



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter  
July 2014

## Calendar

**July 12 - Picnic - Triad Park – Shelter #1  
(Saturday Meeting)**  
**August 12 - Joel Hunnicutt - Design, Air Brush, &  
Finishing**  
**September 09 - Hands On & Tool Sale**  
**October 14 – Robert Lunsford Three Point - Bowl**  
**November 11 – Robert DeHart – Bowl From a  
Board**  
**December 09 - Xmas Party 6:00 PM**

pleased to let you know that Jack Johnson will be heading up that workshop and it has been scheduled for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who have expressed interest in this workshop, please contact Jack for more details.

July means that it is once again time for the annual PTWA picnic. This year the picnic will again be held at Triad Park in Kernersville. The address for the park is 9652 East Mountain St. Kernersville, NC 27284. We have reserved Shelter #1 (the same as last year) for the picnic. If you are planning on attending and have not done so yet, please contact Kim or Dean Hutchins and let them know. They will be placing the order for BBQ with Prissy Polly's on Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> and will need an accurate head count. In addition to the BBQ, the club will be providing hot dogs, slaw, beans, chips, drinks and ice. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish (salads, side dishes or desserts) to pass, as well as your own drinks, if you prefer. There are more than enough picnic tables for everyone, however you may bring your own lawn chair if you want to. The picnic is open to all PTWA members and their families, so this is a good time to bring the loved ones with you so they can mingle with all of us crazy woodturners.

In addition to food, we will be having a couple of demonstrations this year. Michael Thompson and Earl Kennedy will be demonstrating for us. The demonstrations are scheduled to begin at 10:00 and we plan on eating around 12:00. We will also have the instant gallery, so be sure to bring an item or items that you would like to show. There will be drawings for prizes. As we have done in the past, the club will be providing some prize giveaways. Members are also encouraged to bring items to donate to the giveaway if they so desire.

As I have mentioned before, the Carolina Field of Honor has been completed on an 8 acre section of the park and is now open to the public. This memorial serves to honor all of our veterans and I encourage everyone to take some time to visit it while at the park. Speaking of veterans, the PTWA is compiling a list of all of our members who

## Message from the President:



People have always told me that it seems the older you get, the faster time goes, and boy is that ever true! As hard as it is to believe, July is here as we begin to round the bend on the second half of this year.

Jim Terry showed us his techniques for making intricate finials and icicles as well as explaining how to maintain good proportions for a pleasing look. The nice thing about finials and icicles is that they can be turned on any lathe and add a nice touch to vessels and ornaments.

Floyd Lucas was our turner of the month for June. Thank you Floyd for the beautiful segmented vessel that you donated to the club raffle as your turner of the month item.

There is no turner of the month or President's challenge for this month. For the August President's challenge, let's turn something that can fit inside of a 250 count large kitchen match box. For those of you who do not have a box of these lying around, the dimensions of the box are 4 3/4" x 2 3/4" x 1 1/2".

A little while back I had mentioned that we were planning a pepper mill workshop in conjunction with the Rockingham Community College Center for Creative Woodworking. I am

are also veterans of our armed forces. A signup list was passed around at the last two club meetings to gather the names, branch of service and years served of our veterans. If you are a veteran and did not get your name on the list, please contact me so that I may get your information.

After working as a contractor his entire life, my father began writing poetry after he retired. He published *A Potpourri of Poetry: Simple Poems by A Simple Guy* in 2007. In honor of our country's 238<sup>th</sup> birthday, I would like to share with you a poem that my father included in that book:

### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, INDEPENDENCE DAY

*Eleven score and three years ago on July 4, 1776  
our "Declaration of Independence" was adopted by 56;  
men of courage who valued freedom more than life,  
trading a comfortable existence for one of strife.  
Fifty-six brave men tried and true,  
each one knew what he must do.  
As each penned his name came the thought,  
"I am surely dead should I be caught."  
Signing the document was only the beginning  
of a war against tyranny that needed winning.  
The colonists fought valiantly tooth and nail,  
determined in their effort not to fail.  
Fail they did not, but went on to succeed  
and won their right from Great Britain to secede.  
Nine of the signers lost their lives in the war  
and the rest all lost their fortunes and more.  
For the thirteen Colonies, Britain was a formidable foe  
but the outcome of the conflict is one we all know.  
The Colonies had beaten the mightiest power ever  
and gained a lasting freedom for their endeavor.  
Freedom is one of life's greatest treasures and yet  
it seems all too easy this fact to forget.  
More precious than all the diamonds and gold,  
freedom is the one we all should hold.  
One trip to Arlington and you will see  
the somber truth of reality.  
The cost of our freedom is extremely high;  
to gain and preserve it millions had to die.  
Whatever else you may do today,  
take a moment to pray; "God bless our U.S.A."*

Bernie Conklin

I hope everyone had a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and I hope to see all of you on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> at Triad Park.

Scot Conklin  
President

### Notes from our Secretary:

Noteworthy announcements included:

- Remember that we are a 501(c)(3) organization. As such, donations to the club are tax deductible.
- We currently have 116 paid members.
- A .pdf membership list is now available by e-mail if you want it.
- The annual AAW meeting is scheduled for June 13-15 in Phoenix.
- The annual picnic will be held again this year at Triad Park Shelter #1 on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. The shelter will be available to us from 9am till 6pm. Mike Thompson will present a demo on chain saws (something that is difficult to schedule for the rec. center). Earl Kennedy will also be presenting a demo. We will also have an instant gallery. We also plan to have a prize drawing.
- The park contains a "Field of Honor" that spans 18 acres. Check it out.
- 2014 PTWA Christmas Party will be held at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.
- Ron Carrick continues to offer spindle blanks at 60% off.
- Jack Johnson will be conducting a peppermill workshop at RCC in Aug. or Sept.
- Due to the picnic, there is no President's challenge for next month.
- Floyd Lucas is this month's "Turner of the Month." Again, due to the picnic, there will be no turner of the month for July.
- John Morris is organizing the Summer Turner Camp for Kids. If you are interested in helping, contact John. We are planning several new projects for this year.
- We have approximately \$3,800 in the treasury.

