



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
March 2014

## Message from the President:



Well it appears that March is coming in like lion this year, so keep those workshops warm and keep the chips flying!

Last month, Lan Brady entertained us with some more stories of his family as he showed us what treenware is. He also taught us that one of the nice things about making utilitarian pieces like treenware is that you don't have to be very precise on your measurements and you don't have to be very picky about your finish. Very nice job Lan.

For March, Jerry Measimer of Richfield will be joining us once again. As you know Jerry turned the full sized cowboy hat (which is displayed proudly in my office) for us last June. This time Jerry will be turning on a slightly smaller scale as he demonstrates how he makes his hummingbird houses. He will also show us some embellishments to the house using a wood burning tool.

I am happy to announce that the club has purchased 2 new Sony high definition cameras for our video presentation of the instant gallery and demonstration. We are hoping to have the new cameras and associated switch gear connected and calibrated for our next meeting. This should make the presentation better than ever.

Thank you to Jim Terry for being our turner of the month in February and donating a piece of his to our raffle. The turner of the month for March is Phil Fuentes. Phil is a woodturning instructor at Rockingham Community College Center for Creative Woodworking and joined our club last December.

This month's President's Challenge is to turn an object that is comprised of at least 3 different species of wood. I thought that a good contrast to that would be to turn something that doesn't contain any wood. Therefore, the President's Challenge for April will be to turn an object out of

an alternative material. Jim Duxbury did an entire demo turning alternative materials for our club a couple of years ago. Who can forget the turned vegetables with captive rings? For those of you who have only turned wood, this is a good opportunity to branch out and try something else. Some examples of alternative materials are acrylic, PVC, nuts, seed pods, pine cones, antler, horn, even compressed paper. Always be sure to use proper respiratory protection for the material you are turning.

Don't forget to bring in items for the raffle as well as instant gallery.

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

Scot Conklin

President

## Demonstrator for March:

Our March demonstrator, Jerry Measimer is an accomplished artist in stained glass, tile work, woodworking, and woodturning. As a woodturner he specializes in wooden hats, bowls, vessels and other work --- like hummingbird houses. He is now the president of Southern Piedmont Woodturners and has been for many years. Jerry's work is beautiful, as we will see and available from his gallery as well as other venues.





After a break and the monthly raffle, Lan Brady presented his demo on “treenware.” Overall, Lan’s presentation was smooth, confident, gently paced, elegant and instructive. Lan’s generous spirit and love of turning was evident throughout an evening, which several experienced people described as “among the best demos they had ever seen.”



Before showing us how to make a scoop spoon, Lan pointed out that turners can make a wide array of useful items, including: spoons, butter presses, spurtles, rolling pin/potato masher/sock danner, hair pins, and a tart-tamping tool.

When making a long-handled scoop, it is crucial to start with spindle stock with grain that extends straight through the entire length of the piece. Lan pointed out that he gets such stock by using a froe to split a green log. After roughing it to round, Lan set some calipers using a wooden sizing disk that fit the inside dimension of his homemade PVC chuck. A bedan was used to establish the diameter of the bowl and the same calipers were used to scribe lines that designated both ends of a ball. Although he insisted that a ball could be turned by hand, Lan used a sphere cutting jig to cut a ball at one end of the stock. The tailstock was adjusted so that the piece was approximately 3/8 inch off-center and Lan proceeded to turn the handle, a knuckle, and a knob.



The most crucial element in the process was the use of a homemade PVC chuck that gripped the scoop for the hollowing process. Lan used a 3” to 2” PVC reducer. The 2” end contained a wooden plug that had been tapped with threads to fit the headstock. The 3” end had a series of drilled holes and slits, which enabled a screw band clamp to squeeze down and grip the bowl of the scooper. Of course, it is really important to keep one’s fingers and tool rest away from the flying handle. Once set in place, Lan used a Forstner bit (set to depth using the same sizing disk) to drill out a majority of the scoop. The remainder was removed with a hooked scraper. Lan suggested two types of finish: a 5:1 mix of canola oil and raw bees wax and a 9:1 mix of canola oil and clear white vinegar.

## Notes from our Secretary:

Scot Conklin began our February meeting with a Valentine’s Day reminder to all.♥

Noteworthy announcements included:

- The club is looking for new mentors. If anyone is interested, please contact Scot.
- We are selling our old projector and screen for \$500 (or \$450 & \$50 separately).
- Bill Randle (NC A&T School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences) is looking for someone who can turn campus waste wood into gifts for alumni. If anyone is interested, contact Scot.
- The Center for Creative Woodworking at Rockingham Community College has a number of interesting courses on offer this spring. See: <http://www.rockinghamcc.edu/continuing-education/personal-enrichment/center-for-creative-woodworking/> for more details.
- Rockingham Community College will also be hosting Jim Duxbury for a one-day breakout session/demo on kaleidoscope building.
- Landscape lighting still has a Jet 1642 lathe for sale. They are asking \$2,000.
- Ron Carrick still has lots of spindle blanks for sale. (336) 475-2111
- At our March meeting, Phil Fuentes will be both “turner of the month” and our demonstrator.
- Doc Green’s book is available through the club for \$15 (slight savings over Amazon price).
- If you have a project that needs laser cutting, Scot Conklin can provide that service for a modest fee.
- The annual picnic will be held again this year at Triad Park Shelter #1 on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. The shelter will be available to us from 9am till 6pm.
- 2014 PTWA Christmas Party will be held at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.
- The club’s old rolling equipment cabinet is available for \$100 (preferably to another non-profit club). If you have any ideas, contact Scot.



In addition, Lan mentioned that he learned a lot about finishing from the book Wood Finishing with George Frank.

Respectively submitted,  
Nim Batchelor

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**Photos of the January Instant Gallery**



Milt Transou – 9”x 3” Natural Edge Pecan



Milt Transou – 12”x3” Pecan Bowl



Jim Terry – 7” Ambrosia Maple Vase



Jim Terry – 8” Ambrosia Maple Vase



Jim Terry – 9” Ambrosia Maple



Bob Moffett – 12”x4” Ambrosia Maple



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George Sudermann – 4”x2” Maple Burl Candy Dish



George Sudermann – 12”x4” Ambrosia Maple



George Sudermann – 5”x2” Box Elder & Turquoise



Bob Moffett – 7” Hickory Mini Platter



Earl Martin – 7”x2” Wormey Elm



Earl Martin - 7”x3” Wormey Elm



Earl Martin – 8”x3” Wormy Elm



Dave MacInnes – 5” Maple/Cherry Top



Floyd Lucas – 7”x4” Oak Bowl



John Morris – 11”x13” Pine “Bite Out of the Apple”



Robert DeHart – Maple Plate



Robert DeHart – Maple Vase



Linda Michael – 11” Plywood Platter



Earl Kennedy – 17” Plywood Platter



Earl Kennedy – 5"x2" Persimmon Box



James Duxbury – 8" & 10" Pepper Mills



Dean Hutchins – Elm Bowl



Kim & Dean Hutchins – Walnut Bowl



Phil Fuentes – Walnut Box



Phil Fuentes – Walnut Candle Stick



Steve Coley – Padauk, Holly, Maple & Cocobolo



Steve Coley – Yellowheart, Wenge & Cocobolo



Steve Coley – Apple



Finial Exhibit



First Item Turned Exhibit



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Jim Terry – Turner of the Month  
Cherry & Ebony 4” x 6”

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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

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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.