



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
May 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

## Message from the President

**PTWA**

**Message from the President**

**May 2024**

Happy Spring Woodturners!

Thank you, Lan Brady, for sharing your knowledge and skills last month with a multi-axis turning. You are always entertaining! Also, a big thank you 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!

Please remember to look around for anything you can bring in for our May raffle. Extra wood that you'll never get to (you know who you are), woodworking books/magazines, tools, extra sandpaper, etc.

We also have a community need to share our knowledge and help teach a new generation about the joys of woodturning. Bob Muir shared information about the Youth Summer Turning Classes during the April meeting. This was a successful program from 2008-2019 but was suspended during COVID. We need a coordinator to pick this up and run with it. Attached in the newsletter email is an overview of the program. Please let me know if you would like to lead or help with this program.

Also, a big thank you to Jason Lathrop and John Wallwork for your work on the new website. We met recently and hope to have the site live in June. It's looking great!

We have several club members that have volunteered to demonstrate during upcoming meetings. Ken Sunshine in May and Bob Moffett in June. Thank you for stepping up! We are also looking to bring in some outside turners to share their knowledge and have some leads. Let me know if you have any suggestions. Remember this is your club and everyone's input is welcome!

No more complaining that your shop is cold; get out there and turn something!

Greg Ford

### Minutes from the April meeting

PTWA—Minutes for April 9, 2024

(taken by Nim Batchelor)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. This was the first meeting under the presidency of Greg Ford. So, he took a few minutes to tell us a bit about his past. He mentioned that he retired in 2023, that he is a scout leader, and has 6 kids and 4 grandkids. He thanked the prior leadership group for their service and for leaving the club in good condition.

Visitors were acknowledged and a count of Greensboro residents was taken. 11 Greensboro residents out of a total of 24 members present.

It was mentioned that our club is a 501(c) (3) organization and thus any donations to the club would be tax deductible.

Ken Sunderland volunteered to be turner of the month for May and Bob Moffett volunteered for the month of June.

The president's challenge for May is to "turn a flower or something flower related."

We were told that the update for the website should be live soon.

Bob Muir reminded us that we once ran a summer program for kids to learn about turning during the summer months. We need someone to step up to be the coordinator of that program for this summer. In addition, we need folks who are willing to show up to be instructors for the program. This program meets once a week, spanning 6 weeks (excluding the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>). It is for kids 9 and up.

This month's president's challenge was to "turn an egg." Those items were shown off. Bob Moffett told us about his bird house, which was the turner of the month contribution for this month.

The instant gallery was presented.

We were reminded about the offer of pamphlets pertaining to classes on offer from the John C. Campbell school.

Given that we only had two items, it was agreed that we would hold an auction rather than conduct a full raffle.

Lan Brady then started his presentation on "Multi-axis turning." He pointed out the virtues of: spraying your ways with WD-40 before you begin, of filing your tool rest, and of cleaning out the head and tail stock openings.

His plan was to show us how to make a "water scoop", which is a favorite item for those who do early American reenactment.

Bob Muir reminded us that Barbara Dill wrote a book on multi-axis turning and he advised anyone who wanted more details and ideas to consult her book.

Lan then rounded the stock and marked it into thirds. On the third nearest the headstock, he rounded it off into a ball shape. He reminded us that we need to sand as we go along, because once you change an axis, it is difficult to sand the item thereafter. He applied a finish to the ball that was 2 to 1 candle wax (or bee's wax) to mineral oil.

He then moved the pointy part of the tail stock to an offset point about a half-inch off center. This was the start of the multi-axis part. He then turned the handle of the "water scoop." He did this in a

way that the middle of the handle was the appropriate thickness, but also so that there was a bit of a knob at the end. Sand and finish.

He then mounted the ball into a gripper (see photo). He used a forstner bit to drill out a hole. Next, he hollowed out the ball, being careful not to (1) bust through the wall, (2) not to cut away the handle and (3) not to get his hands anywhere near the handle that was flying around rather quickly.

The device that he used to hold the ball was a version of a “cole jaw.” He had long screws that went into the holes on the face of a normal chuck. The screws had rubber on them. Worked a charm.

The presentation was quite a success. Much skill and ingenuity was displayed, and everyone learned a few things. As expected, a wonderful presentation.



### President's Challenge - May

Turn a flower or something flower related.

**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**

**Regular**

- 10z, black ..... \$6.00
- 10z, any viscosity.. \$4.00
- 20z, any viscosity . \$6.00
- 80z, any viscosity \$19.00

**Flex**

- 10z, any viscosity...\$7.00

**Foam**

- 10z, any viscosity.\$10.00

**Accelerator**

- 20z..... \$5.00
- 80z.....\$13.00
- 120z aerosol ..... \$15.00

**Debonder 20z..... \$5.00**

**Tips..... \$3.00**

**Epoxy**

**Mercury**

- Any set time.....\$12.00
- Smith's O&T ..... \$24.00

**Bottle Stoppers.....\$7.00**

**Sandpaper bundles. \$8.00**

**Stain/dye applicators\$3.00**

**Pipette/Syringe ..... \$2.00**

**Lidded Containers...\$1.00**

## Photos of the April Instant Gallery



Textured bowl – Bob Moffet



Segmented Hollow Form – Jason Lathrop



Wall Flower (1) – Don Keefer



Wall Flower (2) – Don Keefer



Hollow Form – Don Loebenberg



Bird House – Bob Moffet



Zebra wood Egg – Mike Loebenberg



Old Growth Pine Egg – Karl Strauber



Cracked egg – Roy Carlson



Red canarywood/maple burl  
Nested egg – Jason Lathrop



Demonstration – Lan Brady



A good crowd for Lan's demo

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President & Vice President – Geoff Purser, [geoffery.purser@gmail.com](mailto:geoffery.purser@gmail.com) (910) 585-5453  
Crystal Earley, [crystal.davis@bradyservices.com](mailto:crystal.davis@bradyservices.com) (336)-709-9569  
Steve Coley, [scoley@triad.rr.com](mailto:scoley@triad.rr.com) (336) 996-6461  
Secretary – Roy Carlson, [django6023@gmail.com](mailto:django6023@gmail.com) (336) 898-7384  
Treasurer – Bob Schasse, [bobschasse@gmail.com](mailto:bobschasse@gmail.com) (434) 228-1563  
Photographer – Dave MacInnis, [dmacinne@guilford.edu](mailto:dmacinne@guilford.edu) (336) 254-8453

EX OFFICIO

AAW, NCWS – Bob Muir, [rmuir2@triad.rr.com](mailto:rmuir2@triad.rr.com) (336) 638-6012  
Newsletter – Bonna Jones, [bonnajones48@gmail.com](mailto:bonnajones48@gmail.com) (336) 337-7573  
Librarian – Bonna Jones, [bonnajones48@gmail.com](mailto:bonnajones48@gmail.com) (336) 337-7573

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 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.  
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