



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
May 2013

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**May – Morris Schlesinger - Kitchenware**  
**June – Jerry Meisimer – 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**



## Message from the President:

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Mayday Mayday Mayday,

As I am writing this, it looks as if April showers have brought May...showers. Something strange is going on when we are seeing rain and 60 degree

temperatures and the northeast is seeing sunshine and 80 degree temperatures. I hope they give our weather back soon, although as I understand it as soon as the ground temperature hits 64°F, we will be overrun by billions of red-eyed cicadas, so I am not sure which is worse.

Don Leydens of Chapel Hill Woodturners was our featured demonstrator for April. Don demonstrated his technique as he showed the club how to turn a natural edge goblet. As always, Don was entertaining and informative, providing us with a great demonstration. For those of you who would like to see more of Don's talents, he will be teaching a class on multi-axis turning at the John C. Campbell Folk School this fall September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

Morris Schlesinger is making the trip down from Virginia to be our featured demonstrator for May. Morris is a very accomplished woodturner and has been turning wood since I was in middle school (you do the math). He is retired from the US Postal Service and is a Vietnam Veteran, and I

know that Morris will be serving up a good demonstration as he makes us some Treenware or kitchenware to you modern folk.

Mr. George Sudermann volunteered for the last Turner of the Month spot that we had open this year and it happened to be for May. George does some really beautiful Turquoise Inlay work, so will he bring some to the raffle? Make sure you get to the meeting and buy some tickets for a chance to win George's Turner of the Month submission.

The 2013 AAW International Symposium is fast approaching. The symposium will be held in Tampa this year and will run from June 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. We also have the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium coming up November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Greensboro. As we have in the past, our club will be hosting one of the demonstration rooms. As such, we are looking for volunteers to help with set up, camera operation, cleanup and overall help for the demonstrators. Set up and cleanup are pretty self-explanatory, but we really need a few more people to become familiar with the video setup and operation. If you are interested, please let either myself, Bob Muir or Jim Terry know so that we may begin to get you familiar with our equipment.

Speaking of equipment, as you know we have been having a time with ours the last couple of meetings. I do apologize for the issues we have had. Our audio amplifier was not working at the start of the meeting last month. That is why we did not use the microphones until after the break. I thought that we had the television fixed, but apparently it had a problem after it was on for a certain period of time. Vizio has sent us a new television, so hopefully our display woes are behind us.

Last month, I jokingly told those of you who do not know what a Sergeant-at-Arms does to speak out of turn at the next meeting to find out. As Doc Green can attest to, my jokes are not that funny. Therefore on a serious note, I would like to ask each

of you out of respect for your fellow club members to please refrain from carrying on conversations near others when someone is addressing the club. We all know that it is difficult to hear under the best conditions in the gymnasium. If there is a particular segment of the meeting that you are not interested in, then I ask that you kindly take your conversations to the back of the gymnasium or into the hallway so that those that are trying to pay attention to what is going on can do so.

Ok, following the inspiration that we received from Don, May's President's Challenge is to turn a goblet. For June the President's Challenge will be to turn a utensil or tool handle. Perhaps some of you will be able to incorporate a red-eyed Cicada into the final design as it will be 17 years before we see them again. Lastly, I can't sign off without reminding you to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation and monthly raffle.

I hope to see all of you on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Scot Conklin  
President

## Notes from our Secretary:

April 9th, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Piedmont Triad Woodturner Association was called to order by President Scott Conklin.

- New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.
- PTWA paid membership now stands at 121 members.
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$7300
- There will a tool making workshop at Jim Duxbury's home May 25<sup>th</sup>. Sign up with Jim for times and driving directions.
- Earl Martin was accepted as the club's Sergeant at Arms, whose primary duty will be asking for quiet when club business and demonstrations are in progress.
- Linda Marsh is the new director for the Leonard Center. Welcome Linda!
- The North Carolina Woodturning Symposium is scheduled for November 1-3 at the Greensboro Coliseum. If you register before October 1<sup>st</sup>, your fee is \$175. After that date the fee to attend goes up to \$185. The instant gallery, venter hall, Turning and Learning Center, presented by the Carolina Mountain Woodturners, will be open and free to the public. If club members are interested in manning the PTWA's demonstration room

(4A) or hosting a visiting symposium presenter in your home contact: Bob Muir @ [336-638-6012](tel:336-638-6012). Visit the symposium website at: <http://northcarolinawoodturning.com/>.

