



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter
January 2013

**January – Bob Moffett, Side Grain Boxes,
Testuring Techniques**

**February – Chuck Waldroup , Natural
Edge Bowls**

**March – Mark Sillay, Bag of Turning
Tricks**

April – Don Leydens, Natural Edge Goblet

Message from the President:

Greetings everyone,

I hope that you all had a great Christmas and that Santa brought you everything you wished for. I



have to say that I must have been really good this past year, because Santa went a little over the top! Maybe he was just making up for past years, or he had me confused with someone else. I don't know, and I am certainly not complaining!

For those of you who were not able to attend our annual Christmas Party, you missed out on some great food and fellowship. This year the Christmas party was held at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale. In addition to the good food, we all had a little more elbow room than we had previously at the Moose Café. As in past years, those who wished to participate in the gift exchange brought something they turned concealed in a plain brown paper bag. Kim Hutchins selected the first gift and then the person who made that gift selected the next one and so on. This continued until the last gift had been selected and as far as I know, nobody went home with their own gift this year! We also had our end of year drawing for four \$100 prizes from the club as well as several \$10 gift certificates to Craft Supplies USA. I believe that a good time was had by all who attended.

I would like to extend thanks to the membership for choosing me to take the reins this year, I am honored to do so. I would also like to

thank the following 2012 officers and board members for continuing to improve our club: John Morris – President; Jeff Clark – Vice President; Lan Brady – Secretary; Bob Holtje – Treasurer; George Sudermann – Member at Large; John Moehlmann – Member at Large; Jim Duxbury – Program Chairman; Rita Duxbury, Kim Hutchins & Linda Michael – Library; Jim Terry – Newsletter & Website; Bob Muir – Video & AAW Rep.; Doc Green, Dean Hutchins & Chris Roe – Raffle; and last but not least Michael Thompson & Jeff Clark – Instant Gallery Presentation. If I left anyone out, I am truly sorry.

For 2013, the following changes will be taking place with the board members and officers: Lan Brady will be replacing George Sudermann as a Member at Large; Jim Rezin will replace Lan as Secretary and Dean Hutchins will be taking over the role of Program Chairman from Jim Duxbury. Kim Hutchins and Linda Michael will continue to work with Rita Duxbury on the library.

Now that Christmas is over and we have all had our fill of Figgie Pudding and fruitcake, it is that time of the year to start making resolutions that will usually be broken in short order such as going to the gym, losing weight, stop ruining good firewood by attempting to make something out of it on the lathe, etc. Actually there was one New Year's resolution that I kept for several years. That was the one where I vowed to stop making New Year's resolutions. That one is due to be broken this year when I once again vow to go to the gym, lose weight, and quit assaulting my pile of firewood. In addition to those, I have decided that in 2013, I need to make a point of trying different techniques and explore other types of turning. I also plan on visiting some of the other turning clubs around the state to see how they are similar and how they are different than our club. Keep in mind that we have the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium coming up in the fall. That is a great opportunity to not only see and interact with some great

woodturners from around the world, but also to meet fellow turners from across the state as well.

As we head into the New Year, I would encourage all of the members to give some thought as to what they would like our club to be and what they would like to get out of belonging to the PTWA. What kind of demonstrations and breakout sessions would you like to see? Is there something that you would like to us do differently? Are there other items that you would like to see the club offer for sale? I know that not everyone is comfortable suggesting things in front of a group of people, so I am planning on having a suggestion box and slips at the meetings this year where people can offer up ideas that they think will make our club better. You can sign your name to them, or they can be cast anonymously if you wish. You can also feel free to contact me directly via email or phone also if you would like. My contact information can be found at the end of the newsletter. Keep in mind that this club is the sum of all of our input and participation. Speaking of participation, anyone who would like to get more involved in club activities but does not know what to do, let either myself or one of the directors or officers know. We could always use more help and are also always looking for backups for all of the positions.

Our January demonstrator will be Bob Moffett. Bob is one of the past presidents of PTWA and always gives a good demonstration. I am sure that this time will be no exception, as he will be doing two demonstrations for us if time permits. For the first demonstration, Bob plans on doing a side grain box. The technique for turning a side grain box is different than that of an end grain box. I have been informed that our club has not had a side grain box demo before, so that will certainly be one to take notes on. Bob also plans on doing some texturing on the box as well.

