



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
December 2012

December 10 (Monday)– Christmas Party

Message from the President:

GREASING THE WHEEL

In this, my LAST Presidential Newsletter article.....

Gobble, Gobble! Ho! Ho! Ho! These are two expressions we all use during this season. But my wish is that we keep the proper perspective of the true meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To my fellow PTWA members, I sincerely thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for these past two years. I chose the above title--G-T-W. Why? Because of the successful efforts and results of other past Presidents, officers, directors, Team players, and membership, many felt we did not have to re-invent the wheel, merely oil it up a little to better allow PTWA to function smoothly. Did I accomplish all I had hoped to do? No! I'm reminded of the old saying, perhaps by Mark Twain or Will Rogers, that went like this: "If you're out leading the herd, you'd better look back every now and then to see if it's still there." However, we maintained our number of members and I hope you feel that you PTWA association has added value to your woodturning art/craft.

It would be impossible to thank everyone by name within this message for the tremendous help offered to me and PTWA these past two years. Think about why you joined PTWA: to get help, to offer assistance, for the fellowship, or maybe to advance in this strange and wonderful journey. All valid reasons. We are a very talented and diversified group of individuals. To recognize the improvement in turnings over time has been a most enjoyable experience. The friends I have made within PTWA since April 2004 have positively added to my existence.



Now what? With our recent election of Scot Conklin as President, Jeff Smith as V-P, Jim Rezin as Secretary, Bob Holtje as Treasurer, John Moelhman and Lan Brady as Directors--I foresee better things ahead for PTWA. New blood and fresh ideas are normally a very positive trait for any organization to have. With the continued support of the Team Players and Club membership we will prosper

--perhaps in numbers, but certainly in being exposed to new, exciting, and different areas of woodturning.

I pledge my continued support of our fine organization. Your assistance to me, constructive criticism, and remembrance during times of illness and good health have meant so, so much. Thank you, friends!

Most sincerely,

JOHN MORRIS

Soon-to-be Past President

Message from our new President:

S-L-I-P-P-I-N-G A-N-D S-L-I-D-I-N-G

I hope that is not what I will be doing after all of the grease that John Morris has applied to the wheel! I also hope that it was not the steering wheel that he is talking about! Seriously though, I would like to thank John for his encouraging words and all the support he has offered as I get my feet under me and take the reins.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful relaxing Thanksgiving with their family and friends and are looking forward to Christmas just around the corner.

First of all I would like to thank all of the members of the PTWA that had the faith to elect a pen guy with 2 Jet mini lathes to lead them. I felt so guilty about it that I had to go out and buy a new Powermatic! Well, truth be told it was less out of guilt and more like I finally found the perfect excuse to convince my wife! The conversation

began something like this, "seriously honey, you can't possibly expect me to try and lead this group of talent with a pair of mini lathes", and the rest they say is history. Also, a word of advice to the membership, never go Black Friday shopping with Dean and Kim Hutchins!

As we look ahead to 2013, our organization has several things to look forward to. I know that Dean Hutchins has been working hard to line up some great demonstrations. In January we will get to watch our very own Bob Moffett create sawdust as he does a texturing demo for us. In February another fellow PTWA member Chuck Waldrup will show us how to turn a natural edge bowl. Mark Sillay will be visiting us all the way from Atlanta for our March demonstration. We also have the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium to look forward to in the fall. In addition to the regular club meetings we are trying to line up some more breakout sessions which are a great way to expand your skills and get some hands-on experience.

Also, back by popular demand will be the President's Challenge. After the very entertaining and informative demonstration that Frank Penta put on for us in November, I think that it is only fitting that the President's Challenge for January be an off-center turning. This is your chance to get creative, let's see what you can come up with.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Party on Monday December 10th. To those of you who will not be joining us at the party I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Once again, I want to extend a very heartfelt thanks to all of the membership as I humbly accept the torch from John.

Sincerely,

SCOT CONKLIN (AKA Phil)

President Elect

Minutes from our November Meeting:

- President John Morris opened our meeting
- Welcome to members and 4 guest were extended
- John updated on upcoming events
- Bob H gave Treasurers report
- Nominating committee shared a proposed slate of officers

President- Scot Conklin

V. President- Jeff Clark

Secretary- Jim Rezin

Treasurer- Bob Holtje

Member at Large- John Moehlmann

Member at Large- Lan Brady

Appointed Positions

Program Chair- Dean Hutchins

Librarian- Kim Hutchins

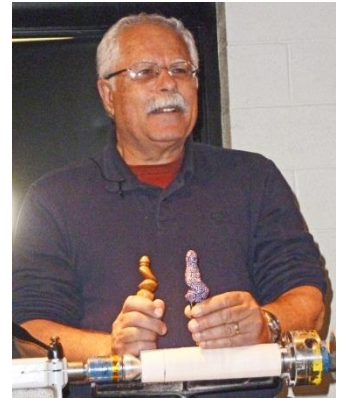
Without further nominations the slate of officers were elected.