- The July meeting and picnic will be held at Triad Park in Kernersville, NC on July 13, 2013.
- Jim Yarborough is asking members to join him in the upcoming Summer Turning Program. The program introduces kids to woodturning. They meet once a week at the Leonard Center for 6 weeks (Not 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend) and shows kids the basics of safe woodturning. The crew normally retires to a local restaurant afterwards for a time of fellowship.
- Scott Conklin reported that all the slots for Turner of the Month are filled for the remainder of the year. Thanks everyone!
- John Morris presented the club's Instant Gallery for the month of April. Visitors to the club's web site, who click on the instant gallery link, will find a great example of open segmented turning by Robert Dehart, Floyd Lucas' creation made from a block of 290 individual pieces glued together and a "Hobbit House" among the wonderful creations of our club's woodturners.
- Thanks to Doc Green, Bob Moffett and crew for running the raffle which included a huge Cherry burl that was wheeled in on a hand-truck.
- President's challenge for May is: A goblet

### April's Guest Turner: Don Leydens

Home: Oxford, NC

Turner since: 2009, Self-taught

Affiliations: AAW

Contact information: (919) 693-6912 / Cell (919) 725-5356. Don admits to being a "two-fingered typist and prefers" phone calls. Web:

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### Demonstration: Natural Edge Goblet

Don Leydens joined us as the featured demonstrator April 9<sup>th</sup>. He began by explaining the painful process he goes through to create one of his goblets. He admitted that cutting a big, beautiful burl into small turning blanks almost brings him to tears. The end result, however, is worth it!

"Almost any wood can be used for goblets"; however, Don prefers burls, maple, walnut and cedar.



Don began with the goblet's cup and explained that it is very much like turning a natural edge



bowl. Using his gouge he shaped the cup, using extreme caution with the tool as he worked near what would become the natural edge. On the opposite/tail end of the cup he rolled a bead that would eventually hold the stem. (Yes, the trick is to turn the goblet in two pieces and then glue them together for the finished product!!) Again, using caution near the natural edge he hollowed the piece, sanded it and set it aside.

Next, Don used a 1/4 inch gouge to turn the tenon. His design suggestion is to make sure that the shape of the goblet "flows down" to the stem/base of the piece. Using a large spindle gouge, Don completed the base and then added a decorative pattern with a texturing tool.

To complete the goblet Don used water based dyes to add color. His method is to begin with the darkest color first and then sand it, adding the second color over the first. The sanded areas allow the second color to show through. "Sand the areas until they are very smooth" using up to 400 grit. On the curved shape of the goblet, the areas above and below the curve are not sanded as much. The curve will have more of the first color removed, allowing the second color to be highlighted as it blends into the first color above and below it. Don's favorite colors are blacks, yellows and reds and warned against using "Puke, limey green". With this coloring technique, he suggested that burl wood really works best.

Don normally uses several coats of Tung oil to finish the piece as this covering really makes colors "pop".

Respectfully submitted, Jim Rezin



## Leonard Center Summer Camp:

PTWA has talked several times with Director Linda Marsh regarding our again participating in their Summer Camp Program.

We will meet with older boys and girls on five Tuesdays--June 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>--from 10:00 until 12:00. In past years we have "assisted" these future turners in making the following items: honey dipper, baseball bat pen, ring holder, twist pen, and a small table clock. Perhaps this year we might introduce something new into the mix.

Part of our "charge" is to introduce wood turning to a new generation of turners as well as to teach and practice safe turning techniques.

We are looking for 7+ members to help. Along with working with the youth, this is but one way to say, "THANK YOU" to Leonard Center for allowing us to use the facilities over the years, and to enjoy fellowship with PTWA members as well as a good lunch after each session.

A meeting for summer camp participants and parents will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 (our meeting night). PTWA will be present to show what we have done in the past and to answer questions.

## In our Club Store:

CA Glue

Sandpaper

A Few Pieces of Ebony Left

Chrome Bottle Stoppers, 5 for \$13

Bread Knife Blades

## Leonard Center to Host Open House:

On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Leonard Center and other Greensboro recreation centers will be having an OPEN HOUSE for the public to visit to see first hand what is being offered at the facilities. Director Linda March is "encouraging" all outside organizations using the center to attend and perhaps demonstrate what each offers. This is an excellent way to promote both the center and the organization. Time: 6:30 - 8:30. We will be represented, and we encourage you to attend and participate. We will use one of our Jet Mini-Lathes and provide the other tools and materials needed.

## 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>



Earl Kennedy – Natural Edge Cherry



Linda Michael – Locus Pyro Bowl



David Holly – Maple Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – 11" Mahogany Platter



Bob Moffett – African Blackwood & Cherry Hollowform



Bob Moffett – Walnut & Osage Orange



Bob Moffett – Walnut Box



Robert DeHart – Cherry & Maple



Dave MacInnes – Spalted Maple



Dave MacInnes – Maple & Yellowheart Hobbit House Box



Robert Lunsford – Walnut Egg



Robert Lunsford – Apple Egg



Robert Lunsford – Dogwood & Pine  
Sunny Side Up



Earl Martin – Ambrosia Maple



John Holland – Mulberry & Walnut  
Finial Box



John Morris – Walnut Base for hood  
ornament



John Morris – Walnut Cup for Lords  
Supper



Floyd Lucas – Cherry & Walnut



Michael Thompson – Black Walnut



Julien McCarthy – Walnut Platter



Presidents Challenge Eggs

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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

Take Exit 212 (To Bryan Blvd. PTI Airport). You will now be headed north on the new highway.

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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)