



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter
October 2024



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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 – Lan Brady – boxes with texture
July -- Sam McDowell – green wood and adding feet
August – Keegan Watson – coring bowls
September – Dave MacInnes – finishing the bottom
October – Patrick McDaniels – freehand orbs/balls
November – Ed Siegal – holiday ornaments
December – Holiday Dinner

Message from the President

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Thanks to all that attended our September meeting! Great conversation, instant gallery, and demonstration!

A big thank you to Dave MacInnes for demonstrating finishing the bottom of bowls. He showed us some creative ways to decorate and color the bottom of our work. Nice job Dave!

This is what we have for the rest of the year so mark your calendars!

October 8

Patrick McDaniels
Freehand Orbs / Balls

November 12

Ed Siegel
Holiday Ornaments

December 10

Holiday Dinner
Bring a turned item for our gift exchange!

We had a big raffle in September and thanks to everyone that brought items and participated. We will have another \$30 Carter and Son Toolworks gift card to raffle in October. I also have more sharpening guides and catalogs. Keep those unwanted treasures coming for the October 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!

President's Challenge for October

Multi Axis Turning - How creative are you?

Turner of the Month for October – Patrick McDaniels

To close I just want to make sure we are thinking of all those effected by the recent hurricane. From Florida to our NC mountains and beyond, our thoughts and prayers are with the families that lost so much.

Greg Ford

PTWA Minutes

Sept. 10, 2024

The meeting began at 6:30. Greg Ford (president) presiding. He asked for visitors and new members to introduce themselves. There were 40 total people present and 29 of them had Greensboro addresses. Greg mentioned that this month's demonstrator would be Dave Macinnes and next month's demonstrator would be Patrick McDaniel, who would show us how to do free form balls.

The president's challenge this month was to do something "tinny tiny." Next month's president's challenge would be to do something with "multi-axis turning."

This month's turner of the month was Greg Ford, who turned an Ash bowl. Next month's turner of the month will be Patrick McDaniel.

On December 10th, we will hold our annual Holiday Dinner. It will include the usual "brown lunch bag" gift exchange.

Carter and Son Toolworks (<https://carterandsontoolworks.com/>) donated several \$30 gift certificates to the club. They will be part of the raffle over the next few meetings.

The club is looking for a volunteer to be a back-secretary. Nim Batchelor is the current secretary, but needs someone to step in when he is away on vacations. Contact Nim or Greg if you'd like to take on this role. (nim.batchelor@gmail.com)

We continue to be a 501(c)3 organization and our dues are \$30 per year. We will start collecting dues for 2025 in November. Due to changes and new demands from the Leonard Center, it is possible that we will need to consider raising dues in the next year. More on that from the Board soon.

A former club member, Tom Ogburn-who lives in Eden, NC--reached out to the club. He needs help rearranging the wood in his life. He has a lot of wood that he is willing to give away in exchange for a bit of help organizing that which remains behind. Patrick McDaniel volunteered to lead a collection of volunteers who would reach out and help Tom. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with this.

Jim Barbour gave an update on the Nov. 2025 Symposium planning. Things are looking good in terms of the exciting turners who have signed up for rotations.

The items in the instant gallery were presented. Greg told us a bit about the Ash bowl that he turned for turner of the month.

The raffle was held. And then it was on to Dave MacInnes doing the main demonstration for the evening.



The topic for tonight's demonstration was "Bottom Enhancements or Decorations." He suggested there are four main possibilities: (1) grooves, (2) color, (3) texture, and (4) inserts. The inserts can be a wide variety of things: coins, nuts, contrasting wood, or highly figured wood like sliced Magnolia pods. Dave suggested that when doing grooves, that an odd number of grooves turn out to be more aesthetically pleasing. When it comes to color, he suggested using felt tip pins (sharpies) or other sorts. He mentioned that your finish could help with "color fasting."

Dave showed us two approaches to texturing.



First was the Sorby rotating disk. This disk can be run either 90 degrees to the surface, or at either a positive or negative angle. Each will give its own distinct pattern. If you do both a positive and a negative angle, then the result will be a cross-hatching effect. He suggested that the disk be used on-center and at a speed of around 400 rpm. There was a bit of a discussion about the effect that varying the speed would have on the resulting pattern. It was agreed that this could be determined by experimentation. The second option was to use an “elf” tool (pictured above). It was suggested that many Dremel bits could be used in this tool and that a huge variety of textures could be produced. Again, the discuss centered on the effects of speed on the distance between striations. And, again, experimentation was suggested. We also discussed the degree to which the texture resulted from pressure vs the cutting action of the tool. Again, an experiment was conducted. Dave suggested that working the Elf tool was more effective when working in a slight concavity.

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; Application pads (60 ea.); Niles wine stoppers and bottle openers; 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 September, 2024

Mercury CA

Regular

1oz, black..... \$6.00
 1oz, any viscosity..... \$4.00
 2oz, any viscosity..... \$6.00
 8oz, any viscosity..... \$19.00

Flex

1oz, any viscosity..... \$7.00
 2oz, any viscosity..... \$10.00

Foam

1oz, any viscosity..... \$10.00
 2oz, any viscosity..... \$16.00

Accelerator

2oz..... \$5.00
 8oz..... \$13.00
 12oz aerosol..... \$15.00
 Debonder 2oz..... \$5.00
 Tips..... \$3.00

Epoxy

Mercury

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

Bottle Stoppers..... \$7.00
 Stain/dye applicators.... \$3.00
 Sandpaper bundles..... \$8.00
 Pipette/Syringe..... \$2.00
 Lidded Containers..... \$1.00

Photos of the September Instant Gallery



Dogwood bowl – Steve St. Cyr



Bird house ornaments – Ed Siegel



Mike Loenbenberg



Cherry burl/aspen bowl– Jason Lathrop



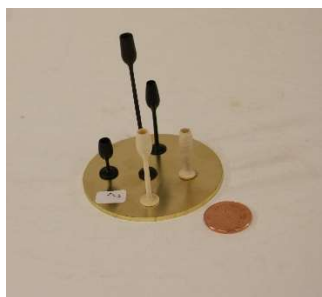
Cedar lidded cup – Ken Sunshine



Mortar and pestle – Ken Sunshine



Vase – Jason Lathrop



Small wine glasses from ebony and holly – Rob Suggs



Small wine set from ebony and cocobolo – Rob Suggs



Ash bowl – Ed Siegel



Miniature bowl – ??

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Everyone enjoying their meal.

A good group gathering.

Blue Textured Bowl – Maple – Bob
Moffett

Painted Textured Bowl – Oak – Bob
Moffett