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# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

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## Calendar

**All upcoming events have been postponed due to the Covid-19. Take care of yourselves and those around you**



### NOTE FROM THE PRES

In last month's newsletter I suggested that you continue your turning. Hopefully everyone has stayed well and safe and had time to do exactly

that. Some of our members are involved in front-line medical care and other professions that put them in direct contact with the public, and in some cases the ill public, on a regular basis. Some of our members have lost jobs temporarily, and some have worked for firms that have closed. We need to keep these folks in our thoughts and prayers, and as needed we must come to their aid. Reach out, do what you can to help those who are in need and show appreciation to those whose jobs are so very important in this challenging time.

A large number of our membership are retired and, excepting the fear that our retirement is fading with the stock market, we are financially secure. However, most of us are in the various categories of highly susceptible to this scourge, and we miss seeing our grandchildren. While that is not a serious loss in the larger span of things, it is nonetheless difficult and wrenching. Remember, this will not last forever – we will all be back to some form of normalcy eventually, and life will go on.

A while back Dave MacInnes send out a note asking for photos of work to be included in this newsletter.

No one responded so there are not photos of work this time.

Obviously, we will not be having the May Picnic. Also, we will not be meeting in person in May or June, and likely not in July but that is still to be determined. However, we are setting up as close to a substitute for our meeting as we can. On our regular meeting night, at our regular meeting time (Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm) we will be meeting via Zoom. For those who have not yet “Zoomed to a meeting” we will provide instructions, and for everyone we will provide the credentials necessary to join our meeting. Watch your email and the web site for the instructions.

At this meeting please have something you have produced during the past two months while in sequestration. It will most likely be something you have turned (the Member's Challenge would do nicely), but if you have been making other things, particularly those things made in response to the Covid19 illness like masks, face shields, clips, etc., bring that. We will be having an impromptu instant gallery with each of us able to describe what we have done. We may also have other things during the meeting – this is still in the planning phase.

Regarding Turner of the Month and Member Challenge, do be sure to have those items to show everyone. When we do get back together we will have all the previous months' items to distribute, so going forward don't forget to make your pieces and hang on to them until such time as we get back together.

Let's see those Humming Birds house and the Boxes with a Lid from the Member Challenge of April and May.

Phil, let's see the Turner of the Month item for April. I will have the Turner of the Month from Jerry for May.

Take care, stay safe, wash your hands. Enjoy this time you have to be in your shop. We can see this as a hardship, or we can see it as an opportunity to reconnect with those most dear to us, and with the thing we most like to do – turn wood! Remember, woodturning is on the list of approved activities.  
- Jim

**AAW SYMPOSIUM**

The AAW symposium for 2020 has been cancelled. The 2021 symposium is scheduled for July 15-18 in Omaha, Nebraska.

**ON-GOING PROJECTS**

**Beads of Courage boxes:** Let's keep making those boxes!! Now is an ideal time as you run out of turning ideas to turn to Beads of Courage. Nim Batchelor has been kind enough to volunteer to take over the Beads of Courage Boxes Project. He is in contact with both state and national BOC personnel and we can expect him to move the project forward. Sharpen your bowl gouges, we need BOC boxes!!

**MEMBERS' CHALLENGE**

Month                      Challenge

Suggested by

April	Hummingbird House	Bob Moffett
May	Box with a lid	Dave MacInnes
June	Homemade Jigs	Crystal Early
July	Platters	Lorien Deaton
August	Stone Inlay	Jeff Clark
September	Non-turned item	George Sudermann and Jim Yarbrough
October	Hollow Vessel	Geoff Purser
November	2X4 challenge: something turned from 2X4 stock	Phil Heinz
December	CHRISTMAS PARTY	

**2020 TURNERS OF THE MONTH**

<b>April</b>	<b>Phil Heinz</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Jerry Measmer</b>
June	Jeffrey Clark (Pittsboro)
July	Dave Kelly
August	Roy Carlson
September	Steve Coley
October	Jerry Jones
November	Jim Barbour
December	CHRISTMAS PARTY

**FYI**

AAW website has a variety of demos to view. All aspects of woodturning.

If you haven't discovered [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) for woodturning, its time to check it out. There are videos on almost anything you want to do.

## The Members Work That Was Submitted

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