After a break and the monthly raffle Jim Terry presented a demonstration on the making of finials. Here are some pictures of the examples that he had on display.



Jim had a number of interesting things to say about finials. First, finials are decorative pieces that extend from the TOP of an object. Finials should be designed to complement the vessel to which they are attached. It is a good idea to sketch full size pictures of the finial that you have in mind and then hold it up over the vessel to get a sense of whether it works well. Jim suggested that finials should be limited to 3 main elements. Beyond that, things tend to get too busy. This rule does not hold for “icicles” (the decorative objects that hang below something).

Any tight grained wood works for turning finials. He begins by turning a tenon to fit into the opening of the vessel. That diameter is transferred using calipers. You want to undercut the collar so that it will fit properly to the arc of the top of the vessel. At this point, you will want to shape and sand the top of the collar, because it will be a bit dangerous to reach later when that part is so close to the chuck.

Jim does not use a tailstock for support because if it is even a bit off center or if it bows the wood any, when it eventually is released, the point will be off center. Jim cuts the stock to an

approximately “Christmas tree shape” to define the initial maximum diameters.

Jim worked primarily with 3/8 inch spindle gouge and occasionally worked with 5/16 roughing gouge and a 1/4 inch detail gouge. He also wraps his index finger under and behind the cut point to produce gentle counter pressure and to buffer against vibration. It is vital to present your tool edges 100% vertical so that it does not “skate” when entering the wood.

On the demo piece, Jim cut the top element down to about a 1/16 inch diameter. The middle element was an asymmetrical bead (which Cindy Drozda calls an “onion”). He worked this element down to about a 1 inch diameter. When you sand, you need to make sure that your paper does not round over the edges that you intend to be sharp. He finishes with a gel varnish polyurethane or spray lacquer. To simulate ebony, he uses an alcohol based black TransTint. After application, you can burnish it with a paper towel and apply a coat of spray lacquer.

Respectively submitted,  
Nim Batchelor

### Turner of the Month:

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July: (Picnic)  
 August: Chuck Waldroup  
 September: Jim Raine  
 October: Earl Martin  
 November: Joe Ghezzi  
 December: (Christmas Party)

### Mentors:

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 John Morris, Siler City (919) 742-5148  
 George Sudermann, Winston-Salem (336) 923-2007

### Photos of the May Instant Gallery



Dave MacInnes – 18” Cherry, Ebony, Walnut Greek Steam Engine



Phil Fuentes – 8” Walnut Eccentric Box



Phil Fuentes – Cherry Eccentric Box



Phil Fuentes – 3.5” Oregon Myrtle Box



Jim Barbour – 24” Maple & Bubinga French Roller



Jim Barbour – 7” Goncalo Alves Pepper Mill



Tim Smith – 3” Hickory Snack Bowl



Tim Smith – 10” Sycamore Snack Plate



Earl Martin – 7” Elm & Walnut Lidded Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – 10” Walnut Bowl



Steve Coley – 8” Walnut, Maple, Bloodwood Segmented Wide Mouth



Steve Coley – 7” Purpleheart, Walnut Square Bowl



Steve Coley – 8” Bloodwood, Walnut Square Bowl



Jack Johnson – Recycled Walnut Fruit Bowl



Jeff Clark – 10” Mixed Wood Bowl



Lan Brady – 12” Curly Maple Platter



Linda Michael – 9.5” Maple, Rubber Tree Pedestal Bowl



Linda Michael – 13.5” Natural Edge Pedestal Bowl



George Sudermann – 14” Ambrosia Maple Beer Tap Handle



Wayne Baldwin – 8” Cherry Bowl



George Sudermann – 8” Ambrosia Maple & Turquoise Bowl



Wayne Baldwin – 10” Maple Pepper Mill



Dallas Stokes – Black Walnut Yarn Bowl



John Morris – 9” Pine Open Segment Vase



Floyd Lucas – “Turner of the Month  
Cherry/Walnut



Presidents Challenge - Pens



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## Piedmont Woodturners Annual July Picnic



**Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Come early for planned  
Demonstrations**

**\*Demonstration starts at 10:00**

**\* Lunch served at 12:00**

### **Triad Park - Shelter # 1**

9652 East Mountain Street  
Kernersville, NC 27284

[Directions to Triad Park \(Click on link for directions\)](#)

**Bring your spouse, children, grandchildren and/or prospective members  
to this annual event.**

- A large covered shelter near the playground has been reserved.
- BBQ, slaw, beans, hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided.
- Members should bring a covered dish to share (salads, side dishes, or desserts) and your own drinks, if you prefer.
- Please bring pieces for the gallery table.
- Please bring your own lawn chair for comfort.
- Prize drawing.

**Please RSVP by July 7th. We need a solid headcount when  
ordering the Lexington BBQ.**

**Contact Kim or Dean Hutchins, [hutchins.kim@gmail.com](mailto:hutchins.kim@gmail.com)  
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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

Take Exit 212 (To Bryan Blvd. PTI Airport). You will now be headed north on the new highway.

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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.