

Newsletter September 2007

NEXT MEETING:

September 4th – Lan Brady – Making Your Own Tools

FUTURE DEMONSTRATORS:

October 2nd – Used Equipment & Tool Sale and Symposium Organization

November 6th – Home Made Tools & Jigs

December 4th – Christmas Party at Moose Café in the Farmers Market

MINUTES OF AUGUST 7th MEETING:

- Bruce Schneeman opened the meeting with the introduction of visitors.
- Bob Muir gave an update on the symposium, naming all vendors current signed up. He urged those who have not already registered to do so. A printed bound booklet containing handouts of all the demos is being prepared. Bob urged all who can to let him know if they will be able to help during the symposium. We will need at least one person for all demos in the room for which our club is responsible. Volunteers are needed for set-up, videography, clean up and instant gallery. Piedmont turners who have been chosen to demonstrate are: Earl Kennedy, John Morris and Jim Duxbury.
- Mention was made of the upcoming Florida Symposium at a cost of \$100. More information can be found on their website.
- Jim Terry congratulated James Duxbury for becoming a contributing writer for Woodturning Design magazine and placed on display his articles in the Summer and Fall 2007 issues.
- Earl Kennedy brought a 5 gallon bucket of 5/8 dowel pins and challenged everyone to take some and turn some miniatures.
- Jim Duxbury, Program Coordinator outlines the next four club meetings: September – Lan Brady, Making Your Own Tools; October - Used Equipment & Tool Sale plus Last Minute Symposium Discussion; November – Homemade Tools and Jigs; December – Holiday Party at the Moose Café.
- John Morris presented the gallery of 24 items.
- Bruce announced that Dennis Ross, a member of the club, would provide a demonstration on turning spheres.

Dennis stated that this would be his first time to demo turning before a group. Well he may not have conducted a woodturning demo before but it was obvious speaking to a group was not new to Dennis. His background in the medical field had given him plenty of experience. He handled the task superbly. Dennis mentioned that he first turns spheres as an “exercise” to limber up before turning. He provided handouts to the members detailing the stock size, homemade chucks, and procedures.

Dennis started by turning a cylinder between centers at fairly high speeds. He marked the center of the cylinder and then made another line each side of the centerline that approximates the diameter of the cylinder. This gave him a reference to



start roughing out a sphere with a tenon on each end. This is where he brought out a couple of wooden jam chucks. The one for the headstock had a morse taper turned on it while the tailstock end had a dowel turned that would fit into his live center with the center point removed. He now mounted the roughed



sphere between the chucks with the two tenons 90 degrees to the original position between centers. He very carefully removed the tenons while observing the phantom edge. From here on very light cuts are required while watching the horizon. Dennis used sheering cuts with the gouge. Once the sphere was looking round in this mount he marked a third axis 90 degrees to each of the two previous axes. Once the sphere was mounted on this third axis and once he turned away the fuzzy images he had a perfect sphere. All that was left now was to remount the sphere on each axis and sand and then wax.

Dennis demonstrated some approaches to decorating the spheres. For this type of decoration Dennis had a wood jam chuck that was mounted slightly off centered on a faceplate. This allows a pattern of scores to be made with a spear point tool. He had Vicki to come up and try her hand at decorating. Ways to decorate could include burning, painting, scoring, hollowing or other imaginative ways. He showed a photo of a sphere containing decorations by Christian Bouchard.



Several of Dennis' spheres were displayed in one of his bowls.

A PDF copy of Dennis' handout is on the club website under Turning Tips.



Gene Briggs conducted the raffle.

Thanks to Rita Duxbury for assisting with the minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Terry

NC WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM, Inc. update:

As of August 7th about 130 people had registered for the Banquet. About 95 have registered for the full meeting. About 43 spouse/significant- and at least 5 students had registered. As of August 7, letters of acknowledgement had been mailed to everyone who had sent registration materials to the Treasurer.

At the August 7 meeting, the Board of Directors learned about the registration figures and that our receipts and anticipated expenses are in reasonable agreement with our working budget. We also learned that the "Demonstrators Book" is very nearly complete. It will be spiral bound and contain over 100 pages of information on the Demonstrators and their demonstration "handouts". The Board approved the "Book", established a sales price of \$15, and authorized printing 250 copies. This means that there will not be individual handouts provided at each demonstration.