- Kim H updated Christmas Dinner. Pioneer Family Buffet in Archdale.

December 10, MONDAY (note the day), details will be sent in separate email

- Nov 10-11 was Freedom Pen Turning at Wood Craft. Club members turned 28 pens. Also a few free pen turning lessons to beginners
- Dean H brought up to speed with schedule for 2013.
- Our gallery was presented by Jeff Clark and Mike Thompson

Jim D introduced out guest turner for the evening. He is a good friend of our club. Frank Penta from Chapel Hill. This will be his 3rd demonstration for PTWA. Frank will be sharing with us an offset candle holder. He brings several examples for the display table. The offset Candle holder will improve the quality of a dinning or living room. Frank offers the opportunity for beginners as well as quite advanced turners to participate in his projects. For tonight we will have a simple single offset holder that most could turn in less than an hour. He shares a few alternatives if you don't care for candle holders. He has made bird houses, goblets, finials, bottle stoppers and even Harry Potter magic wands using the same method.



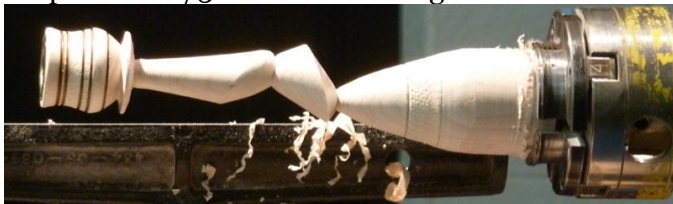
Frank begins with a 2"x 2" x 8" block. He drills a 1" hole in the end of the blank about 3/4" inch deep. The actual depth will be determined by the candle cup insert that you purchase. When chucking up, the hole is used as a live center guide so that the hole is perfectly centered. Frank first rounds the blank and creates a tenon. He places the drive side in a chuck. He draws off the total cup length and begins shaping it to final form. Using a higher RPM than most of us, he gets a very smooth surface without the normal tear out lines I see quite often in my work. Just to make us feel better, he touches the wood with 320 grit sandpaper, just so he can say he sanded.

Frank's weapon of choice is a Continental gouge, ground to a steep angle of 25 degrees. He finds this older tool to be quite versatile by removing stock quickly and leaving an almost finished edge on the project. The Continental Gouge may not be on your "got to have list", it is amazing how well it works.

With the cup complete and the lower part turned to an almost cone shape, it is time for the



move of centers. Here is where the chuck plays a very important part. His movements are not using points but moving in the chuck. Using the 4 jaws, you have reference points that can be set and reset as needed. Starting with the #1 jaw, Frank tilts the blank about 1/8" and this created a nice offset from the tailstock side. He starts the speed over at slow and works it back up to his operating speed so as not to break or loose anything. With the piece spinning, you will see solid wood and a secondary ghost image. You can remove the ghost without endangering the piece to failure. Frank cuts a nice v shape about 2/3rds down the length. The lathe is



stopped you see the magic. He has removed only a portion of the round we started with. It creates an illusion that looks so natural but does not exist in nature. He returns the pieces to the original position and finished the foot. Needless to say, he answered many questions and we concluded the

evening with a round of applause.



Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

Penturning at Woodcraft:

Every Veterans Day weekend, Woodcraft sponsors a "Pens for American Soldiers" event. They provide all the equipment, but ask that we provide the bodies to turn pens. They also pick up the postage for sending pens overseas to our next great generation.

This past Saturday (Nov 10) was no exception. PTWA members John Moehlmann, Lan Brady and former member Butch Hadley showed up to let our troops know that people are grateful for their service to this country. Between the 3 participants, we turned 28 pens. More were turned as individuals would show up and add to the collection.

We had a lot of fun making a mess that someone else cleans up and Pat bought Pizza and sodas for all.



Please consider adding this to your calendar next year. It is always fun!

