



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
June 2013

**June – Jerry Measimer – Cowboy Hat**  
**July – Picnic – Triad Park , Kernersville**  
**August – Chris Boerner – Hollow Forms**  
**September – Hands On & Tool Sale**  
**October – Alan Leland**  
**November – Douglas Fisher**  
**December – Christmas Party**

PTWA demonstration before, so it should be an exciting demo. For those of you who have never seen Jerry turn before, I will say that he only turns at one speed ... fast. That being said, turning a full size hat in the time constraints that we have is very challenging. As such, we will be changing the normal format of our June meeting somewhat to make sure that we give Jerry as much time as we can to get through the demo. At this point, I can't say for sure which segments of the meeting will be affected, but we will have to play it by ear as they say.

I also want to take a moment to mention that Bob Moffett will be teaching a class on Turned Wood Boxes – The Art of Containment at the John C. Campbell Folk School the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>. You can get more information or register for classes at [www.FolkSchool.org](http://www.FolkSchool.org).

Mr. John Morris will be turning something for our June raffle as soon as he gets a round tuit. John has volunteered to be our Turner of the Month for this month. I'm wondering if we should start a pool to guess how many segments his piece will consist of? Thank you to John and all of the members who have volunteered as Turner of the Month this year.

We are in the final stretch leading up to the 2013 AAW International Symposium in Tampa, FL. This year's Symposium runs from June 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and will feature some great turners from all over the country. For those who are able, I would strongly encourage you to check it out.

The June President's Challenge is to turn a utensil or tool handle. Due to the July picnic, the next President's Challenge will not be until August, so I still have another month to figure out what it will be!

Don't forget to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation and monthly raffle!

I hope to see all of you on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Scot Conklin President

## Message from the President:



June is here.

I have always loved the month of June. As a kid it meant the start of summer vacation, longer daylight hours and that the backyard barbeques were in full swing. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Memorial Day with your families and loved ones. I hope that everyone also took a moment to remember all of the men and women that have lost their lives defending the freedom that makes this country great.

In May, Morris Schlesinger joined us from Hillsville, VA as our featured demonstrator. Morris demonstrated some of the very complex measuring techniques he uses when making his kitchen utensils. He even did a little bit of turning in there as well. All in all, Morris showed us how to make some very useful kitchen utensils, and had fun doing it.

We are in for a real treat in June as we welcome Jerry Measimer from the Southern Piedmont Woodturners club in Concord. Jerry has been the President of the SPW for the last 5 years. Jerry demonstrated how to turn mini cowboy hats for the PTWA a couple of years ago. This year Jerry will be turning a full size cowboy hat for us. It is my understanding that this has never been done at a

## Notes from our Secretary:

PTWA meeting of May 14, 2013

- Introductions and Welcome to visitors by Scot Conklin.
- Scot Apologized for video last month, new TV is in place and working well
- Next month turner is Jerry Measimer with full size hat
- John Morris at parents meeting for summer turning class
- Volunteers needed- 7-10 to assist the kids again
- Next Tuesday meeting for all clubs to demo, for the Rec Center
- Carrick wood still has some blanks, call ahead
- Linwood furniture still has some wood for sale
- Membership 123
- Symposium next month
- July picnic-- email to follow
- New meeting place-- still looking
- Pres challenge-- goblet
- George Sudermann-- turner of the month
- Library in good hands
- Box turning by Bob Moffett at Campbell June 9-15
- Treasure report Bob Holtje
- Richard Moore has lots of blanks for sale
- Sign up for tool making class on May 25
- Future demos-- hollow form and ornaments
- John & Michael present the gallery
- Doc and Chris present the raffle

Scot introduced our Turner for the evening. It is Morris Schlesinger from Hillsville Va. A man that needs no introduction if you have ever been to the Klingspor Extravaganza.

His project for the evening is Treenware. Simple put, "from the Tree". Morris has found a target market for this product with the Civil War Re-enactors.

The first project for the evening is a Spurtle for stirring. The wood for his project is Reclaimed Barn Wood. Roughly a 1.5x1.5" that is 12" long. He places between centers. Morris used a Steb drive center because of the added support. Also, if you move your tool rest while the lathe is running, it releases its hold and prevents a catastrophic failure. Don't worry, that word is not on the quiz! American

Treenware was developed from necessity because Wal-Mart was too far away. The Pioneers and Morris both add a Thistle on end of the handle. This decorative practice dates back to the Scotch/Irish mountain folks that settled our area of the country. It became their trademark.

