



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter  
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## Calendar

**January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Alan Carter – Splitting  
the Difference – split bowl vessels**

## Message from the President:

**Thanks Scot, Thanks Jim. I do not know what to say that would add to the accolades already heaped on both of you for jobs astonishingly well done. This club is a far better place as a result of your tenure. Also, those officers who are continuing in their positions have played an important role in moving us forward. On behalf of all of us, the entire membership, Thank You, Thank You.**

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Now what do I do?

As we begin this new year, and as I begin this new position, two things come to mind immediately; first, how did I end up here? And, second, now what do I do?

The first question is actually pretty straightforward. I indicated to a member of the nominations committee that I was not willing to leave the club without a president, and that is about all it took. The second is more complicated. While I understand in general what a president of an organization like this does, and will do my best to live up to your confidence in me, it is in the larger areas that I need your guidance.

I am asking you to send your suggestions to me via [jim@shopdogturnery.com](mailto:jim@shopdogturnery.com). How can we

improve the club? What are we doing best, and where do we need to do better? What can I, as president, do to make this club meet your expectations and hopes? In short, how can I help us all get more from PTWA than we are currently getting? With your help, and with the support and guidance of the other officers, let's all undertake to make this fine club even better.

Right off I propose the following. It is not uncommon for a member of the club to send out a "how do I" sort of note. Recently we had a member ask how to deal with the fully green, waxed blocks he picked up at the recent symposium. When he turned them they promptly cracked. The gist of the question is how to avoid the cracking. I am going to pose that very question at our next meeting and, hopefully, get some responses that will be helpful. Following that sort of lead I suggest we instigate an *Ask the Members* program. If you have a question of the "how-to" sort send it to me for the time being ([jim@shopdogturnery.com](mailto:jim@shopdogturnery.com)). I will send it out to the mentors and solicit responses. I will put the responses in the newsletter and will pose the question at our next meeting for general discussion. Several years ago we had an attempt at such a program, with time for questions and responses at the meeting. Given the natural reticence and shy demeanor of most wood turners, it is not surprising that spontaneous questions and responses were not forthcoming. Perhaps this proposed structure will do a better job of helping us teach one another.

For my first President's Challenge I ask you to dig into your cast-offs and find something you turned when you were first starting. For some of you that was only a few months, or even weeks past, for others it is a matter of many years. The objective here is to find something you turned when your skills were not where they are now; something you may have never before brought out into the light of day. Now, with that object in hand, find something you turned recently in the same class as

the older object. An older bowl and a newer bowl, your first Christmas ornament and one turned this year. The objective is to show improvement in your turning.

We have lots of newer members who do not bring objects to the instant gallery because they feel that their turning is not as polished as the things they see in the gallery, that their work is not good enough for display. What I hope to do with this challenge is show that all of us, every single one, was, at one time, a novice turner, making things that are not nearly so nice as things we now make. There is no shame in this; it is merely the way things evolve for all of us.

Jim Barbour  
President

### **Another Generation of Woodturners:**

My Grandsons are both making pens and snowmen on the small lathes and selling them at the Local Roots store. They are thrilled with selling, marketing, and making some spending money. They stop in once a week -- or more to replenish stock and pick up a check. They asked if they could bring in their lathes and do a four hour demo on a Saturday. It went over great and brought lots of interest for the store. I am sure this will happen again. Everyone was impressed!

Attending the symposium in Pittsburgh was a great stimulation -- in so many ways. Wish more could experience it and go the next step.

Anyway they just left here after their holiday visit in NC and my shop is a disaster but they both have a slew of new ideas for small projects, some new tools, and are ready to go.

James Duxbury

*Click on the following link to read the article that appeared in the Wooster Weekly News.*  
<http://www.woosterweeklynews.com/article/20151210/NEWS/712109987/O/wwn>

### **Library News:**

Happy New Year to everyone. It is time to look in your DVD players in search of any DVD's that were rented from the Library. It has been a while since they were rented and this is just a reminder. We have a few from September and

October that are still out. Help us to start the new year with a complete library.

Thanks, Bonna Jones, Librarian

### **2016 Dues:**

If you have not paid your 2016 dues, time is running out. Bring a check to the January meeting or mail it to Bob Holtje at:  
Bob Holtje; 943 Ridge Gate Dr.; Lewisville, NC 27023

Our dues are \$30 for an individual or \$45 for a couple.

### **January Demonstrator:**

January 12<sup>th</sup>. The demonstrator will be Alan Carter from Asheville, NC

He will be doing his "Splitting the Difference - split bowl vessels" in which he shows how to turn a shallow bowl that is then cut in half (or even quarters) and reassembled to make a new form. He will then show the process used to accurately and safely cut the bowl in half to make the new vessel. He culminates with how the tops are made for the vessels and how the vessels can be further enhanced with various texturing techniques.



### **Mentors:**

Jim Barbour, Elon (336) 584-4228  
Bob Muir, Greensboro (336) 638-6012  
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Earl Kennedy, Trinity (336) 472-6243  
Jack Johnson, Stokesdale (336) 643-6888  
Jim Terry, Winston-Salem (336) 768-0033  
Bob Moffett, Burlington (336) 229-6141  
John Morris, Siler City (919) 742-5148  
George Sudermann, Winston-Salem (336) 923-2007



### Photos of the December Christmas Party



Scot Conklin starts the gift exchange



Santa (Bob Holtje) starts the door prizes



“Doc” Green starts the \$100 Drawings



Scot reads the first number

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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  
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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.