



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter
November 2009



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Message from the President:

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank Jim Duxbury for organizing our October meeting. It was our annual Hands On Turning and Tool Sale meeting. I think everyone enjoyed the

meeting and had a good time interacting with each other. It was interesting having several spontaneous demos going on at the same time. There were also some good buys to be had. Due to the sale, we didn't have our usual amount of items for the raffle so we are holding the items from October over to November and will be having a large raffle. Please bring some wood or old tool or other items that you think someone else may find useful to the raffle. We won't have a raffle in December due to the Christmas Party.

Our November meeting will feature our **Bob Baucom** from the Woodturners Guild of N.C., (Raleigh Club). He will be demonstrating snowman ornaments. I have seen his demo before in Raleigh and he does a very entertaining and informative demo. I am sure that you will all enjoy this one. It might also give you some good ideas of something you would like to turn for the Christmas Gift Exchange.

If you would like to participate in the Turning Exchange at the December Christmas Party, bring a wrapped turning. It does not need to be a large turning. Everyone who brings an item will get a number and be able to participate in the gift exchange. This is a good way to add another turner's work to your collection. That is always a lot of fun.

Remember the Turning Challenge for November – Turn an Ornament of some sort. It can be whatever style you want. That is up to you. It can be as big as you want or

as small as you want it to be. There are no limitations.

We won't have a Turning Challenge for December since we will be having our Christmas Party.

We had a good turnout for our Gallery and Turning Challenge last month. We had some truly spectacular pieces of which we can all be proud. Let's have another great Gallery and Turning Challenge for the November meeting.

Please bring your **two** best tunings for display in the Instant Gallery and one item for the Monthly Turning Challenge. Limiting your entries to **two** items for the Instant Gallery and one item for the Turning Challenge gives us more time to admire them and more time for the demonstration. We have a really fantastic Instant Gallery so let's all keep up the good work.

Remember to see Bob Holtje to get tickets for the year end raffle. You get one ticket for bringing items to the gallery and one for bringing items to the raffle. When you decide to do a demo, Bob will give you five tickets.

Let's all remember Rita Zaccolante in our thoughts and prayers. Her father passed away in October. We will all be thinking of her during this time of sadness. He was 99 years old. The date for the funeral has not been determined at the time of this writing. It will be in Massachusetts after final arrangements have been made.

Lisa Mason had her surgery and is doing well and hopes to be at the next meeting. We all look forward to seeing her again.

I would like to personally congratulate both Jeff Clark and Red Saunders. Jeff won Best in Show at the N.C State Fair this year for his Maloof rocking chair that he made. He brought it to one of the meetings a while back for all of us to admire. Red won 1st place in the Woodturning Professional Class for one of his turning. Congratulations to both of you for your talented work.

Linda Michaels is doing an excellent job serving as librarian in Rita's absence. An inventory of our library materials has been taken and many new items have been added to the collection. We will probably add some new items after seeing all of the great demonstrations at the Symposium. In order for the library to grow, we need all members to contribute the requested rental fee for items and also to return items on time. With the monies from rentals, we will continue to purchase new items to enhance our collection, particularly professional DVDs. Any items checked out need to be returned the following month so other people can use them. If you have any books, VHS tapes or DVDs that you aren't using any more, please consider donating them to the library so that others may enjoy them.

We are always looking for ways to improve our club. We have made several changes in the past year that I hope have been beneficial to the club and its members. We would like 2009 to be our best year ever. We are looking forward to an even better year in 2010. Please let any Board Member know what you think we can or should do that we aren't doing to improve the club for all members. If you would, please contact a Board member at the meeting and follow up with an email, letter or phone call after the meeting. If you want to contribute some of your talents to the club, contact any Officer or Board Member. This club belongs to all of us and working together we can all make it better and more fun for everyone.

The November meeting will be on November 10th. I look forward to seeing you then.