Anyhow Morris uses a Spindle Roughing Gouge for his initial cuts. After rounding the Spurtle diameter he begins to make the layout marks. For the handle, it should fit the hand of its intended user. The long part of the shaft should reach to the bottom of your pot without burning your hand. And finally the tip must be radius so that it reaches into the corner of the pot/pan. We do not want any scorched oatmeal in there. He finished the project by Sanding at half speed. Finish of choice by Morris is Mineral Oil. It is an easy application and an easy re-application in the kitchen a year from now.



### Next project

Morris begins with a 2x4x12" piece of the same barn wood, diagonally cut. He mounts the narrow end on the steb drive center. The reason is not immediately obvious. He starts the lathe slow speed and speeds up to where he feels comfortable. He quickly roughs down the handle since we have seen that part on the previous project. Now we see why the small end on the drive side. He is making a flat spatula for Pancakes and eggs. He rounds the shoulders and turns a relief radius on the side of the spatula; simply for aesthetics. The very bottom of the spatula is made to fit its intended use. Morris turns as much on the lathe as possible. He is not a big fan of sanding. A great tip was shared about sanding. Using a length of sandpaper, he lightly touches the edges. When happy with results, he reverses the lathe and sands the spatula in the other direction. He now removes the pieces from the lathe and removes both nubs and finish sands the flat part of the spatula to a custom fit for its intended use.

### Next piece

He uses the same Handle design but turns a round spoon instead of the spatula. This one is finished off with a sander and little bit of carving.

### Final Project

Next we see Morris mounts a 4x4x1.5" bowl blank to be used as a spoon. He still uses the

centers. A Short tool rest Works best for this part. He Drills a 3/8" hole for the handle. Using a bowl gouge he rounds the bowl, creating a small tenon. He now adds the chuck and inserts the tenon. It is time to hollow the cup/bowl. He could have used a go/no go gage, but he elects to use his fingers to size the bowl. He finishes the inside with a scraper. Now he reverses the cup using the expansion mode of the chuck to finish bottom. He mostly Cuts toward headstock so there is no flying saucers. He Makes the handle the same method but adds a 3/8" tenon on the end. Amazingly, it fits the previously drilled hole, just like he had done this before. He uses epoxy for glue

Morris concluded to a round of applause and several questions from the floor.

Respectfully Submitted, Lan Brady

### In our Club Store:

- CA Glue
- Sandpaper
- A Few Pieces of Ebony Left
- Chrome Bottle Stoppers, 5 for \$13
- Bread Knife Blades

### Toolmaking with Frank Penta:

On Saturday May 25, PTWA sponsored a Tool making workshop. It was held at the studio of Jim Duxbury and taught by Frank Penta and assisted by several members of the CHWT group. Several club members have uped their turning game with their own brand of custom tools.



Please visit our website for additional photos from the toolmaking session thanks to Lan Brady.

[http://www.ptwoodturners.org/Special%20Events/Toolmaking%20with%20Frank%20Penta/toolmaking\\_workshop\\_with\\_frank\\_p.htm](http://www.ptwoodturners.org/Special%20Events/Toolmaking%20with%20Frank%20Penta/toolmaking_workshop_with_frank_p.htm)

### Photos of the May Instant Gallery

***When you bring items for the gallery, please log it in so we can properly assign credit.***

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



George Sudermann – Myrtlewood & Turquoise – Turner-of-the Month



Jim Tuttle – Box Elder Bowl



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John Holland – Maple/Ebony Box



Dean Hutchins – “Firewood” Vase



Julien McCarthy – Ambrosia Tiger Maple Vase



John Morris – Peruvian Walnut, Cherry, Bubinga, Maple, Yellowheart



Bob Moffett – Maple/Walnut Hollowform



Bob Moffett – Maple Square Pedestal Box



Bob Moffett – Ash Box, Black/Liming Wax



Bob Moffett – Ash Box, Red/Liming Wax



Michael Thompson – Pecan Vase



Bob Blanchard – Wax Myrtle Vase



Chuck Waldroup – Sycamore Hollow Form



Earl Kennedy – Oak Colored Plate



Earl Kennedy – Elm Routed Platter



Linda Michael – Holly Flower Bowl



Charles Pitts – Maple Off-Center Candle Holder



Charles Pitts – River Birch Off-Center  
Candle Holder



Earl Martin – Walnut Platter



Earl Martin – Maple/Turquoise Bowl



George Sudermann – Box Elder &  
Turquoise Bowl



Nim Batchelor – Salt & Pepper Mills



Jim Barbour – African Blackwood  
Wine Stopper & Base



Jeffrey Clark – Sweet Gum Lamp



Jeffrey Clark – 10" Segmented Bowl



Jim Raine – Maple Goblet



Earl Kennedy – Natural Edge Goblet



Jack Johnson – Box Elder Goblet

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**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 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)