



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter
August 2012

August 14, 2012 Jeff Clark – Basic Bowls
September 11, 2012 – Hands On & Tool Sale
October 9, 2012 – John Benton
November 13 – Frank Penta
December 10 – Christmas Party (Monday)

Yarbrough. David Myers again provided all the kiln dried blanks used. Manager Pat at Woodcraft again assisted by loaning us several lathes. What was made? Honey dippers, baseball bat/snowmen pens, ring holders, twist pens, and desk clocks. The youth were absolutely well behaved and eager to learn. We instructors enjoyed the meals at Country BBQ afterwards--it's a toss up as to who can tell the "tallest tales." Once Bob Muir and Doc Green starting "talking" PHYSICS, I immediately tuned them out so as not to confuse my already limited brain power.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, Vice President Jeff Clark will demo BASIC BOWLS. If his demo is anything like the quality of his chairs and stools, we are in for a treat. Jim and Rita Duxbury will also share with us the joys of their recent trip to the national AAW convention at San Jose where he demo'd. (P.S. check our the back cover of the AAW's current issue of American Woodturner to see what others think of Jim's woodturning talents)

We all realize that PTWA has a variety of talented turners who also work with wood in ways other than on the lathe. Therefore for the SEPTEMBER 11th meeting, along with your turned pieces, please also bring for the Gallery an example of your other type of work. We just might be pleasantly surprised!

In closing, our PTWA year has five months remaining. It is not too early to be thinking about the election of our Officers and Directors who will guide us in 2013. With our traditional Christmas dinner in December, we will probably have nominations at the Oct 9th and Nov. 13th meetings, with elections to be Nov. 13th.

JOHN MORRIS
President

Presidents Message:

G-R-E-A-S-I-N-G T-H-E W-H-E-E-L

Folks, it's time to pass out deserved "A-T-T-A-B-O-Y" and "A-T-T-A-G-I-R-L" recognitions:

Our successful July 15 picnic was held at Hagan-Stone Park (near Forest Oaks) for the first time. We all need to applaud Kim and Dean Hutchins, Rita and Jim Duxbury, and Bob Muir for their advance planning/coordination. Also to Bob Holtje for the excellent raffle for our members, and to Earl Kennedy, Doc Green, Jim Barbour, etc. for their turning demos. Let's not leave out photographer Jim Terry. One of my concerns was.....did the raffled watermelon make it back to Danville, Va. aboard the motorcycle? It's obvious we have some of the best cooks in the world--from salads to peach (homegrown) dumplings. And Kim, the BBQ was excellent!



We recently completed our 5-session program for some of the older youth at Leonard Center's Summer Camp. Thanks to Center Director Pam Robbins and her staff (especially Gary and Daniel) for their help. From June 21 - July 26, we had the pleasure of working with 14 youth about the joys of woodturning. After all, they are the future of our craft. Our instructors were Doc Green (still #1 choice of the young ladies), Joe Ghezzi, Bob Holtje, John Moehlmann, John Morris, Bob Muir (please ask him if he knows his A-B-C's), and Jim

Feature Article:

Three Rules for the Beginning Woodturner

By Jim Rezin

Here's my story. After years of looking in catalogues, I went out to a local store and bought a lathe, some tools, a video and a couple of books on woodturning. Overnight, I became one of the most dangerous people on earth....a beginning woodturner. I had a burning desire, but no experience and absolutely no idea of what I was doing. What saved my life, initially, was the news that my wife and I were pregnant *...with twins!* To make a long story short, for the next twenty-six months (yes, I counted every one) I had a dust cover over my machine and my tools sat on my bench unused as I changed diapers, mixed formula, and helped take care of our five older kids.

Months later, with the twins almost two years old, *and very cute*, I had watched my Del Stubbs video ad nauseum and read my two books until they were falling apart. With my wife's blessing, I again returned to my machine where I happily and joyously dodged my projects while they bounced off the walls, ceilings and floors of my shop. My older kids, with their well-developed survival instincts, learned to be elsewhere when Dad grabbed a dull, spindle-turning tool and stepped up to the bowl shaped object on the lathe.

My wife Kris, my muse, observed one night how my skills were improving. "Wow," she observed, "You almost got this one round before it broke".

Yes, I was getting better, but I had come to a point where I had to admit that I needed help from someone who *really* knew what they were doing. I had been offered a free, one year membership in the PTWA when I bought my lathe, but that paperwork had long-since been lost and two years had passed by. However, determined as I was to improve, I persisted and found the PTWA on-line and began reading through the site. Kris, looking over my shoulder at the club's instant gallery exclaimed, "Wow! That's beautiful! Is that what something made on a lathe is supposed to look like?" I had to admit it was, and decided I *really* needed to look into the PTWA.

Now, two years later, the club and its mentors have made my woodturning hobby much more enjoyable and, (I'm not making this up) saved my life by teaching me how to turn wood safely and effectively. If you are new to woodturning, I urge you to connect with the mentors in our club and find a time when you can meet and learn from these experienced practitioners of the craft.

Attention all men. Because we're men, some of us find it difficult, if not impossible, to ask people for help.