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2013 PTWA Officers:

President:	Scot Conklin
Vice President:	Jeff Clark
Secretary:	Jim Rezin
Treasurer:	Bob Holtje
Board of Directors Members at Large:	
John Moehlmann & Lan Brady	

Lathe Safety:

This is a subject we too often gloss over assuming we have taken all the proper precautions. Most presentations begin with a word on safety but have you ever looked into the subject in any detail?

Ian Robertson has developed 4 youtube videos that go into some detail on the subject. This is how Ian prefaced his videos on the AAW forum.

"I searched the web to find any videos applicable to safety around the workshop when using a lathe and came up empty handed.

Some people touch on it when using the lathe but nothing specific.

With that in mind I created my own.

A boring subject I know but an essential one I think.

They are in four parts totalling about 45 minutes in all."

The following are the links to the 4 videos Ian created. I will also add these links to our PTWA website. They are worth your time watching.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkZuLaSyQ_I&feature=plcp

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IuP3m1Ob51k&feature=plcp>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atwxP7vvoNE&feature=plcp>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1944XjoRho&feature=plcp>

Photos of the November Instant Gallery

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

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



David Holley – Walnut Vase



Robert DeHart – Walnut & Ebony Kaleidoscope



Robert DeHart – Lidded Box



John Mohelmann – Mahogany & Marblewood Bread Knife



Jim Yarbrough – Spalted Maple Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Eucalyptus Burl Box



George Sudermann – Pine (fatwood)
Natural Edge Bowl



George Sudermann – Ebony Shoe
Horn



Hugh Grow – Eastern Red Cedar &
Turquoise Flute



Linda Michaels – Locas Platter



Linda Michaels – Sycamore Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Maple Dyed Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Cherry Leaf Bowl



Dave MacInnes – Boxelder Clamshell
Box



Doc Green – 11" Cherry Natural Edge
Bowl



Gary Robinson – Spalted Maple Bowl



Bob Moffett – 4" Maple Box



Bob Moffett – 12" Natural Edge Oak



Bob Moffett – 18" NE Walnut



Kim Hutchens - Birdhouse



Dean Hutchins – Walnut Maple Angle



Dean Hutchins – Elm Platter



Dean Hutchins – Sweet Gum Fluted Bowl



Jack Johnson – Ash/Walnut Rolling Pin



Jack Johnson - Earrings

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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

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)



SOMEPLACE NEW THIS YEAR

Dear Piedmont Woodturners, Family, and Friends,

Please join us for food and fellowship!

Our annual Christmas party will be held at 6:30p.m. on Monday, December 10th at the Pioneer Family Restaurant 10914 North Main Street, Archdale, NC 27263.

The menu will be a Buffet Style Dinner, including dessert and beverage. Each person will pay individually. The cost is approximately \$12.50 per person including tax. Gratuity is additional as you see fit.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE & LOCATION!!!

You will individually pay for your meal at the restaurant.

Gift exchange of a wrapped, turned gift of modest value for all who wish to participate. Item must be contained in a plain, brown paper lunch bag. No gift wrapping!

Drawings for 4 - \$100.00 winners of the year long raffle.

If you have any questions, please email Dean Hutchins, Program Coordinator, at hutchins.dean@gmail.com or call 336-425-6687 or Kim Hutchins at hutchins.kim@gmail.com or call 336-580-3717.



DIRECTIONS:

From Winston-Salem:

1. **I-40 E/US-311 S** toward **Greensboro/High Point** 2.5 mi
 2. Slight right onto **US-311 S** (signs for **High Point**) 9.8 mi
 3. Continue onto **I-74 E** 6.6 mi
 4. Take exit **71B** to merge onto **I-85 BUS S/US-29 S/US-311 S/US-70 W** toward **Thomasville** 1.8 mi
 5. Take the **US-311 S** ramp to **Asheboro** 0.2 mi
 6. Turn right onto **US-311 S/S Main St** 2.2 mi
Destination will be on the left
- Pioneer Family Restaurant
10914 North Main Street
Archdale, NC 27263

From Greensboro:

1. **I-40 W/I-85 BUS S/US-220 S/US-29 S/US-421 N/US-70 W** 0.7 mi
 2. Continue straight onto **I-85 BUS S/US-29 S/US-70 W** (signs for **High Point/Charlotte**) 5.4 mi
 3. Continue onto **I-85 S** 7.3 mi
 4. Take exit **111** for **U.S. 311 N** toward **Archdale/High Point** 0.2 mi
 5. Turn right onto **US-311 N/N Main St** 0.9 mi
Destination will be on the right
- Pioneer Family Restaurant
10914 North Main Street
Archdale, NC 27263

All others: (see Google Maps) or set your GPS to the above address.