



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
May 2012

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May 8, 2012 Nim Batchelor --- Pepper Mill  
June 12, 2012 Jim Barbour --- Profile Turning  
July 15, 2012 *SUNDAY* Picnic – Hagen-Stone  
Park

## Message from the President:

### GREASING THE WHEEL

My father, who was reared in Davidson County told me over the years that leaves would be fully developed by May 10. We did not have much "winter" and have had an early "spring" so far--had your strawberries yet?



For those who have known me over the last eight years, I have always claimed to not have an original thought in my head. However every now and then I run across some words of wisdom (such as the Prayer of Serenity) that have meaning--at least for me. The following was found at the Folk Arts Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville and hangs in our breakfast area:

Take time to **WORK** (it is the price of success), **PLAY** (it is the secret of perpetual youth), **THINK** (it is the source of power), **READ** (it is the fountain of wisdom), **PRAY** (it is conversation with God), **LAUGH** (it is the music of the soul), **LISTEN** (it is the pathway to understanding), **DREAM** (it is hitching your wagon to a star), **WORSHIP** (it is the highway to reverence), **LOVE** (it is the gift of God), and **BE LOVED**. Author not listed

Now to PTWA. Last month Jim Duxbury showed us how to make a tossed salad with various vegetables (try saying that three times in a row) using a lathe and your turning weapons. For May we will have Nim Batchelor demonstrating how to make a pepper mill to season the salad. What else can anyone possible ask for among a diverse group of woodturners to add "spice" to our lives.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> I'll be counting votes in Chatham County and will not be at our meeting. V-P Jeff Clark will be in charge.

Rita Duxbury and Bob Muir will give you information about our July get-together on **SUNDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup>** at Hagan-Stone Park, and our Christmas Dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale. (different day and place).

Good turning with no catches!

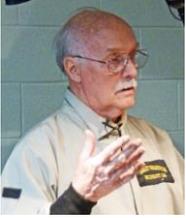
JOHN MORRIS  
President

## Minutes from our April Meeting:

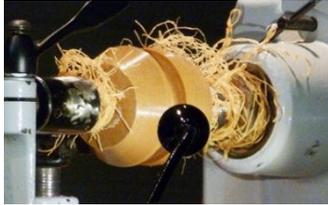
- President John Morris opened our meeting
- A welcome to visitors was extended
- Jim Terry confirmed email notification of Newsletter publishing
- Jim also gave our Treasury Report
- We currently have 113 members in the club
- Please donate an item to the Bird-fest coming up soon
- Thanks to Matt Larsen for helping with wood harvesting
- Thanks to Mike Thompson for leading the group
- Our Turner of the Month is John Morris
- Mike Thompson and Dean Hutchins presented our gallery
- Our July Picnic will be July 15<sup>th</sup>
- The raffle was presented with something for all

John Morris introduced our turner for the evening. We were very fortunate to have our own Jim Duxbury as our guest turner. Jim usually does an amazing job introducing others and finally we get to see Jim turn. He begins by sharing a quick glimpse of his travel tool box. I have never seen a more organized set of tools. (*See Turning Tips/Traveling Tool Tote on our website*)

Jim is a firm believer in using Carbon steel tools because of the sharpening ability. He notes that the harder the tool steel, the harder it is to get a good edge.

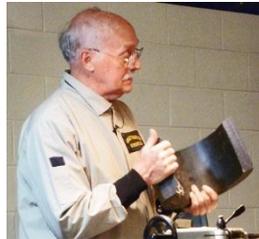


For Jim's first project, he begins with a Corian sink insert from his Kitchen. I wonder if Rita has noticed that her counter tops are getting smaller. Jim continues the alternate turning material by using Trex Decking. It is recycled plastics and converted into boards for your next back yard deck. When turned, it sure does make some long ribbons.



The adventure continues as Jim introduced us to a product called Environ. It is a paper based recycled product. When turned it creates more chunkish overburden but leaves a nice finish. He finished this part with some paper resin products. He also demo'ed that these products could easily be textured or chattered.

Jim now moved on to larger pieces. For this section he turned PVC pipe from a nuclear plant. Hopefully, it was from the intake side of the process.



Just when we thought he had covered all the possibilities, we find that a Styrofoam cooler can be a future masterpiece. This stuff does make a bit of a mess, but it does turn. Now we have seen it all!!!!!! Not True!

Let's move into the vegetable section of this store. Believe it or not, Jim can make a chess set from a half pound of radishes. Actually that was just one side; the opposing side was made of carrots.

Jim has created a unique chuck for his vegetable. It has 4 small spikes to hold the vegetable and he uses his finger as a live center.



Now he makes a natural edge bowl from one of the left over radishes. To top it off, it had a captured ring.

Jim completed his adventure with a few questions and a round of applause.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

### Upcoming Events:

- The July picnic will be at Hagan-Stone Park (Guilford County) on SUNDAY, July 15. We will have more details later.
- The Holiday Dinner will be held on MONDAY, December 10 at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale, NC. More details later.

### Our Treasury & Club Store:

Our treasurer also reports that we have the following items for sale:

- CA Glue thin and medium - \$4.50
- Accelerator - \$3.50
- Colorwood, wide selection, mostly \$5 and \$8
- Chrome Bottle Stoppers – pack of 5 for \$12

## Photos of the April 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>



Michael Thompson – 13” Cherry Carving Platter



Linda Michael – Poplar w/ pyrography



Earl Kennedy – Cherry & Oak Ringed Box



Jerry Jones j- Bullet Pens



Dave MacInnes – Fuji Mahogany, Yellow Wood, Epoxy



John Holland – Pine, Oak, Maple Chair



George Sudermann – Walnut Music Box



Robert Lunsford – 13” Crepe Myrtle Vase



Robert Lunsford – 8” Applewood Closed Bowl



Floyd Lucas - Brazilian Cherry Vase



Dean Hutchins – Walnut/Cherry Kaliedoscope



John Morris – Canarywood & Yellowheart



Robert Lunsford – Cherry Powder Flask



Scot Conklin – Acrylic, Wood & Buffalo Horn Bottle Stoppers



Eddie Leggett – Maple/Walnut Lamp



Gary Robinson – Spalted Maple Honey Pot



Gary Robinson – Oak Tail Stock Alignment Piece



Nim Batchelor – Cedar Ginger Jar



Dallas Stokes – Red Oak Box



Jarrett Warner – Pens, Sassafras Stand

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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**

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**FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENSBORO**

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)**