



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter

June 2007

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, June 5th at the Leonard Rec. Center.

DEMONSTRATOR:

Alan Leland – Mini Stool

FUTURE DEMONSTRATORS:

June 30th – Ice Cream Social and hands-on turning at Woodcraft store from 10am to 4:30pm

August 7th – Dennis Ross – Turning Balls

September 4th – Lan Brady – Making Your Own Tools

October 2nd – Used Equipment & Tool Sale and Symposium Organization

November 6th – Home Made Tools & Jigs

December 4th – Christmas Party

MINUTES OF May 1st MEETING:

- President Bruce Schneeman opened our meeting
- Louise Butler shared a brief eulogy for Chet Greathouse. Our club will truly miss his presence. Memorials should be presented through www.stjude.com
- Introductions of 3 visitors were made, with 59 attendees
- Bruce asked for volunteers to assist set up and clean up
- Treasurer report was given by Gene Briggs
- Bob Muir presented Brochures for the NC Symposium in October
- Request for donations to various projects were made. Please see bulletin board for details.
- Still have plenty of FREE turning wood at Otter Wood Works in Brown Summit, or Mr. Sudermanns in Winston.
- Following Vicki Tanner's resignation as our member of the Board of Directors of North Carolina Woodturning Symposium, Inc. the club voted to elect Bob Muir to take that position and elected Jim Barbour to replace Bob as the Alternate.
- Our Instant gallery was presented by John Morris, with photos by Mike Evans

We were honored to have as our guest demonstrator for the evening, our very own Eckess Jones. Eckess is one of the 9 founding members still in our club. He has been a turner for 24 years. He continues his tradition of at least one trip per year to Arrowmont School for continuing education. This year, he spent his time with Stuart Mortimer learning spirals and



pigtails.

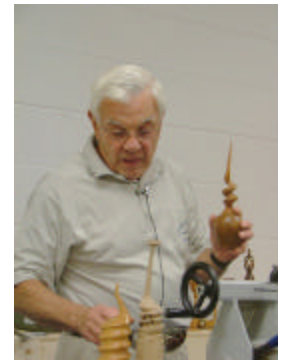
Eckess was quick to point out that this work is more about shaping and carving than it is about turning. However, you should remember that all the projects start with a turned basic shape. He begins with the pigtail. The first step was to make a basic elongated cone. You can offset the piece between centers and shape one side of the middle portion. It created a concave shape. Then you can off set it the opposite direction and create a convex shape. Put the 2 together and you have a wavy pigtail.

Remember we said that carving would be involved! This is the time to be creative. Eckess uses the Proxxon Carver for his detail work. Oh, and lots of sanding!

We quickly move on to making spirals in turned pieces. The procedure can be used on solid candle sticks or to enhance a hollow vase. The first step is to draw parallel lines



from top to bottom. Eckess chooses 4 evenly spaced lines. That would place them 90 degrees apart. If your lathe has indexing capabilities, this process is very simple. Now draw concentric rings around your piece, evenly spaced about 1 inch apart. You have just created squares/rectangles on the piece. Now draw a diagonal in a block on the bottom square. Now continue it through the block on the second row and so on. Amazingly, have a spiral



from top to bottom. You should repeat this for each of the 4 bottom blocks. Now we have 4 spirals running from top to bottom. Eckess uses a fine tooth back saw to cut a kerf, by following one of the spiral lines. This helps to set your



depth. Now using a variety of tools from the grinder, sander, rasp or carving gouge, you can remove the waste wood. By rounding each of the 4 twist, Eckess creates a rope appearance on the spindle. Having some

visual aids, he shows us that the cuts can be deep to create a spiral staircase appearance or shallow and it will look more rope like. If that was not enough to get your creative juices flowing, he shows us a piece where the inside is drilled out. You get an entirely different perspective on a piece. It looks like 4 separate strands that are unraveling from a rope.

The hollow vessel is much like the candle stand except your diameter changes. It becomes real important to keep you hand in line with the rasp. Again, it is your decision to make this a solid sided piece with texture, or cut completely through the wall for an entirely different piece that will not hold water...



Eckess concluded the demo with a round of question and answers.

