



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter

December 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Calendar

December 12 – Annual Tool Swap Event

## Message from the President

Greetings Woodturners and Friends

I'm very much looking forward to wrapping up a wonderful club year on Tuesday, December 12 with a meal and brown bag gift exchange\* with you. We have a list of folks that plan to attend the meeting, if you did NOT get on that list, but would like to attend – please reach out to me directly at 336-709-9569 so we can get an accurate head count.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of our hardworking volunteers that made our club a success this past year.

To our Demonstrators – you folks stepped up and shared your techniques, tips, tricks and gave us insight into your world of beautiful and amazing art. It's not always easy to get up in front of folks, but you did it and we learned so very much from you. Thank you for making time to teach and give so much of yourselves, you ALL were amazing!

To our AV Crew – you folks are exceptional, and we are so grateful that you have stepped up and stepped in to run cameras and sound. Without you, all of us (including myself) that have suffered hearing loss would be, well, at a loss! Not to mention the way you can dial in a

shot that can change the way we might hold a tool or approach a piece. Thank you for all your efforts, they are so very appreciated.

To our Set Up and Tear Down Folks – you folks are foundational. Meetings just don't happen without you. Thank you for showing up early and staying late. Thank you for wheeling lathes and wrangling chairs, flipping tables, and moving tv's and doing everything we need to just happen.

I'm not nearly done – there's our “shop”, our website, our newsletter, our meeting recap, our bean counter, our greeters, our symposium volunteers, our raffle volunteers, our photographer, our instant gallery caller, the list is endless.

As you can see, it takes ALL of us working together to ensure the success of PTWA. That makes us a community, and that's what woodturning is all about – COMMUNITY! Ours is a pretty great community to be a part of!

It is time to change out the PTWA board. During our December meeting, we'll be asking for folks to volunteer for open positions. If you're interested, but would like more information, please reach out to whoever holds that position now and we'll be happy to share details.

Available Roles:

- President – Geoff Purser, Steve Coley
- Vice President – Crystal Earley
- Secretary – Roy Carlson
- Newsletter – Bonna Jones

Thank you all for a successful 2023! Let's come together on the 12<sup>th</sup>, break bread, swap gifts, and plan for a great 2024!

\*Brown Bag Gift Exchange – to participate, bring a handmade item wrapped ONLY in a brown paper bag – no bows, no markings, just a plain bag. We will elect one person first to open a bag. Whoever made that present will go next.

Crystal Earley, VP

**President’s Challenge -**

**2023 Turner of the Month:**

**Available at the Club Meeting Store:**

Mercury CA Glue – thin, med, thick in Regular, thin and medium in Flexible (2 oz, 8 oz)  
 Mercury Accelerator (2 & 8 oz.); Mercury Debonder; CA Glue extension tips (10 pk); Mercury Epoxy (5, 15, 30 Min); Oak & Teak Epoxy; Velvit Oil finish 1/2 pint, pint, quart; Application pads (60 ea.); Pipettes bag of 20; Syringe 5 ml bag of 5; lidded plastic cups (2 oz.); Sandpaper, package of 100, 120, 150, 180, 220, 320, 400.

PTWA Store Item Prices		
Glues, CA and Epoxy		
CA Standard, any viscosity 1oz -- \$3.00    2oz -- \$5.00 8oz -- \$16.00	CA Flex type, any viscosity 2oz -- \$6.00    8oz -- \$20.00	CA Foam/Low Odor, any viscosity 1oz -- \$9.00
CA Accelerator 2oz -- \$4.00    8oz -- \$12.00 12oz -- \$14.00	CA Debonder 2oz -- \$4.00	CA Extension Tips, All types 10-pack -- \$3.00
Mercury Epoxy, All types 8oz -- \$10.00	Smith's Oak & Teak Epoxy 12oz -- \$21    32oz -- \$52	Smith's Penetrating Epoxy 32oz -- \$35.00    Solvent -- \$23
MISC.		
Application Pads/Lidded Containers Containers 2oz 20pc -- \$1.00 Application pads 60ct -- \$3.00	Sandpaper – Roll 100, 120,150,180,220, 320 & 400 grit -- \$7.00	Pipette/Syringe packs Pipette 40pc -- \$2.00 Syringe 5pc -- \$2.00
Velvit Oil Finish 1/2pt -- \$9.00    1pt -- \$15.00 32oz -- \$25.00	Niles Bottle Stoppers Any Style -- \$6.00	Chrome Bottle Stoppers -- \$4.00

**Minutes from November Meeting**

Minutes from the November 14, 2023, PTWA meeting:

Geoff Purser convened the meeting at 6:30. There were 32 attendees, and two visitors. He discussed the results of the Symposium and thanked all the folks who helped make it a success. Bob Schasse gave the Treasurer's report and reiterated that it was time to pay dues for 2024. The December meeting will be a tool sale/swap, and a brown bag gift exchange. The club will provide dinner. Bob Muir discussed recording the demos. Turner-of-the Month was Jason Lathrop. We took a break and followed with the Instant Gallery.

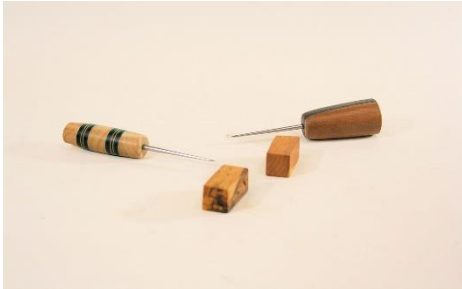
There were three mini-demos. Dave MacInnes began with a demo on Christmas ornaments. These ornaments have through-holes in the major diameter which are generated while the wood is still square. He uses a spindle gouge to turn the piece round, being careful to leave sufficient material around the holes. He switches to a three-point tool used as a skew to cut grooves and beads. He frequently will add color to the ornament after turning.

Roy Carlson followed with a demo on turning inside-out Christmas trees. He show examples of the four sections after turning and before reversing and gluing back together. The idea is to create the space the tree will occupy, rather than the tree itself. The tree can be decorated before re-gluing the sections, and a small light can be added,

Geoff Purser wrapped up the evening with his demo on turning ornaments consisting of a hollow ball with attached finials. He showed his technique for the hollowing and followed with his method for creating finials and attaching them to the hollow ball.

- Roy Carlson, Secretary

### Photos of the November Instant Gallery



Turner of the Month – Jason Lathrop



Cherry Bowl – Bob Schasse



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Lidded Bowl w/Finial – Don Keefer



Bowl/Resin - Franchouce



Resin and Wood Candle Holders - Franchouce



Segmented Bowl – Jason Lathrop



Flower Vase and Flowers – Ken Sunshine



Ornament – Dave MacInnes



Oak Bowl – Greg Ford



Cypress Bowl – Greg Ford



Bowl Walnut/Cherry – Roy Carlson



Lightsaber – Martha Hunter



Chess Salt & Pepper Mills – Purple Hart  
& Hard Maple – Anthony Troise

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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 does not exist.