



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
June 2014

Calendar

June 10 - Jim Terry - Designing & Turning Finials
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 -
November 11 -
December 09 - Xmas Party 6:00 PM

Message from the President:



The days are getting longer as we approach the first official day of summer, which makes for plenty of good weather to be in the shop turning out new things.

In May, Phil Fuentes showed us what is possible with a Powermatic lathe and a Harbor Freight chuck. Ok, maybe the chuck did not come from Harbor Freight, but Phil did show us

what can be done with his fantastic chuck and some good woodturning skills as he demonstrated some off-center turning for us.

For those of you who have ever seen Jim Terry's incredible finials, the time for him to impart his knowledge of them is upon us. He will be showing us the process he uses to design and turn his very detailed and precise finials.

School is almost out, which means that the summer youth program at the Leonard Rec Center is just around the corner. John Morris has once again agreed to lead the program and is always looking for able bodied volunteers to help pass their woodturning skills on to the summer program kids. If you are interested in helping out, please contact John Morris. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

A big thanks goes out to Jerry Jones, who was the club's turner of the month for May. This

month, our turner of the month is Floyd Lucas. Floyd has already given me his donation for this, and I know that you will want to buy a chance on this one!

The June President's Challenge is something near and dear to my heart, a pen. I cannot wait to see what you guys come up with for this one! With next month being our annual picnic, there will not be a President's Challenge for July.

Speaking of our annual club picnic, it is fast approaching. I think Rita is already counting the paper plates and cups! This year our club picnic will once again be held at Triad Park in Kernersville. A flyer with more details will be sent out to the members later this month, but to give a brief overview, we will once again be in Shelter #1 and will have the space from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm. Michael Thompson will be giving a chainsaw demo beginning at 10:00. I believe that Earl Kennedy is also planning on giving a demo following Michael. We are planning on eating around 12:00. As in the past, the club will provide BBQ & hot dogs. Members are encouraged to bring a dish to share. We do need to get an accurate head count for food, so we will once again be passing around a signup sheet to let us know if you are planning on attending and how many people will be joining you.

The Carolina Field of Honor has been completed on an 8 acre section of the park. The dedication ceremony was held this past Saturday, May 31st. Several thousand people gathered for the dedication ceremony, including Governor Pat McCrory, as well as several state and local elected officials. The memorial features a 60 foot Obelisk in the center and also includes approximately 130 tons of granite from Mount Airy. The rest of the stairs, pavers and other monuments account for another 260 tons of granite. It is definitely something worth seeing while you are at the park.

Finally don't forget to bring in items to show off in the instant gallery as well as anything that you think your fellow woodturners would like to buy a raffle chance on!

I hope to see all of you on June 10th.

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 115 paid members.
- A .pdf membership list is being compiled and will be available soon.
- The library collection of VHS tapes are being converted to DVD's. As they become available, the VHS tapes are being offered in the monthly raffle.
- 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 12th. The shelter will be available to us from 9am till 6pm. This year, several people will be offering demos at the picnic.
- 2014 PTWA Christmas Party will be held at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale on Tuesday December 9th at 6:00.
- Linda Marsh (the director of the Leonard Center) dropped by to say hello. She complimented us all on our commitment not only to art but to the process of production of art and the community spirit that our club embodies.
- The President's challenge this month is to turn a pen.
- Jerry Jones was this month's "Turner of the Month." Floyd Lucas will be "Turner of the Month" in June.
- 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.
- Michael Thompson briefly described a problem that he had while turning a piece that had too much of a bark inclusion. When the bark inclusion goes all the way through, the piece can explode apart.
- We have approximately \$3,200 in the treasury.

After a break and the monthly raffle, Phil Fuentes demonstrated several off-axis turning projects.

The majority of Phil's presentation involved showing us how to make eccentric boxes. Phil



concluded his presentation with a quick demonstration of how to turn a spoon. It was clear that many people could not stay for the final part of this demonstration. If you had to leave early, Phil has posted this YouTube video

[<http://youtu.be/Tw5kxyB1XVg>] that shows what you missed. While some of the pieces that he had on display could be done with a standard 4-jaw chuck, some of the pieces required the use of a special eccentric chuck. The particular chuck that Phil uses is a Vicmarc Escoulen.

[<http://www.vicmarc.com/downloads/Vicmarc%20Escoulen%20Manual.pdf>].

Phil started by tilting a blank 15 mm off center. He then rounded off 3 inches near the tail stock. This would become the "box" at the top of the piece. After adding a tenon, he parted off the lid.