- Our raffle was conducted by Gene Briggs.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

BIRDFEST RESULTS:

When I delivered our donations to Habitat for Humanity-Forsyth the staff gathered excitedly and raved about the things we donated. They are also excited about the \$1,253 that we brought them to help build houses for deserving people. The total amount of money raised by Birdfest this year will net \$75,000 plus. I wish to express my personal thanks to those who donated items for birdfest.

Jim Yarbrough

JULY MEETING PLANS: ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Don't forget the change of date!

Since our regularly scheduled meeting date for July will fall on July 3rd, we are moving our July meeting back to **Saturday June 30th**. It will be at the **Woodcraft store** at Four Seasons Mall complex in Greensboro.

The entire day – from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. has been reserved. Woodcraft has about 7 lathes which will be available for us. Each member who wishes to demonstrate

should bring tools and wood of your choice to do whatever individual demonstration you excel at. This could include bowls, spindles, pens, hollowing

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNING:

Fourteen of us including spouses and guests had lunch at the Moose Café in the Farmers Market today (May 20). This is the location we held our Christmas party the last two years. The restaurant is now connected to the restaurant at the Asheville Farmers Market and is completely different. All seemed to be pleased with the food, just good home cooking and plenty of it. We have booked it for this year's party. If you get a chance go over and try it out. (Jim Terry)

OUR CLUB AND THE NC WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM:

Please mark the dates of October 5, 6, and 7 on your calendar, if you have not already, for attending the 2007 Symposium at the Greensboro Coliseum. It will be bigger (61 demonstration periods) and grander than ever before! Detailed information can be found on the NCWS, Inc. website: <http://northcarolinawoodturning.com/>

In order for **our** symposium to be the greatest success possible, a large number of volunteers will be needed from each of the 7 member clubs.

Each club will be responsible for one of the demonstration rooms. Our club will be responsible for the room in which John Morris and Trent Bosch will be demonstration. In order to meet our responsibility, the club needs to provide the following

- 1 lathe
- 1 lathe light (preferably magnetically attachable to the lathe)
- several spare bulbs for the light
- 1 video camera
- 1 or 2 video displays (at least 28")
- 1 wireless microphone and its amplifier
- 1 shop vac
- several heavy duty drop cords
- at least 2 multiple outlet strips
- at least 2 persons for each demonstration period to serve as camera operator and assistant to the demonstrator.
- An easel with a flip chart and marking pens

Our club owns all the above except a lathe light with spare bulbs and an easel. If someone has an easel and a "whiteboard" we can barrow please let Bob Muir know (rmuir2@triad.rr.com 336.638.6012)

Each club is also responsible for providing as many volunteer workers as they can recruit to be available for assignments (see below) between 8AM Friday until late Sunday afternoon. By mid September, we will need to know who can work when. It would be great if we can have 2-3 different volunteers (room assistants) for each of the 9 demonstrations that will be held in our room plus a few more to help with the other needs (see below). The "room assistants" will operate the video camera and assist the demonstrator as needed and clean up after each

demonstration in preparation for the next demonstration. The "room assistant" has the best "seat" in the room! Operating the video equipment is not difficult! If we get 14 to 21 volunteers, then they are only "tied down" for one demonstration period in our room and can enjoy other demonstrations.

The schedule of demonstrations in our room: John Morris 1-2:30 and 3-4:30 on Friday; Trent Bosch, Vessels of Illusion 8-9:30 Saturday, Decorative Utility Bowls 10-11:30 Saturday, Sculpturing Wood 1-2:30 Saturday, Vessels of Illusion 3-4:30 Saturday, Decorative Utility Bowls 8-9:30 Sunday, Sculpturing Wood 10-11:30 Sunday and Vessels of Illusion 12-1:30 Sunday. Please seriously consider serving as a room assistant and contact Bob Muir to volunteer (336.638.6012, or rmuir2@triad.rr.com).

OTHER TASKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Friday 8am – 1pm:

- Help vendors unload and transport their stuff to the vendor area
- Help demonstrators unload; transport their stuff to their room and to get set up for their demonstration.
- Help with setup for registration

- Help with setup of demonstration rooms

- General gofering

Friday 4:30pm –

- Help wrap up the day – cleaning public areas, etc.