*Have you paid
your 2013 dues? If
not please get
them in to Bob
Holtje.*

The President's Challenge for January is an off center turning. It can be anything you want from a bottle stopper to a candle stick or even a walking cane. Get the creative juices flowing, let your imagination run wild, and let's see what you can come up with!

I also wanted to mention that we will be continuing with the turner of the month for 2013. For those of you who do not know what turner of the month is, it is a member that volunteers to turn an item of their choosing and donate it to the club. That item is then raffled off at the end of our monthly raffle with the ticket proceed going to the club treasury. I am going to lead it of in January and Bob Moffett had volunteered in February. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet for the remaining months at our meeting for those who wish to volunteer.

Don't forget to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation. This is your chance to showcase your work and inspire others in the club. We have some amazing talent in our organization as evidenced by looking through some of the past instant gallery photographs on our website.

In addition to the instant gallery, bring in something for our monthly raffle. It can be a tool that you don't use anymore, wood, magazines, anything that you think your fellow turners may be interested in. This is a good way to clear out your old items and it is a great fundraiser for our club.

A reminder to those of you who have yet to pay your dues for 2013, please get with Bob Holtje at the meeting.

I hope that each and every one of you has a very safe and Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you on January 8th!

Scot Conklin
President



Notes from our Secretary:

- President John Morris opened our December (Christmas Party) meeting
- Welcome to members were extended
- Intro of new officers
- John handed the gavel to Scot (or was it Phil)

As tradition, our December meeting is our annual Christmas Holiday get together with family invited. I had the privilege of reading Scots write up before publication so I will not repeat what he has already covered.

Instead, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as the club secretary since 2005, with one year off for a bad behavior. (i.e. - out of the country on work related items). I have worked with Presidents: Joel Hunnicutt, Bob Muir, Bob Moffett, John Morris and am looking forward to working with Scot in other capacities.

I have really enjoyed being a part of our club and being able to give a little back. I consider it a thank you for providing such a great experience as

wood turning. I have learned so much from the group. I always look forward to the 2nd Tuesday of each month, so that I can see old friends and meet new ones. The demo and gallery, I consider my challenge to do a better job on the next project as well as being the instruction on how to do it.

I have to admit, I am looking forward to seeing our club demos through the eyes of someone else. It is always a refreshing experience to see other points of view when watching the same demo. It makes me try something different when I get home. I never fail to find new way to accomplish the same goal.

Lastly, I encourage each of you to run for office in the near future. Do not wait till someone taps you on the shoulder and ask you to take an office. Look them up and volunteer, the rewards are great.

I really did take my own advice. I asked to fill the empty slot of Member At Large. I still want to be a part of how things work. I am looking forward to 2013. Thanks again as we move forward

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

'Christmas For The City' Winston-Salem

This event was held on December the 19th at the Benton Convention Center. The purpose was to create a meaning full experience for the whole community. Sponsors of the event included over 35 churches, businesses and media.

Opportunity for youngsters to teenagers to have fun with a wide range of interactive events. They included seeing artists, craftsman at work, building toy trucks, making gingerbread creations, making art, visiting with Santa, enjoying holiday cookies and drinks, hearing musical presentation and much more.

Doc Green, Harold Jones and Bob Holtje represented Sawtooth School for Visual Arts. Harold messed up the place with lots of green wood shavings while Doc and Bob turned a million tops for the kids. Herschel, Margaret and their granddaughter and son stopped by to make sure that we were turning properly.



Instant Gallery:

We have lifted the request of one item per person that was started last year. We encourage all of our members to participate in our instant gallery. Our instant gallery has been a defining element of our club. Many guests have commented that our gallery is one of the best that they have seen. Yes we have some excellent pieces on display but we encourage all members to show their work. This is how we all learn and get better. If you are having trouble with a turning bring it and ask others for suggestions. We are working on improving the process of presenting the gallery at the meetings. If you have suggestions on how to improve our instant gallery for all please let us know.

Don't forget to fill out a ticket stub for the year end drawing when you bring something for the gallery.

Raffle:

Our raffle provides an opportunity for you to get some neat stuff. You can also bring items you would like to place in the raffle and share with the club. Tickets to participate in the raffle are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Proceeds from the gallery in addition to your dues help us buy equipment and pay guest demonstrators.

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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.

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FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENSBORO *Note: Ballinger Rd. is temporarily closed between Guilford College Rd and Leonard Rec.Ctr.*

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 does not exist)