



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
November 2013

Message from the President:



The leaves are falling and that signifies that this year is rapidly coming to a close. I cannot believe how quickly it has gone by. Our final regular meeting of the year will be held November 5th. Note that this is the first Tuesday of the month, not our normal second Tuesday meeting date.

In October, Alan Leland demonstrated a birdhouse ornament for us. In addition to being fun to make, birdhouse ornaments make a great gift for the upcoming holidays. For those of you who did not get the handout that night, Alan has emailed me a .pdf copy which is now available for download from our website.

Douglas J. Fisher is a world renowned sculptor and photographer from Vancouver, British Columbia. His pieces are on display in many different countries and he has demonstrated his techniques around the globe. He will be demonstrating at the NC Woodturning Symposium November 1st – 3rd. Douglas will then be joining us as the PTWA featured demonstrator on November 5th. He will be demonstrating his carving and coloring techniques. Examples of his work can be found on his web page at <http://www.douglasfisher.com/>. I highly recommend checking it out.

In addition to demonstrating for our club, and in conjunction with the PTWA and Rockingham Community College Center for Creative Woodworking, Doug is holding a 2 day workshop focusing on turning off center platters and embellishing them with his carving and coloring techniques. We still have a couple of openings left for this workshop. The cost for the workshop is \$140 with a \$35 material fee. This covers both days. The workshop will be held at the RCC – CCW campus in Reidsville, NC on November 4th and 6th.

This is a great opportunity to learn carving and coloring from one of the best in the business, so if this is something that interests you, don't let it slip away. If you are interested, please contact Dean Hutchins as soon as possible.

November is also when we hold elections for officers and directors. The nomination committee for this year consisted of John Morris, Dean Hutchins and Kim Hutchins. The committee has presented the following candidate nominations for the 2014 year:

President: Scot Conklin

Vice President: Jeff Clark

Secretary: Nim Batchelor

Treasurer: Bob Holtje

Member –At-Large: John Moehlmann

Member-At-Large: Lan Brady

Additional nominations for any of the above elected positions may be made from the floor the night of the meeting. After nominations are closed, all current members present may vote for their choice.

Due to other obligations, Dean Hutchins has indicated that he will not be able continue as our program director for 2014. As such, we are looking for someone to fill this role. The program director is responsible for booking our monthly demonstrators as well as coordinating workshops and break-out sessions. Dean has indicated that demonstrators have already been booked for January through March of 2014. Anyone interested in taking over this role should contact me.

In December, we will be holding our annual Christmas party in place of our regular meeting. The party will be at Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale on Tuesday December 10th. More details about the Christmas party will be coming out in the next couple of weeks.

Bob Holtje was our turner of the month for October and Joe Ghezzi will be our final turner of the month for November. I think that the chance to go home with a piece of art from a fellow

woodturner adds a certain sense of camaraderie to the club as well as helping to bring in additional money to the raffle. So on behalf of the club, I would like to thank all of the individuals who have volunteered to be turner of the month this past year.

The final President's Challenge of the year is to turn something with a Christmas holiday theme. I would also like to extend my thanks to all who have participated in the President's turning challenges this year. Once again you have produced some very creative items.

I don't know how many of you belong to other woodturning clubs, but for those of you who do, I think you would agree that we have the best raffle going each month. The monthly raffle is the largest fundraiser that our club has and we appreciate everything that you donate on a monthly basis for it. Let's try to finish up the raffle this year as strong as it began in January. You can donate wood blanks, magazines, hardware kits, tools, books & magazines and pretty much anything you think may be of value to your fellow turners. In addition to bringing in items to donate, bring some money and buy some chances on items in the raffle and the piece from the turner of the month.

On a final note, as the year comes to an end, it is time to renew your dues for 2014. The dues are staying at \$30 for individuals and \$45 for couples. Those renewing should get their money to Bob Holtje. Checks should be made out to PTWA. As I also stated last month, our club is a 501C-3 organization and any donations that you make to our club are not only greatly appreciated, but tax deductible as well!

I hope to see all of you on November 5th.

Scot Conklin
President

Notes from our Secretary:

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.
- Treasurer's Report: Current club balance: \$2300
- Reminder: Club members wearing "Mentor" badges are willing to answer questions and help fellow turners with instruction.
- The North Carolina Woodturning Symposium will be held November 1-3 at the Greensboro coliseum The instant gallery, vender 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 or hosting a visiting symposium presenter in your home, contact: Bob Muir @ 336-638-6012, or visit: <http://northcarolinawoodturning.com/>.

