



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
October 2023

## Calendar

January 10 – Geoff Purser  
February 14 – Steve Coley  
March 14 - Crystal Earley  
April 11 - Dave MacInnes – Using Wood Turning Tools -Tips, Hints & Cautions  
May 9 – Dine and Design Event: Boxed Meal and Mini Workstations  
June 13 – Geoff Purser – Turning a small Box  
July 11 – David Jones – Thin-walled Natural Edge Bowl  
August 8 – Jim Terry – Turning a bowl with special Techniques.  
September 12 – Don Keefer – Segmented Turnings Techniques  
October 10 - Nim Batchelor – Pepper Mills



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The biennial North Carolina Woodturning Symposium is back! Renowned woodturning demonstrators, innovative vendors, astounding pop-up gallery. One of the best events for fans of the lathe in the country.

[www.ncwts.com](http://www.ncwts.com)

## Message from the President

Wow, is it October already??? It seems like September just flew by. That means November is right around the corner and so is the Biennial NC Woodturning Symposium. If you didn't get your tickets already then get busy and go to [www.ncwts.com](http://www.ncwts.com) and register. It's scheduled to be a great event. There will be a many great demos and you will learn a lot to develop and expand your woodturning knowledge and skills.

Speaking of great demo's – Don Keefer's September demo on Segmented Turning was awesome. If you have never done segmented turning, you witnessed an excellent turner and artisan. He did a fantastic job and covered what can be a challenging topic with just the right amount of detail to help guide you through the process. The number of questions from the audience really spoke to the level of interest in the subject he was presenting. Don may have challenged our math skills a bit, but it's not that difficult so don't be intimidated by the



process. Start by choosing a simple design with just a few rings using large segments. After you've designed, assembled, and turned a few basic pieces, you can increase in complexity as you gain experience. I'm sure Don and others are willing to help mentor anyone who wants to learn more. The possibilities are endless as Don shared with us.

We have another treat coming up for our October meeting! Lan Brady will be our demonstrator and he will be presenting how to do Mineral Inlay. Be sure to come out and learn this process.

Just a few reminders for everyone in case you have missed them:

- Gallery presentations will be limited to one item per person: Bring as many as you want to share but let's talk about only one general gallery and one president's challenge item.
- We need a few more symposium slots filled so please come ready to volunteer where you are able.
- Raffles have been getting stronger so continue to bring in some items to contribute
- President's challenge for October is to make a spinning top – any size, any shape, decorate it, spin it, bring it, share it!

We look forward to seeing you on the 10<sup>th</sup> and bring along a friend if you can!

Steve Coley

### President's Challenge -August

October – Spinning Tops

### 2023 Turner of the Month:

October – Nim Batchelor

### 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 Item Prices		
Glues, CA and Epoxy		
CA Standard, any viscosity 1oz -- \$3.00    2oz -- \$5.00 8oz -- \$16.00	CA Flex type, any viscosity 2oz -- \$6.00    8oz -- \$20.00	CA Foam/Low Odor, any viscosity 1oz -- \$9.00
CA Accelerator 2oz -- \$4.00    8oz -- \$12.00 12oz -- \$14.00	CA Debonder 2oz -- \$4.00	CA Extension Tips, All types 10-pack -- \$3.00
Mercury Epoxy, All types 8oz -- \$10.00	Smith's Oak & Teak Epoxy 12oz -- \$21    32oz -- \$52	Smith's Penetrating Epoxy 32oz -- \$35.00    Solvent -- \$23
MISC.		
Application Pads/Lidded Containers Containers 2oz 20pc -- \$1.00 Application pads 60ct -- \$3.00	Sandpaper – Roll 100, 120,150,180,220, 320 & 400 grit -- \$7.00	Pipette/Syringe packs Pipette 40pc -- \$2.00 Syringe 5pc -- \$2.00
Velvit Oil Finish 1/2pt -- \$9.00    1pt -- \$15.00 32oz -- \$25.00	Niles Bottle Stoppers Any Style -- \$6.00	Chrome Bottle Stoppers -- \$4.00

### Minutes from September Meeting

Minutes from the September 12, 2023, PTWA meeting:

Steve Coley began the meeting at 6:30. There were no visitors or new members. There were 30 attendees. This month's President's Challenge was candlesticks; next month it is spinning tops. Jim Barbour was this month's Turner of the Month, and he brought a conductor's baton, and explained what was involved in their specifications and how they are made. Nim Batchelor is TOM for October and will discuss pepper mills. Jim Barbour discussed the upcoming Symposium and showed examples of the kind of work you will see there. The Instant Gallery followed, along with submissions for the President's Challenge.

We took a break and held the raffle.

Don Keefer was the demonstrator, and his topic was segmented turning (ST). He gave a short biography, and told us how his interest in



art led to ST. He brought many examples of finished work, and work in progress. He prepared an extensive Power Point presentation of the steps involved in ST. He discussed the differences between ST and conventional turning. The presentation clearly showed each step from the calculations involved in planning the project, choosing, preparing, and gluing the segments, finishing, and gluing the rings, and building up to the finished project. He discussed ways of fixing errors and adding features and ornaments. Don encouraged participation from club members who also do ST. Thanks Don for an interesting and comprehensive program.

- Roy Carlson, Secretary

### Events

November 3-5, 2023 – Biennial NC Woodturning Symposium, Greensboro Coliseum. For more, visit [ncwts.com](http://ncwts.com). Some of the demonstrators for the Symposium are Nick Agar, Trent Bosch, John Lucas, Graham Priddle, Dennis Belcher, Kailee Bosch, Michael Earley, Melissa Engler, Thomas Irven, Sam McDowell, Jerry Measimer and Jack Reylene. Contact Geoff Purser if you are able to house a demonstrator or work in one in a class. Prices are not listed on the web site yet but should be soon.

### Photos of the September Instant Gallery



Turner of the Month – Jim Barbour  
Conductors Baton - Ebony and Birch



Conducting Batons – Cork and Birch  
Jim Barbour



Rolling Pin – Maple, walnut & Cherry  
Mike Loeberbury



Pepper Mill – Walnut and Maple  
Mike Loeberbury



Ice Cream Scoop – Walnut, maple,  
cherry – Mike Loeberbury



Bowl – Lati, ETC – Roy Carlson



Vessel – Cherry - Earl Martin



Presidents Challenge – Candlesticks  
Walnut and Maple – Dave MacInnes



PC – Candlesticks – Various Woods  
Earl Martin



PC – Candlesticks – Pine Luke  
Shepherd



PC – Candlesticks -Walnut Jason  
Lathrop



PC – Candlesticks – Reversible  
Wormy Maple – Fran Ostasiewski



PC – Candlesticks – Triangular – Soft  
Maple – Jim Barbour



PC – Candlesticks – Curley Pecan,  
Purple Heart – Mike Loebenbery



Demonstration Items



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Steve Coley opening the meeting



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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.

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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 does not exist.