Using a separate chuck, Phil hollowed out and gave the lid its initial shape. He then jam fitted the lid on the body of the box. He cut it to its final shape and thickness. Setting the lid aside, Phil then went on to hollow out and finish the inside of the box. He then cut a cove under the bottom of the box. After a final cut, he sanded it



slightly. Then, in order to induce not only an eccentric cut, but a spiral effect, Phil rotated the piece 15 degrees in the chuck. Using a standard spindle gouge, Phil then shaped a thin layer. He then again rotated the piece 15 degrees and cut another layer. After a third layer, Phil ran out of room, so he returned the piece back to the zero point. Then, using the ball joint of his chuck to go eccentric, Phil finished the base and parted off the piece with a saw.

To turn the spoon, Phil began by turning a tenon on a piece of stock. He then placed the piece way off center in a standard chuck. The key is to make sure that all four jaws are grabbing some wood. Once in place, you need to make sure that your tool rest does not come into contact with the wood. Then you turn what will be the handle of the

spoon. You will work down through a lot of air until you get to a thin handle. You will also need to work towards an arc across what will be the top of the spoon. Once that is all sanded, return the piece to its original axis. The handle will be flying around. Remove the tail stock and set your tool rest perpendicular to your ways. Make sure that the handle clears the tool rest and then—while extending the tool way over the end of the tool rest—go inside the rotating handle to hollow out the spoon. Once you have the internal shape that you desire, move the tool rest to the side and shape the bottom of the spoon. Part off and sand.

These were truly amazing pieces and an amazing process to watch. Phil was an excellent demonstrator. His explanations were clear and his passion for his work was easy for everyone to see. I was particularly impressed with Phil's tool work. Even when reaching well over the tool rest, his cuts were always right on target. It was instructive to see the fluid rotations and elevations adjustments that Phil made with his tools. I would say that Phil's tool work was an art in itself. This was an all around excellent demo which was deeply appreciated by everyone.

Respectively submitted,
Nim Batchelor

From Your Library:

Be sure to let Bonna Jones, Librarian, know if you have suggestions for DVD's to be purchased for the Library. The Library is for you and we want you to take advantage of the many demonstration and professional DVD's we already have. We have recently converted many of our demonstration VCR tapes to DVD's, so there may be something you haven't seen yet. We are also working on updating a list of all the items available in our Library. When complete, it will be available on the website. Demo tapes rent for \$1.00 and Professional tapes rent for \$2.00 ea. per month. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Bonna Jones, Librarian

Picnic Next Month:

Our annual picnic will be on Saturday July 12. If you have not signed up, a sheet will go around at the meeting next week. If you have not signed up and are not going to be at the meeting next week, you can contact Kim Hutchins. She needs to have a headcount in order the BBQ. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for Kim's contact information and more information about the picnic.

Our Club Store:

Sandpaper – 80, 120, 180, 220, 320, 400 - \$15 per pack

CA Glue - \$4.50

Ruth Niles Stainless Steel– 2 for \$10

Chrome Bottle Stoppers – 5 for \$13

Pepper Mill Kits – save 40% +

6" - \$6.50

8" - \$7.00

10" - \$7.25

Turner of the Month:

June: Floyd Lucas

July: (Picnic)

August: Chuck Waldroup

September: Jim Raine

October: Earl Martin

November: Joe Ghezzi

December: (Christmas Party)

Mentors:

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George Sudermann, Winston-Salem (336) 923-2007

Photos of the May Instant Gallery



Jerry Jones – Turner-of-the-Month
Oak Weed Pot



Jeff Clark – 15" Ambrosia Maple
Platter



Jeff Clark – 9" Sweet Hackberry Bowl



Jeff Clark – 10" Poplar Bowl



Milt Transou – 6" Walnut Natural
Edge Bowls



Kim & Dean Hutchins – 9" Bradford
Pear Bowl



Dean Hutchins – Persimmon Mini
Cowboy Hat



Dean Hutchins – Cherry Mini Cowboy
Hat



Jim Terry – 4 Candlesticks, Walnut,
Cherry, Ash 10"



Floyd Lucas – Cherry Vase



Earl Kennedy – 10" Bradford Pear &
Maple Pedestal Bowl



Earl Kennedy – 4" Rubber Tree Off
Center Box



Jim Yarbrough – 5” Spalted Dobwood Bowl



Bob Barrett – 10”x 20” Maple Lidded Hollowform



Earl Martin – Various Segmented Bowls



George Sudermann – 7” Walnut Pepper Mill



Dave MacInnes – 4” Box Elder Bowl



Chuck Waldroup – 15” Maple Burl Bowl with Carved Legs



Chuck Waldroup – 12” Cherry Hollow Form with Carved Legs



John Morris – 15” Pine Teardrop



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Clyde Mosley – 5” Red Cedar Segmented Ball



Presidents Challenge – Bird Houses – Floyd Lucas & Earl Kennedy

Piedmont Woodturners Annual July Picnic



Saturday, July 12th – 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 or hutchins.dean@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

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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.