

# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
June 2024

## Calendar

January 10 – Geoff Purser

February – early voting at Leonard Center, no meeting

March 12 – Bob Schasse – Bud vases

April 9 – Lan Brady – off center scoops

May 14 – Ken Sunshine

June – Bob Moffett

July -- Sam McDowell

August - Keegan Watson

September – Dave MacInnes

## **Message from the President**

**PTWA** 

Message from the President

June 2024

Summer is right around the corner woodturners! Thank you, Ken Sunshine, for sharing your flower turnings last month and the detailed plans. They are great to fill any vases you have turned!

I am excited to let you know about our upcoming demonstrators!

June 11 Lan Brady -- Boxes with texture

July 9 Sam McDowell -- Green wood turning and adding feet to a bowl

August 13 Keegan Watson -- Topic TBD

September 10 Dave MacInnes -- "Finishing the Bottom"

I'm looking forward to hosting our guest demonstrators, Sam and Keegan, and to learn from their expertise! Mark your calendars so you don't miss it! Thanks also to everyone that brought in items for the raffle. We had

a great selection and many went home with something useful. Check those dark corners of your shop for the June raffle! Thanks again to our membership who continue to make our club a well operating machine! From helping with set up and tear down, volunteering to demonstrate, and everything in-between... you are a great bunch of folks!

Thanks to everyone that shared items in the instant gallery. You all are a talented bunch of folks!

## President's Challenge for June - Before and After

Bring in an item your turned in the past and a similar item you turned recently and tell how you improved it. Think outside the box and get out there and turn something!

**Greg Ford** 

PTWA Minutes May 14, 2024 By Nim Batchelor

The meeting started at 6:28. We welcomed new members and visitors. Of the 26 people in the audience, 13 had a Greensboro address.

Bob Moffett volunteered to do a "boxes and texturing" demo in June. Steve Coley volunteered to be "turner of the month" for June.

The President's challenge for June is "Before and After", i.e., members are invited to bring two objects—one that they turned years ago and another (of the same general form) that was turned more recently. The idea is to show how much you've improved over time.

Dave MacInnes volunteered to do the demo in August.

John and Jason continue to make progress on the updated website. They indicated that this will be live soon. They told us that: (1) the gallery would be truncated a bit, (2) personalized information was scrubbed from the site, and (3) that the new web pages would be optimized for mobile devices.

Regarding the initiative to reinvigorate the summer camp program, it turns out that the program for the summer has already been set, so that won't be happening this year.

Bob Schasse gave the treasurer's report. He told us that we have \$8,613 in our account. There are 63 households and 71 current members.

We conducted the instant gallery and then went into a break. We conducted the raffle and then started this month's demo.

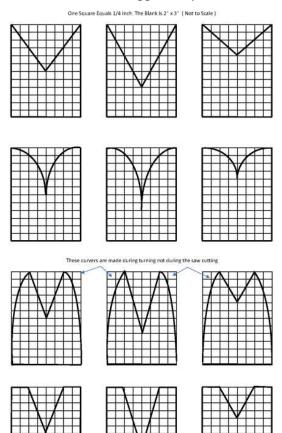
Ken Sunshine demonstrated how to turn flowers. Ken gave credit to David Fellows for the inspiration and instructions for this project. Below are photos that show what can emerge from this process.





It is important to pay special attention to keeping the blank centered. In addition, it is very important that the blank starts off being exactly square. After cutting a tenon and mounting the blank, you should use a Forstner bit to drill a hole about 2/3's the length of the blank. Then remove the blank from the lathe and trace V cuts on TWO faces of the blank.

Here are some suggested patterns:



You should cut along the lines. (bandsaw would be ideal here). This will give you four petals.

Remount the blank in the head stock and use the Forstner bit to help you precisely recenter the blank.

Cutting both inside and outside, shape the flower to your preferred shape. Given that there is a lot of "air space", it is a good idea to (1) raise the speed of your lathe, (2) wear protective gear, and (3) cut carefully.

Sand to your desired finish. Part the flower off and sand the bottom of the flower.

You can drill a hole to fit a dowel for the stem of the flower. If you want, you can use florist tape to cover the stem and you can use a ribbon to add leaves as well.

Ken recommended a 50-50 mix of mineral oil and bees wax as a finish.

Overall, this was an interesting project. It is something that most turners can try and it yields a delightful object in the end.

Thanks to Ken for sharing this with us.

## **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 Price list May, 2024

Mercury CA	Ероху
Regular	Mercury
1oz, black\$6.00	Any set time\$12.00
1oz, any viscosity \$4.00	Smith's O&T\$24.00
2oz, any viscosity \$6.00	
80z, any viscosity \$19.00	Bottle Stoppers\$7.00
Flex	
1oz, any viscosity \$7.00	Sandpaper bundles\$8.00
Foam	
1oz, any viscosity \$10.00	Stain/dye applicators\$3.00
Accelerator	
2oz\$5.00	Pipette/Syringe\$2.00
8oz\$13.00	
12oz aerosol \$15.00	Lidded Containers\$1.00
Debonder 2oz \$5.00	
Tips\$3.00	

## **Photos of the June Instant Gallery**



Beaded box – Bob Moffet



Turner of the month – Ken Sunshine, vase



Sweet gum plate – Bob Schasse



Graduation mace – Louise Butler



Open segmented – Bill Leathers



Segmented wall art – Jason Lathrop



Walnut/sycamore bud vase – Roy Carlson



Bud vase – Bob Moffitt



Cracked egg – Roy Carlson

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Ken Sunshine demonstrating

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Air Brush Demo table – Jim Terry Pyrography Demo by Bonna Jones

Members showing interest in Air

Brush demo

Gold Leaf Demo by Don Keefer

Everyone enjoying their meal.

A good group gathering.

# MEETING LOCATION: Leonard Recreation Center (336) 297-4889). 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 1/4 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.

As Chimney Rock Rd. parallels the new highway, you will come 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 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

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Blue Textured Bowl – Maple – Bob

Moffett

Painted Textured Bowl – Oak – Bob

Moffett