Bob

Minutes of the September Meeting:

- President Bob Moffet opened our meeting
- Welcome to 3 visitors was extended
- Bob Muir and Jim Barbour updated on the Symposium
- Mike Thompson made us aware of the Chatham Gallery opportunities if interested in selling
- Bob Holtje gave the Treasurers report
- Clemmons Rotary Club would appreciate Tops for Kids Programs
- John Morris presented our gallery and President Challenge- (see pictures)

We began the night with a tool sale. There was a variety of items available. I saw a buck of experienced turning tools for 5 dollars apiece. There was plenty of sandpaper packets. A small compressor was available for adoption. Several pieces of wood appeared as well.

Our demo this month was the complete buffet. We set up for small groups and allowed everyone to visit whatever they were interested in.

We began the tour of the room with the all important sharpening. Three different means of sharpening were set up. Jim Terry was there with his grinders using both Tormek and shop made jigs for the different gouges. He also included a station for Buffing. He brought a variety of woods to experiment with. Some pieces with finish applied and others were unfinished. Each station was doing an outstanding job. Quite a few gouges were reshaped and many were sharpened and honed as needed.

Next we move to the lathes:

Earl was giving lessons on 2 piece Christmas ornaments. I hope all got a chance to see this, it is a great skill to add to your own arsenal of turnings.

That Brady guy was demonstrating his home made hollowing rig. It was made from off the shelf Lowes parts and a little welding.

At the last lathe, Jim Barbour was demonstrating how to use a Skew. And before you ask, he was not opening paint cans with it! The Skew was making some very fine finish cuts to a spindle. These pieces did not need sanding after turning.

Sitting quietly in the back of the room was Linda Michael. She was demonstrating the art of Pyrography. She has become a master at burning finite lines in wood and making it look like a masterpiece. I especially like the texturing techniques she has perfected. If you walked up, you were no longer a spectator but a participant. Several people left that night, saying, "I gotta get me one of those things!"

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

2010 PTWA Dues:

It is time to get your 2010 dues in to our Treasurer, Bob Holtje. Please drop a check in the mail at your earliest convenience. **We will update our mail and email lists after the Jan 12, 2010 meeting. Don't get left out on mailing after that date.**

Member - \$30

Member and Spouse - \$45.

Newsletter via US Mail add \$8.

Make checks payable to PTWA and mail your check to:

Bob Holtje

943 Ridge Gate Dr.

Lewisville, NC 27023

A chance to teach children about turning:

I have signed up FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (all day) to demonstrate turning at the Greensboro Children's Museum as part of their "How People Make Things" program. This is the Sat. after Thanksgiving.

This is part of a touring program from the Pittsburgh Children's Museum (<http://www.pittsburghkids.org/hpmt/>). After the "Introduction" in the video, click on "Cutting" to see the feature on woodturning.

See also <http://www.gcmuseum.com/HowPeopleMakeThings.html>

In order for our AAW liability insurance to cover these demonstrations, we will have to restrict demonstrating to only those who are current members of AAW.

We can have exhibit space, but I don't know how much right now. I told the lady that, if we exhibited turnings, we would want them to be secure.

Her first request was to begin demonstrations every-hour-on-the-hour. My feeling is that each demonstration should be pretty short, 10 - 15 minutes. Items that take longer could be shown with examples of successive stages with the actual turning showing just one or two of the stages.

I can think of several formats:

1. We could have one lathe and one demonstration each hour letting different people do the demos, or
2. We could have several lathes going at once, but begin each hour with a very short introduction to turning along with safety instructions.

They have a nice 3-sided shelter outdoors that could accommodate 2 or 3 lathes. This would allow more of the children (and parents) to get closer to the lathe. Yes, weather could be an issue. Demos can be done inside.

If you are interested in participating and you are an AAW member, please let me know.

-- Bob Muir (336-638-3-6012, rmuir2@triad.rr.com)

NC Woodturning Symposium:

Thank you for supporting the Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association participation in the 2009 NC Woodturning Symposium. The final numbers

are not in yet, so we don't know the actual attendance, but we think at least 300 people participated. There were nearly 400 at the banquet Saturday night!

Special thanks to the members who hosted demonstrators: Jim Yarbrough, Jim Duxbury, Bob Moffett, Red Saunders, Robert Green, Ron & Chris Roe, Jim Barbour, and John Morris. This service added a special personal touch for the visiting demonstrators. Special thanks, also, to the members who helped set up, maintain, clean up, and take down our demonstration room and helped operate the video equipment during the demonstrations: Jason Park, Nim Batchelor, John Moehlmann, Clyde Mosley, Dave MacInnes, Bob Holtje, Tim Smith, Mike Thompson, Gabby Guitierrez, Ron & Chris Roe, Martha Hunter, Jim Terry, Lan Brady, & John Morris. Please accept my apologies if I've missed anyone!!