The Board approved the purchase of 250 T-shirts with the Symposium logo to be sold during the Symposium.

As of August 7, we had at least 10 vendors committed to participate so far. These 10 are listed on the Symposium website <http://northcarolinawoodturning.com>. If you know of a vendor that might be interested, please call Terry Waldon at (910) 256-8246 and give him the contact information.

The Instant Gallery will contain some examples of each demonstrator's work. Each registrant is allowed to bring up to 3 of their turnings (which they may sell), so the Gallery should have many, many items to examine. All turners are asked to consider donating something, e.g., a turning, tools, jigs, etc. to be auctioned off at the Banquet. All the Vendors will be asked for donations, also.

There will be a supervised Sharpening Center equipped with the Wolverine Sharpening System, so if you want some help learning to sharpen your chisels, bring a few of them with you.

There will also be the "hands-on" Learning Center consisting of mentors and mini-lathes (see photo on the website). The emphasis will be on children during the Saturday sessions 4 and 5. The other sessions will be open to adults.

The Vendor show, Instant Gallery, and "hands-on" Learning Center will be open to the public.

There will be information available for folks interested in family activities in the Greensboro area (see the website).

The Board will meeting again on August 28 and September 11 during these meetings the food services menus will be selected and numerous details addressed.

If you have not yet registered, you should seriously consider doing so.

At this time, I have 17 members of our club who have volunteered to help with the symposium. I have not tried to assign duties yet. I will be contacting each of them soon to clarify when they are able to help and in what way. I'm sure that we can use more volunteers, so please look at the demonstration schedule to identify times you might be available to help.

--Bob Muir (rmuir2@triad.rr.com),(336.638.6012)



North Carolina Woodturning Symposium board at work.

Left to right: Bill Williams (NC Woodturners, Hickory), Andy Gunning, President of the Board of Directors (Woodturners Guild of NC, Raleigh), Tom Masters (Charlotte Woodturners), Bob Gunther (Carolina Mountain Woodturners), Jim Barbour (PTWA), Gary Bills (Carolina Mountain Woodturners), and Terry Waldron, Treasurer (Wilmington Area Woodturners). This is 7 of the 14 members. *Photo furnished by Bob Muir.*

PHOTOS FROM AUGUST 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 Instant Gallery of our website <http://www.ptwoodturners.org>



Bert Rau – Layered Bowl – Mixed Wood



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Jim Schoonard - Walnut/Maple Vessel



Linda Michael - Plate Pyrography



Linda Michael – Platter Pyrography



Linda Michael - Pen



Vicki Tanner – Chip Carved Plate



Jim Yarbrough – Box Elder Bowl



Bob Holtje – Manzanita Root



Bob Holtje – Maple Burl Natural Edge



Bob Moffett – Cherry Hollow Forms



Jim Terry – Walnut Bowl



Gene Briggs – Pecan Natural Edge Bowl



Jim Duxbury – Wine Stoppers with inserts



John Morris – Wine Stoppers



John Morris – Maple 3-Layer Bowl



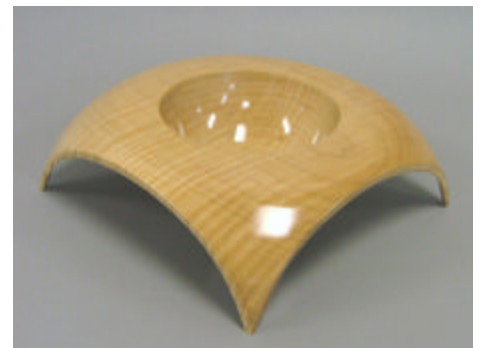
John Morris – Walnut Open Segment Water Jar



Earl Kennedy – “Donut”



Earl Kennedy – Hollow Form



Earl Kennedy – Square Edge Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Large Walnut Natural Edge Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Base of Walnut Bowl



Dennis Ross – Oak Crotch Figured Bowl



Earl Kennedy's challenge to turn items from 5/8 inch dowel pins.

