



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
August 2015

## Calendar

**August 11 – Bruce Lacy, Genie in a Bottle**  
**September 8 -- Hands On & Tool Sale**  
**October 13 -- Tim Rinehart, Natural Edge Bowl**  
**November 10 – Bob Baucom, Mom & Pop Penguin**  
**December 8 – Christmas Party 6:30 PM**

## Message from the President:

Well we have rounded the corner on yet another year and are now on the back 9 so to speak. Soon the kids will be returning to school and those that do not have air conditioned shops will be able to return to them. The days will be getting shorter, but the shop hours will probably be getting longer!



In July we had our annual picnic again at Triad Park in Kernersville. For those that could not make it, you missed some great food and fun company. The turnout for this picnic was larger than ever. The weather was a little on the hot side, but there was a nice breeze and plenty of shade under the pavilion and overall it was a great day for a picnic. Many thanks to Rita Duxbury and Kim Hutchins for all the preparation and planning they did to pull this off. Also thanks to Dean for cooking the hot dogs to perfection!

This month Bruce Lacy will be joining us from the Charlotte area. Bruce is an active member of the Southern Piedmont Woodturners and one of the bios that I read on him said that he has been working with wood since he was 10 years old. Our website says that he is going to turn a Gene in a Bottle, but I think that he will actually be turning a Genie Bottle. We will find out for sure Tuesday night!

I think that I have announced Phil Fuentes as Turner of the Month three different times now, and

this month I am finally right. Phil will be our Turner of the Month for August. It is like they say “even a broken clock is right two times a day”. Earl Martin has signed up to be our Turner of the Month for September.

For the President’s Challenge for August is to turn something ice cream related in honor of the dog days of summer. This can be a scoop, bowl, or even scoops of ice cream itself! September always reminds me of school when all of the kids go back with their shiny new shoes and un-ripped backpacks. So in honor of school starting back I am going to be kind of vague and say that the President’s Challenge for September will be to turn something that has to do with school or education. It can be a pen, pencil cup, learning tool or aid, or even an apple for the teacher!

The Leonard Center summer program was very popular again this year. The 5<sup>th</sup> and final class will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank John Morris for again heading up the program as well as all of the other club members that volunteered their time working with the kids and teaching them how to turn. I believe that we will hear more about this year’s program from John on Tuesday.

The North Carolina Woodturning Symposium is fast approaching as well. Bob Muir will tell us a little more about that and we will have an online volunteer signup set up soon for those looking to help out with our demo room this year.

By now you know the drill, so make sure to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation and monthly raffle. Also don’t forget to bring some money with you to buy those raffle tickets.

I hope to see all of you on August 11<sup>th</sup>!

Scot Conklin  
President

## AAW Symposium June 25 – 28 in Pittsburgh, PA

### Every Woodturner's Dream

The 2015 woodturning symposium was one of the best ever! Our AAW leaders are really getting good at making this huge event an organized and enjoyable learning experience. With approximately 1500 people attending, it is a monumental task to coordinate the demonstrators, vendors, youth turning, spouse events, banquet, auctions, and all of the little glitches that arise leading up to and during the event. 18 rooms have to be equipped for doing almost 200 different demonstrations in three days - demonstrations by some of the best turners in the world. With 18 choices every hour and a half it is hard to pick which one to attend. Chapters in the area are recruited to assist in the room setup and coordination with volunteers as assistants and videographers.

During the entire Symposium there is also a vendor's area with all the latest of tools and equipment, demonstrations from equipment manufacturers, wood, and the newest "gadgets" a turner could possibly want. No matter how many tools you have, you always find a few things you just can't live without!

The Instant Gallery, a huge room with table after table full of turnings, is a highlight of the Symposium. Every registered turner is allowed to bring three of their best pieces. Demonstrators can bring up to six pieces. This exhibit represents some of the finest turned pieces in the world and you can spend hours just looking at each piece. It is a humbling experience no matter how good a turner you think you are. In the foreground is a familiar face taking notes and getting ideas.

Hours could be spent writing about the sumptuous Buffet Banquet for over a thousand, Two Auctions which raise monies in support of the AAW educational programs, Evening Focus Groups such as pen turners, women in turning, gadgets and gizmos, and artistic discussion groups, the Beads of Courage fund-raiser for children with catastrophic illnesses, the Empty Bowl sale, and Tools for Turners Program of Third World Countries.

However one of the most exciting places to be is in the Youth Turning Room. Twenty six mini lathes are fully equipped with tools and safety equipment – all generously donated each year by various manufacturers and vendors - and the ten to eighteen year olds really make the chips fly. For some, this was the first time they had held a tool or turned anything on a lathe and each child came out with a finished piece and a big smile. This year our two grandsons ages 13 and 15 and their family attended for their first exposure to all of this. What a time they had! They turned every chance they got and also saw many of the professional rotations. They always offered their critique to us after seeing the demonstrator and their observations were interesting to say the least. The youngest grandson won Best of Show in the Youth Division. Wish I had a picture of his eyes when he saw that big ribbon on his piece.