- John Morris, Jeff Clark and Mike Thompson presented the club's Instant Gallery for the month of October. Visit the PTWA's Instant Gallery to see Floyd Lucas' superb example of segmented turning; made from 697 pieces of stock.
- Thanks to Doc Green and Bob Moffett for running the monthly raffle.

The October Guest Turner: Alan Leland
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Website: www.alanleland.com
AAW Member

Alan owns his own woodturning and custom furniture making business in which he specializes in both artistic and architectural turning. He joined us in October to demonstrate the art, craft and skills of making miniature birdhouse ornaments.

Alan began the project with a 2" x 2" x 3" piece of stock for the birdhouse body and a piece of contrasting material (i.e. Walnut) 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" x 3 for the roof. The roof blank must be larger in diameter than the bird house body to provide the overhang of the roof.

Alan began by roughing out the stock into cylinders and then shaping the exterior of bottom of the house with a 3/8" spindle gouge. He used a One-Way hole drilling jig with a DeWalt cordless drill holding a forstner bit to initially hollow out the body. After removing the jig, he used hooked scrapers to enlarge the opening to make the interior wall follow the contour of the exterior. He worked until the wall thickness was about 1/8th of an inch.

Next, Alan began roughing the second blank to the diameter desired to produce the "over hang" effect and hollowed out the form slightly to reduce the "weight" of the roof. The exterior shape of the roof (think finial here) was made using a spindle gouge and then parted off. Next, he placed it on a jam chuck and drilled a hole in the top for the screw eye and sanded the piece.

Finally, using stock that matched the roof color, Alan turned two small finials. The larger of

the two was shaped to fit the bottom. And the smaller used for the birdhouses' perch.

If you would like to replicate Alan's miniature birdhouse, the PTWA website has a detailed, PDF copy of his step-by-step instructions, including diagrams. *(Go to Turning Tips)*

Respectively submitted,
Jim Rezin

Jeff Clark's NC State Fair Entry:

This is a photo of my entry this year. I was fortunate enough to win first place in the professional joinery division and the Raleigh Special Award for Woodworking and Woodturning. The piece is made from a quartersawn sycamore crotch slab as the seat with walnut legs, spindles and crest rail. I did turn the spindles! The piece is modeled after the George Nakashima Conoid bench but I modified the leg design by incorporating Maloof style legs and joinery. The seat has a darker heartwood section surrounded by quarter sawn sapwood and significant. It has two walnut butterfly joints in the top and three smaller ones in the bottom of the seat.



If you know anyone in the market for a piece that

has the rustic cabin feel, this piece is for sale.

Jeff
(Let's hope Jeff will bring it in to show us – Nice Work Jeff)

Club Dues for 2014:

Bob Holtje is collecting dues for the coming year. Our dues are \$30 for an individual, \$45 for a couple. Bob will accept cash or checks at the meeting or by mail to:

Bob Holtje
943 Ridge Gate Dr.
Lewisville, NC 27023

Mentors:

Jim Barbour, Elon (336) 584-4228
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Earl Kennedy, Trinity (336) 472-6243
Jack Johnson, Stokesdale (336) 643-6888
Jim Terry, Winston-Salem (336) 768-0033
Bob Moffett, Burlington (336) 229-6141
John Morris, Siler City (919) 742-5148
George Sudermann, Winston-Salem (336) 923-2007

Photos of the October Instant Gallery



Bob Holtje – Walnut Platter – Turner-of-the-Month



Jim Terry – Pedestal Hollowform
Ambrosia Maple



Bob Moffett – Spiral Hollowform
Ambrosia Maple & Walnut



Bob Moffett – Ambrosia Maple Spiral Bowl



Floyd Lucas – Walnut & Poplar Bowl



Bob Moffett – Cherry Pedestal Box



Jim Raine – Holly Pet Urn



Bert Rau – Oak & Mahogany Bowl



Bert Rau – Oak & Mahogany Small Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Ambrosia Maple Hollowform



Bob Barrett – Hackberry Natural Edge



Geroge Sudermann – Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Jim Barbour – Pen Acrylic Cuff Links



Clyde Mosley – Walnut Bowl



Clyde Mosley – Small Maple Bowl



Dean Hutchins – Elm Bowl



Dean Hutchins – Maple Natural Edge



Jeff Clark – 12” Mixed Wood Bowl



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Robert Lunsford – Pear Birdhouse



Robert Lunsford - Goblet



Earl Kennedy – “Heavy” Poplar Goblet



Jim Duxbury – Red Grandis & Maple Sphere Box



Phil Fuentes – Walnut & Holly Box



Earl Kennedy – Maple Pumpkin



Floyd Lucas – Poplar Pumpkin

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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.

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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.