-- Bob Muir

For those who were able to attend the Symposium, you are well aware of what a great opportunity it was to gain a wealth of knowledge from some of the best demonstrators in the world. We were very fortunate to have access to such an event right in our own area. The NCWS board (which includes Bob Muir and Jim Barbour) are to be commended for their efforts. Frank Penta and his staff put together an excellent book of demonstrator handouts.

There were so many great demonstrations that it was difficult to choose. There were over 40 different demonstrations and only 9 rotation times. Jimmy Clewes was demonstrating in the room PTWA was responsible for setup and video operation. His demonstrations were excellent. Jimmy is very personable and is a very interesting presenter. Ray Key, Allan Batty, Stuart Batty and Stuart Mortimer completed the list of presenters that originate from the UK. John Jordan from Tennessee and Nick Cook from Georgia were among the other professional presenters. Lan Brady, Jim Barbour and Bob Moffett were all presenters from our club and we claim Mike Stafford too. We are to be proud of our members for they all did an excellent job.

All of you who volunteered to help, we can't thank you enough. You are the ones who make an event like this a success.

Following are some photos from the symposium.



Photos of the October Instant Gallery

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

Photos by Jim Terry. All photos are the property of PTWA and the individual woodturner. You can see the color versions by going to the On-Line Newsletter and the Instant Gallery on our website <http://www.ptwoodturners.org>



Jim Terry – Spalted Sycamore Ornaments



Floyd Lucas – Poplar/Walnut Top



Bob Moffett – Walnut Bowl



Bob Moffett – Walnut Bowl



Red Saunders - Large Natural Edge Vessel



Jim Duxbury – “M&M” Ash Bowl



Jim Duxbury – Bowl from Paper Stone



Gary Robinson – Walnut Vase



Gary Robinson – Ambrosia Maple Platter



Doc Green – Red Plum Elevated Vase



Doc Green – Blue Ash Hollow Form w/ Finial



Jon Cowgill – Walnut/Pine Toothpick Holders



George Suderman – Pair of Box Elder Bowls



Jim Barbour – 15” Padauk Platter face view



Jim Barbour – 12” Padauk Platter view of base



Julien McCarthy – Osage Orange Plate w/ Black Walnut Shells



Julien McCarthy – Spalted Maple/Box Elder Bowl w/ Walnut Shells



George Sudermann – Sea Urchin Ornaments Ebony & Purple Heart



Clyde Mosley – Sea Urchin Ornaments Walnut & Mahogany



Linda Michael - Platter



Linda Michael – Flower Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Lime Bowl



Sam Kelly – Box Elder Bowl



John Morris – Walnut/Cherry/Poplar Open Segment Form



Earl Kennedy – Pedestal Hollow Form



Floyd Lucas – Poplar/Plywood Vase (challenge)



Doc Green – Vase (challenge)



Earl Kennedy – Pedestal Lidded Form
(challenge)

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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 24B (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

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>



Dear Piedmont Woodturners, Family, and Friends,

Our annual Christmas party will be held at 6:30p.m. on Tuesday, December 8th at the Moose Cafe 2914 Sandy Ridge Rd, #H, Colfax, NC 27235. This is in the Farmer's Market complex, west of Greensboro just off Interstate 40, Exit 208.

The menu will be a buffet style dinner, including dessert and beverage. The cost will still be \$12.50 per person which includes meal, tax, and gratuity.

Checks for reservations should be made payable to James Duxbury and will be accepted at the October & November meeting or mailed to his home: 3141 Shelly Graham Drive

Graham, NC 27253

******* Checks will not be received at the door *******

Food, fellowship, conversation, gift exchange of a wrapped, turned gift for all who wish to participate, and drawings for 4 winners of the year long raffle.

If you have any questions, please email Jim Duxbury, Program Coordinator at cyberdux@bellsouth.net or call 336-227-7168