A similar experience could be had at the North Carolina State Symposium on a smaller scale. The Symposium will be held Nov. 6 – 8, 2015 at the Greensboro Coliseum. The Piedmont Triad Woodturners are always well represented in the planning, demonstrating, and attendance of the state Symposium.

As a woodturner – whether you are a professional or a novice – do yourself a favor and treat yourself to this Symposium experience. Next year the symposium will be in Atlanta, GA on June 9 – 12. It is an experience you will never forget. If you would just like to see the instant gallery and walk through the vending area it is all free and open to the public – and it is family friendly – so make a little vacation of the event. An international woodturning symposium in Atlanta – it can't get any closer than that!

It is woodturning at its best.

Jim & Rita Duxbury

### NC Woodturning Symposium:

NC Woodturning Symposium (Nov. 6 - 8): For information and registration see <http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com>. The previous Symposia held at the Greensboro Coliseum have been extremely educational and successful, each one better than the one before. Traditionally most of the demonstrators have been housed by members of the PTWA. This saves the Symposium, Inc. the cost of housing them and provides the hosts of a great opportunity to have quality "face time" with them.

I would like to provide such "local" housing for 10 or 11 of the demonstrators. So please get with your significant other and think about hosting one of them. I will need to know and have a commitment by early October. It is best if your commuting distance to the Coliseum is less than 30 minutes for the convenience of the demonstrator.

Once I know who is volunteering, I will let them know who they will host and provide contact information. Usually hosting involves meeting them at the airport (if they are not driving), providing breakfasts and maybe another meal or two and transportation to and from the Coliseum. The Symposium banquet is on Saturday night and the PTWA might sponsor a dinner get-together on Friday night so dinner those two nights might be taken care of. If you are willing to be a host, please

contact me (Bob Muir) at 336.639.6012 and/or [rmuir2@triad.rr.com](mailto:rmuir2@triad.rr.com).

The PTWA is responsible for equipping and manning the demonstration room where Ashley Harwood and Jim Duxbury will be demonstrating. We will be posting on the web in October a method for people to volunteer for various tasks to fulfill this responsibility. For example, setting up on Friday morning and taking down Sunday afternoon, operating the TV and audio equipment, cleaning up after every demonstration and being "gofers" for the demonstrators. Please seriously consider volunteering and contributing to the success of the 2015 Symposium.

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## September Meeting

# GIANT TOOL & EQUIPMENT SALE



**“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure.”**

## Hands-On Skill Building Techniques

**SEPTEMBER GALLERY** – Our normal Wood Turnings as well as “Other Types” of Wood Working Items you might want to display.

**RAFFLE** will be held as usual.

**3 STATIONS & 3 LATHES SET UP FOR TURNING & MENTORING**

### Featuring:

**JIM TERRY** – Wet & Dry Sharpening - Bring your tools to sharpen!!

**DEAN & KIM HUTCHINS** – Piercing

**CHUCK WALTHROP** – Small Basic Bowls

**BOB BLANCHARD** – Textured Bottle Stoppers

**DAVE MacINNES** – Pyrography & Coloring

**GEOFFREY PURSER** – Basic Spindle Turning

**September 8, 2015 6:30 PM**  
**Leonard Recreation Center**

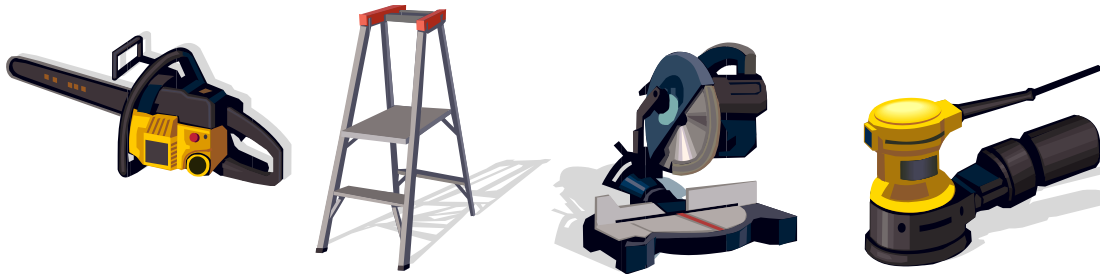
**Bring your unwanted, duplicate, or tired tools and equipment to the meeting for the GIANT tool sale. (No lawn mowers!)**

**Get rid of your clutter **or****

**Purchase items you just know you can not live without.**

**Why pay full price?**

**Put a tag with your name & price on the item.**



Contact **Jim Duxbury** if you have questions. 336-227-7168 [cyberdux@bellsouth.net](mailto:cyberdux@bellsouth.net)

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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.  
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.  
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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.