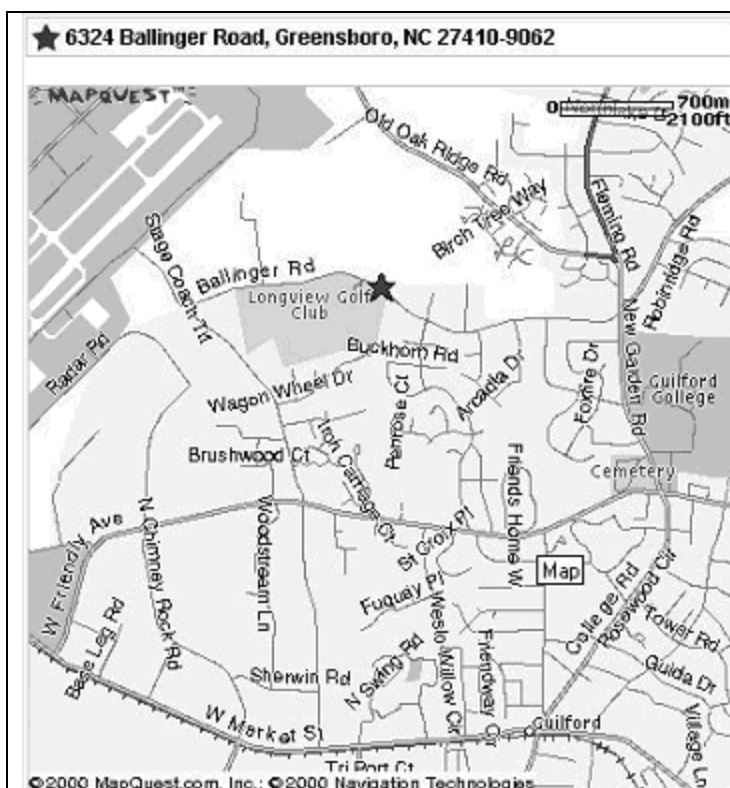
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MEETING LOCATION: Leonard Recreation Center ((336) 297-4889).



To the Leonard Recreation Center

Phone: (336) 297-4889

Some of the signage is confusing, so be careful.

FROM WEST OF GREENSBORO

1. Take **I-40 E**.
2. Take exit number **213**.
3. Turn **RIGHT** onto **GUILFORD COLLEGE RD**.
4. **GUILFORD COLLEGE RD** becomes **COLLEGERD**.
5. **COLLEGE RD** becomes **NEW GARDEN RD**.
6. Turn **SHARP LEFT** onto **BALLINGER RD**.
7. Leonard Recreation Center is about 1 mile on the right.

FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO

1. Take **I-85 S/I-40 W/US -29 S**.
2. Take the **I-40 WEST/US -220 SOUTH** exit, exit number **123**, towards **WINSTON-SALEM (US -421 N)**.
3. Merge onto **I-40 W/US -220 S**.
4. Stay straight to go onto **I-40 W**.
5. Take exit number **213**.
6. Keep **RIGHT** at the fork in the ramp.
7. Merge onto **GUILFORD COLLEGERD**.
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“An accident at the lathe can happen with blinding suddenness; respiratory problems can build over years. Take appropriate precautions when you turn. Safety guidelines are published in the AAW Resource Directory. Following them will help ensure that you can continue to enjoy woodturning.

From American Woodturner

**Dues Renewal or Application for Membership
Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association**

Date _____ **NEW APPLICATION** **RENEWAL**

Name _____ Phone _____ (Home)

Address _____ Phone _____ (Work)

_____ E Mail _____

_____ AAW membership No. _____

Membership Fee: \$24.00 per year. Dues paid In October each year. We prorate dues if you are joining at other times of the year.
Oct/Nov/Dec \$24.00; Jan/Feb/Mar \$18.00; Apr/May/Jun \$12.00; Jul/Aug/Sep \$6.00.

For those who desire to receive the newsletter via US Mail the dues will be:
Oct/Nov/Dec \$30.00, Jan/Feb/Mar \$22.50, Apr/May/Jun \$15.00, Jul/Aug/Sep \$7.50.

Please make check payable to Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association.
Mail to: Gene Briggs, 1831 Squire Davis Rd, Kernersville, NC 27284