Saturday 7:45am --

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Sunday 7:45am --

- Help with registration

- General gofering

Sunday 1:30pm –

- Help vendors to shut down and exit as needed
- Help demonstrators to shut down and as needed
- Help general clean up.

I am looking forward to hearing from many volunteers!

Thanks, Bob Muir

PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER INSTANT GALLERY

WHEN YOU BRING ITEMS FOR THE GALLERY, PLEASE LOG IT IN SO WE CAN PROPERLY ASSIGN CREDIT.

Photos by Mike Evans. All photos are the property of PTWA and the individual woodturner. You can see the color versions by going to the **Instant Gallery of our website** <http://www.ptwoodturners.org>



Bob Moffett - Walnut Hollow Form



John Morris - Poplar Open Random Segment



Jim Terry - Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Jim Terry - Maple Bowl - view 2



Jim Terry - Cherry Burl Bowl



Bert Rau - Earrings



Gene Briggs - Walnut/Cherry Pepper Mill & Salt Shaker



Julien McCarthy - Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Glen Marceil - Brazilian Cherry & Wenge Mortar & Pestle (Polyester Finish)



Julien McCarthy - Ambrosia Maple Lamp



Bruce Schneeman - Box Elder Bowl



Mike Henshaw - Ambrosia Maple & Oak Burl Pens



Gene Briggs - Turned Aluminum Pen



Julien McCarthy - Silver Footed Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Julien McCarthy - Silver Footed Ambrosia Maple Bowl (view 2)



James Duxbury - Cherry Bowl



Bruce Schneeman - Cherry Bowl



Jim Yarbrough - Walnut & Maple Pen



Earl Kennedy - Sea Shell Pen



Vicki Tanner - Walnut Vase - Turned, Carved, Burned & Bleached



Earl Kennedy - Pecan Square Bowl



Earl Kennedy - White Pine Wavy Bowl



Dennis Ross - Black Oak Bowl



Dennis Ross - Myrtle Bowl and Spheres



Linda Michael - Sycamore Plate Pyrography



Linda Michael - Poplar Bowl Pyrography



Eckess Jones - Pigtails



Eckess Jones – Spiral Vessel



Eckess Jones – Spiral Candlestick



Eckess Jones - Spiral Stem Goblets

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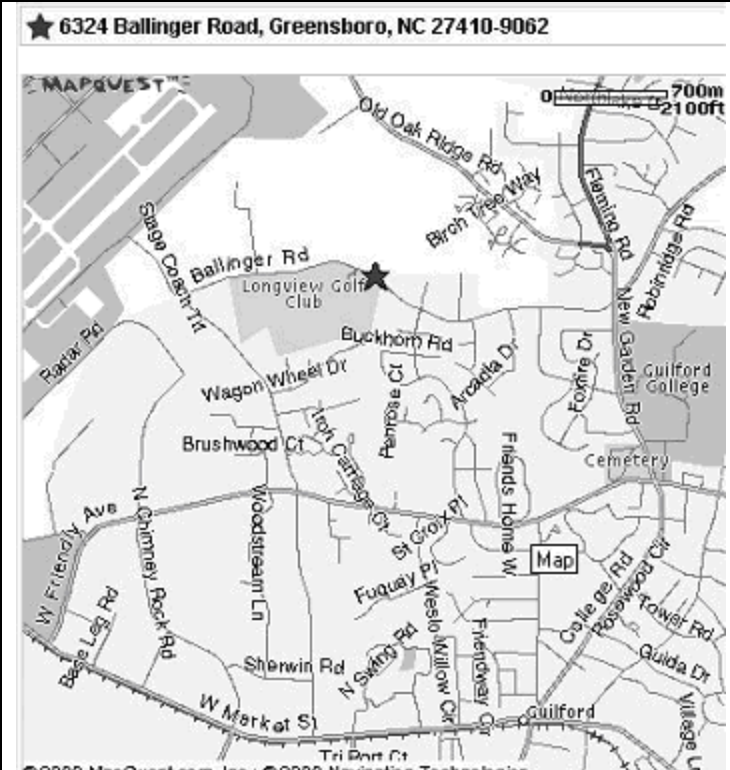
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MEETING LOCATION: Leonard Recreation Center ((336) 297-4889).

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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.

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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