



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
February 2013

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**February – Chuck Waldroup , Natural  
Edge Bowls**

**March – Mark Sillay, Bag of Turning  
Tricks**

**April – Don Leydens, Natural Edge Goblet**

**May – Morris Schlesinger**

## Message from the President:

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Ah February,

The days are getting longer and according to Punxsutawney Phil (no relation to me) spring is just around the corner. By now the shavings should be piling up in everyone's shops.

Our January demonstrator, Bob Moffett did a great job showing us the technique to make a side grain box. In addition to using a variety of different texturing tools to enhance the appearance of the outside and bottom of the box, Bob demonstrated how easy it was to “erase” the texture if someone like John Moehlmann added a texture that you didn't like. As always, Bob gave a very informative and entertaining demo.

Bob is also our turner of the month for February. We still have turner of the month spots open for 2013. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for the remaining spots if you wish to volunteer. If you are interested in being turner of the month, but are not able to make it to the February meeting, please send me an email and we can add your name to the list.

Our club demonstrator for February will be another member of our club, Mr. Chuck Waldroup. Chuck will be showing us how to turn a natural edge bowl. One of the appeals of the natural edge bowl is that due to the curvature of the log, you get a nice undulation on the rim of the bowl which

really sets it apart. This undulation makes turning a natural edge bowl somewhat trickier than a standard bowl, because as you get out towards the rim, you are turning in 1/2 in air and the “wings” as they are called can be quite fragile and flex quite a bit depending on their thickness. Chuck has produced some very beautiful natural edge pieces and I am looking forward to watching him show us how it is done.

Dean Hutchins has been working hard to fill the remaining demo spots for this year and I think he is close to having booked demonstrators for every month. Also we have reserved a shelter in Triad Park which is off of highway 421 near the Guilford/Forsyth county line for our July picnic this year. The picnic will be on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> so be sure to mark your calendars.

I am pleased to announce that the club has purchased 2 new 42” high definition flat panel televisions and mobile stands that we will be using beginning with our February meeting. Hopefully these televisions will allow everyone to get a good view of what is happening up front. We are also looking into updating our media cabinet, cameras and switchgear to provide a better overall viewing experience for the audience. In addition to the televisions, two additional speakers have been purchased for use in the back of the seating area to bring the sound closer to those in the back of the room.

The suggestion box that we introduced at the January meeting was a big success. To the anonymous member who deposited an empty candy wrapper in the box, I would like to say that I know how you feel and as a club we are working diligently on making that change, so bear with us and stay tuned!

The President's Challenge for February is any type of lidded box. Perhaps some of you can combine the challenge from January as well and turn a lidded box with an off center finial? In honor

of St. Paddy's Day (yes Paddy's, derived from the Irish **Pádraig**, not **Patty's**), the President's Challenge for March will be to turn an object with a Celtic Knot in it. The item can be a pen, bottle stopper or anything you want with a Celtic Knot pattern included somewhere in it. There are a lot of articles and YouTube videos on how to do this online.

Finally, don't forget to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation and monthly raffle. I think I heard that we made a little over \$230 during our January raffle, which is a great way to start off the year. Let's keep up the momentum and make Chris and Doc proud.

I hope to see all of you on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Scot Conklin  
President

### **Notes from our Secretary:**

The January 8th meeting took place at the Leonard Recreational Center in Greensboro, NC. President Scott Conklin greeted the group and wished everyone a safe and happy New Year.

New business included the introduction of the 2013 officers.

- President: Scott Conklin
- Vice President: Jeff Clark
- Secretary: Jim Rezin
- Treasurer: Bob Holtje
- Program Director: Dean Hutchins

Also introduced were our club's Members At Large: Lan Brady and John Moehlman. Scott explained that the purpose of AT-Large Members is to act as a liason between members and the officers. So, If an officer is not available, talk to a member at large for guidance, information etc..

Mentors were introduced and new turners were urged to seek them out for questions, suggestions, guidance and assistance with turning questions. Our mentors have years of experience and are willing to work with club members to improve their skills. Again, check the club's web site to a contact list of PTWA mentors.

All members were advised that the Leonard Center follows the Guilford County School System with regards to closings due in inclement weather. If the weather has closed schools the day of a meeting, the meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

The treasurer's report indicated that the club has \$9000 in its account. Bob thanked all the members who paid their dues in a timely manner

and added that there were approximately 12 members from 2012 who had not paid their dues for 2013. Please make a note to keep your dues up to date so you don't miss out on member-only events, announcements and discounts at local retailers.

Dues are \$30 for a single membership and \$45 for a family membership. Member discounts are available at Klingspor, Woodcraft and Woodworker's Supply. Remember that the gallery and the club raffles are open to club members only.

Planning is already in progress regarding our picnic meeting in July and the Christmas dinner-meeting in December. If you have suggestions or you have the urge to pitch in and help with one of these events, please see an officer or Member at Large as soon as possible.

Doc Green and Lan Brady ran the raffle and several members walked away with wood, magazines and kitchen-cabinet doors.

John Morris presented the Instant Gallery for January. All can be seen on the web-site in the Gallery section of the web site.

Scott Conklin, January's Turner of the Month presented a gorgeous pen and presentation box to the club for the auction.

