, or didn't sell at the October meeting, wood, old woodworking and woodturning magazines, roughed out bowl blanks or anything else that you think some other member might be interested in. Doc Green, our Grand Raffle Master, is looking forward to starting the year off with a bang, so let's don't disappoint him. After all, he will be recovering from the agony of missing the November Mega Raffle and no raffle in December. That's 2 months of withdrawal! He may be too excited for some of us to deal with but, I'm sure it will be fun.

As I have said before, one key area we need to focus on this coming year is increasing volunteer participation for all the activities required to operate our club. We are woefully short of backups for almost all activities. If you are willing to contribute some of your talents to the club, contact any Officer or Board Member. This opportunity is open to both old and new members. We need people to do specific tasks as well as being backup person for someone else. That way, if someone can't make a meeting, we will have another person to help them with their activity. If you see someone doing something that you would like to help them do, let them know that you would like to help. It would be greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for ways to improve our club. We have made several changes in the past year that I hope have been beneficial to the club and its members. 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 of our members. If you would, please contact a Board member at the meeting and follow up with an email, letter or phone call after the meeting. This club belongs to all of us and working together we can all make it better and more fun for everyone.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the club for allowing me to serve as President for the past three years. It has been a great experience and I have enjoyed every minute of it. As a club, I think we have made great strides

forward in the past three years. I feel that it is time for me to step down and a new President take over and bring some new ideas to the club so we can continue to grow and better serve our members and communities. John Morris is the person that I would choose to pass that torch on to. I am thankful that he volunteered and that the club elected him. I'm confident that he to new, higher levels. He has had much experience in leading other organizations and I feel will be a very strong president.

Jim Yarborough will be taking over John's job as vice president and I believe he will be as outstanding vice president as was John. Lan Brady has been secretary of our club for several years and has agreed to continue to do so. He has always given us excellent summaries of the meetings and consistently found outside articles or written articles of interest for the newsletters. Bob Holtje has been doing a great job keeping our books and running the company store. Our summer youth teaching program is going well under the leadership of Bob Muir. Both Bob Muir and Jim Terry have done an outstanding job of upgrading our audio visual presentations. They are second to none. In addition, Jim Terry also does an excellent job of creating our monthly newsletter and maintaining our website. Pat Lloyd and Wayne Peterson have teamed together, to help Jim Terry, by doing an exceptional job of photographing the Instant Gallery and Turning Challenge Gallery to make our newsletter even better. Our Program Director, Jim Duxbury, is doing an excellent job of scheduling outstanding demonstrators and club events. This is a particularly difficult job, because we have all skill levels in our club, from beginning turners to expert professional turners and everyone isn't going to be interested in the same demo. Rita Duxbury and Linda Michaels have significantly improved our library over the past years and have agreed to continue to accept that responsibility. Doc Green has organized our raffle better than any club raffle I have seen. He and his crew should be called the "Raffle Masters." I would like to personally thank all of the Officers, Board Members and Ex-Officio Officers and all the other members who have served the club so well in the past and will continue to do so in the future. You are the reasons why we have such a great, successful woodturning club.

Bob

## Notes from the Christmas Party:

We began our meeting with the unofficial “meet and greet”. Most folks arrived early and shared family introductions and stories. I hope all of you had a chance to see John Morris’s pictures. We miss Joel at our meeting, but I clearly see what is occupying his time. That was a good size vase, I am sure most of us will be making one in the near future! Only in our dreams of course!

- President Bob Moffett opened our meeting
- A welcome to members(old and new), visitors, spouses and significant others
- A kind thank you to current officers was given.
- A welcome to the 2011 officers was give as well
- Also a Thank you to our Charter members, who got this ball rolling 10+ years ago
- Invitations to future projects/workshops were announced
- Mushrooms are the President challenge for January
- We had a total of 64 present. All those not in attendance were missed.

Our meal was a wonderful buffet, which had a little something for everyone. After the meal, we were all eager to get into the gifts. (Just like kids) I was not the only one excited about the gifts.

President Bob selected Lily Batchelor to pick the first gift. The person’s gift she chose selected the second gift and so on! The process went off without a hitch. Well almost. The very last person was left with her own gift. I will not bore you with the odds of that happening, but someone should have bought a lottery ticket on the way home.

I think everyone was pleasantly surprised with their latest acquisition.

And the moment everyone was waiting for, the 4 --\$100 Gift Certificates. Anticipation was high as Bob opened the hermetically sealed entry box that has remained on the back porch of the Law Firm of Dewey, Cheatem and Howe for the entire year. (I hope that joke never gets old). The winning tickets were selected.

Congratulations to:

- George Sudermann
- Floyd Lucas
- Earl Kennedy
- Jim Yarbrough

We also had drawings for Craft Supplies gift certificates and a Richard Raffin-DVD.

**A big THANK YOU to Rita and Jim for making all the arrangements.  
It was a great success!**

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

## Breakout Session - From Firewood to Finished Bowls

On February 14, 2011 we will have our first breakout session for the year. At the February meeting demo, we will be turning a bowl. At this breakout session, we will detail how to cut the log into a well balanced blank. Then, investigate how to design the bowl for function and appearance. If the character of the wood does not create interest, we will add some decorative enhancements. It may be burning, embossing or texturing.

The session will be at a beginning/intermediate bowl turning level. The session will last from 9am – 1pm. Location will be announced at the meeting.

Lan Brady

## Membership Dues for 2011:

Our treasurer, Bob Holtje, is collecting dues for the 2011 year. Let’s get our dues paid on time. We have to choose a point in time when we roll over our computer database to reflect the 2011 paid membership. **That date will occur after the January meeting. If your name is not on the paid list at that time you may miss getting emails and newsletters.** Some of the woodworking stores ask us to provide a list of current members so you can get the discount provided club members. The dues for 2011 are \$30 for individuals and \$45 for couples. If you choose to receive the newsletter in printed form via US Mail rather than email, please add \$15. Our actual cost of printing and mailing a newsletter this past year was just over \$30 per year per person. If you have not paid your dues yet bring a check to the Jan. meeting or mail your check to:

Bob Holtje  
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## Photos of the Christmas Party



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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.  
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**FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENSBORO**

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>