So here's Rule #1: Get over it and find a mentor. Our club has several. Introduce yourself to one at the next meeting. You will find them listed in the club's web site. They're great folks to know and very, very knowledgeable. Our club's mentors are volunteers who want to help you become a better, safer woodturner. I have been mentored by three different club members. Each one of these guys had different techniques, skills, equipment and insights to share with me. One last thought on mentors: After some general instruction, find a mentor who is particularly skilled in an area that interests you. (e.g. pens, bowls, boxes, segmented turning etc.). We have extremely skilled craftsmen in the club and the PTWA can connect you with just the right person.

Rule #2: Nothing is better than experience. Videos and books have their place, but you will only improve in woodturning when you are standing at a lathe, turning...safely, with properly sharpened tools being correctly applied to the wood. Practice what your mentor has shown you.

Rule #3: Be careful with your cash. Don't spend a dime on woodturning equipment until you have spent time working with mentors on different lathes, using various chucks, tools, safety equipment, abrasives, finishes, in addition to the many gadgets that woodturners collect. Consult with club mentors on where and when to buy equipment. At this point, you will be able to make wise and informed decisions *without* wasting money. *P.S. PTWA club members are offered discounts at several local retailers.*

So, don't forget: Every woodturner started out as a beginner. Practice safety first. Let the mentors help you. Turn whenever possible. Know what equipment and tools work best for you before you buy anything!!

Happy turning! Jim Rezin

(Many thanks to Jim for sharing his experience with us.)

About Our Library:

Tree of Knowledge - Rita Duxbury

Thanks to all who contribute each month through the library material rentals and donations, we are able to add to the DVD and Book collection of the club library. This year the AAW Symposium had very little to offer in the line of DVD's for purchase, however at the request of numerous

members, I was able to purchase some materials in Segmented Turning.

At the August meeting, the following titles will be available for rental:

- *Introduction to Segmented Turning with Curt Theobald*
- *Segmented Patterns with Curt Theobald*
- *Lessons in Segmented Woodturning: Getting Started by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- *Lessons in Segmented Woodturning: Tips, Tricks and Feature Rings by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- *Lessons in Segmented Woodturning: Exploring Possibilities by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- *Lessons in Segmented Woodturning: Functional Projects by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- *Lessons in Segmented Woodturning: More Functional Projects by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- *Lessons in Segmented Woodturning: Special Boxes by Malcolm Tibbetts*
- *Lessons in Segmented Woodturning: Jewelry by Malcolm Tibbetts*

Turner of the Month:

- Aug - Philip Weathersbee
- Sept - George Sudermann
- Oct - Matt Larsen
- Nov - Robert Dehart
- Dec - Christmas Dinner only

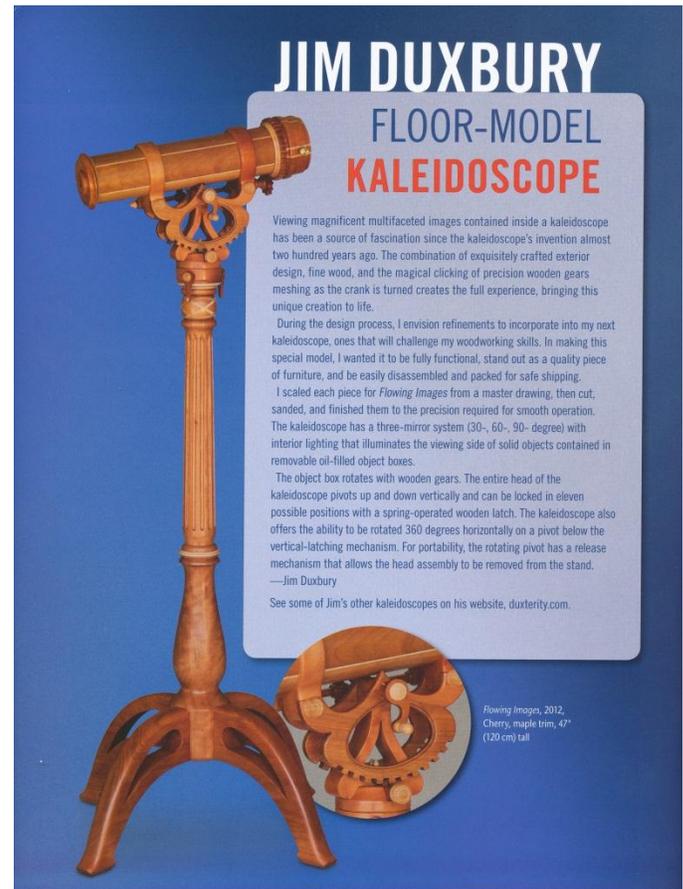
Our Plaque:

You probably have seen this plaque hanging in the Leonard Recreation Center but do not know its origin. It was made by Steve Wall of Wall Lumber and presented to PTWA a few years ago when we had our July meeting at Wall Lumber.



Cover of “American Woodturner”:

For those of you who do not get the AAW magazine “American Woodturner”, our own Jim Duxbury made the back cover. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Youth Woodturning at LRC:



July picnic at Hagan-Stone Park



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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.

FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO

Take Bus-40 through 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)