#### **Bob Moffett.**

The guest turner was none other than our own Bob Moffett who was introduced by Dean Hutchins. Bob is a long time member of the PTWA and AAW. He is well versed in many styles of turning. By accessing the gallery portion of the web site, viewers can see examples of Bob's skills as an artist and as a technical turner in prior months.

Bob began his demonstration of texturing by placing the wood into the lathe. His first big laugh for the night was telling the spectators in the front row not to worry, and that his wood, "Doesn't usually fly off"! Bob introduced the club to texturing tools from Wagoner and Sorby in addition to his own homemade 3-point tool and a hollowing tool that were both fine examples of how recycling and ingenuity can come together to give a turner useful tools that get the job done. Bob went on to demonstrate how to safely and effective use each tool and turned several different patterns into his blank. He then deftly turned those off and did more using a variety of tools and techniques. Bob also



demonstrated how to use calipers to "sneak up" on a desired diameter of a lidded box.

Almost as entertaining as learning what Bob had to teach us was the "give-and-take" that went on during Bob's demonstration. Bob enjoys this hobby and brings his enjoyment with him when he demonstrates. His combination of wit and wisdom made for a most enjoyable evening.

The demonstration was capped off as two club members, Bob Holtje and John Moehlman, "volunteered" to come up and put Bob's lessons and tools into practice. Bob answered questions for the membership and concluded his demonstration.



Scott Conklin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Rezin

### **Bob Moffett at J C Campbell:**

Bob will be teaching a box turning class at John Campbell 6/9 – 6/15/13. Topics will include turning face-grain and end-grain boxes using bowl, spindle, and scraper turning tools. Explore inlays, cabochons, making cabochons, chatter work, texturing techniques spiraling and possibly coloring to create gifts, family heirlooms, and gallery-quality work. Bob will also try to do a demo on finials for boxes. Topics include lathe safety, tool selection, tool use, and sharpening, as well as project design and finishing. Recent turning experience is required for this intermediate class. We will go in depth into these issues and will have time to explore different techniques.

### **Yes It Can!**

Yes, it can happen to YOU. It happened to me. One morning this week I was turning the lid to a vessel with a piece of maple on the lathe. I was turning at about 1250 RPM, and it flew apart – one piece hitting me directly in the FACE SHIELD. Fortunately it was a small piece of wood, but it had sharp corners. It could have injured me badly. After reading last year about the woman who was killed by a piece of wood flying off the lathe, I have been wearing the full face shield regularly. As it was,

I went back to work right away. WEAR YOUR FACE SHIELD!

Jim Yarbrough



### **Harold's Big Lathe:**



*I saw this picture of Harold Jones and a lathe he once had and asked him to share the story.*

You asked about the lathe in the picture. It is an old Oliver patternmaker's lathe. It will swing 20 inches and there is a narrow gap in the bed that will swing 24 inches. The motor is on a plate that will swing out 90 degrees for outboard turning. It is 7 feet between centers and over 10 feet long. The spindle is 1 3/4 with a number 4 Morse taper.

Notice the large hand wheel for moving the tool rest and cross feed the length of the bed. The tool rest can be removed and a tool holder mounted for precise hand wheel fed angle cuts on patterns. Originally there was a series of belts and pulleys on the outboard end for powering the carriage from end to end.

I don't know how old it is but I am going to guess it dates back to the early 1900's. The motor was 5 HP so you can tell by the size how old it is. Since I did not have 3 phase power in the shop at the time I swung a 2 HP on the back side and used



pulleys on the out board end where the power feed was.

The owner of the foundry where I worked bought it in a lot of equipment from a closed business in Texas. He wanted me to build him a teak wood wall cabinet with beveled glass doors. I told him to buy the teak and glass and I would build it for the lathe so we struck a deal. I sold it to a friend along with most of my other woodworking equipment when I moved. I enjoyed turning on it

for many years and hope to turn on it again when I visit Alabama in the future.

Harold Jones

### Club Store:

Available in the club store-  
CA glue  
Sandpaper  
Ruth Niles Bottle Stoppers  
Bread Knife Blades

## Photos of the January 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>



Floyd Lucas – Walnut Box



Linda Michael – Sycamore Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Dyed Maple Square Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Cherry & Maple Square Bowl



George Sudermann – Walnut Tool Handles



Earl Martin – Walnut & Maple Ornament



Earl Martin – Walnut & Maple Multi Axis Ornaments



Dave MacInnes – 8” Silkwood Bowl



Dave MacInnes – 10” Maple Bowl



Dean Hutchins – Elm Bowl



Dean Hutchins – Maple Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Spalted Maple Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Maple Bowl



Robert DeHart – Walnut & Maple Bowl



Robert DeHart – Walnut & Maple Ornament



Lan Brady – Walnut Stool



Larry Dodson – Dogwood Bowl



Larry Dodson – Dyed Poplar Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Maple Off-Center Box



Earl Kennedy – Dyed Maple Off-Center Box



Dean Hutchins – Walnut & Maple Off-Center Bird House



Dean Hutchins – Walnut &amp; Maple Off-Center Bird House



Lan Brady – Maple Off-Center Stool



Jim Raine – Maple &amp; Rosewood Off-Center Pendants

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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 *Note: Ballinger Rd. is temporarily closed between Guilford College Rd and Leonard Rec. Ctr.*

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)

