



# **Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association**

**Newsletter  
May 2025**



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## **Calendar**

January 14 – Tool Skills

February – canceled because of bad weather

March 11, 2025, Joaquin Juatai Turning a Lidded box with matching grain

April 8, 2025, Bob Moffitt Turning a platter

May 13, 2025, Crystal Davis Split Turning and a surprise new tool

June 10, 2025, Geoff Purser Turning a Vase

PTWA

### **Message from the President**

**May 2025**

We had a great turnout in April and a big welcome to Tim, Chris and Dave who visited the meeting. We're glad you attended and hope you will continue.

A huge thank you to Bob Moffett for demonstrating your platter turning process in April. Always entertaining and thanks for sharing your knowledge! We are also looking forward to the finished platter in the May raffle!

**Here is what we have planned for our next few meetings:**

### **May 13, 2025**

Crystal Davis

Split Turning and a surprise new tool

### **June 10, 2025**

Geoff Purser

Turning a Vase

The raffle is back for our May meeting! Gather up those donations and bring them in, and don't forget a few bucks to try your luck!

**President's Challenge for May**

Use what you learned from Bob's demonstration and turn a platter.

**Turner of the month for May**— Bob Moffett will have the platter he turned during the April meeting sanded and finished to go home with a lucky winner!

The **AAW Symposium** is coming up in June. It is in St. Paul, Minnesota this year but if traveling is not an option you can attend virtually and learn from world class turners. Check out this link for the info:

<https://woodturner.org/Woodturner/Events/2025-Saint-Paul-Symposium/2025-AAW-Virtual-Symposium-Registration.aspx>

**Dues Reminder**

Dues are due! If you have not already paid your \$40 for 2025 please bring cash or check or mail a check to:

**Bob Schasse**

**435 Sandy River Drive**

**Danville, VA 24541**

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for the **NC Woodturners Symposium**, November 7-9, 2025!

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!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a few days!

Greg Ford

## PTWA Minutes

April 8, 2025

President Greg Ford presiding. We started the meeting at 6:23. Greg asked for visitors to introduce themselves. Tim, Chris and David did so and were welcomed. There were 19 people in attendance who had Greensboro addresses and the total was around 30.

Bob Moffett is to be our demonstrator this evening. Crystal Davis will demonstrate next month. She said that she would be doing “split turning” and would be using a “new tool.” The president’s challenge involved turning something related to our “feathered friends.” The president’s challenge for next month is to turn a platter.

This month, the turner of the month is Dave MacInnes. Next month, the turner of the month will be Bob Moffett. Indeed, it will be the piece that he started in the demo tonight.

The treasurer reported that we have \$9,757.25. We currently have 67 paid members of the club.

I, Nim Batchelor, offered a few comments regarding his encounter with two separate woodworking groups I visited during my vacation to New Zealand. In North Palmerston, I spent time with Keith Betteridge, the president of the local woodworkers club. One day, I traveled with Keith (left) and a friend to Masterton to pick up some donated wood.



The next day, I visited their local meeting place. It is a dedicated woodworking building. The day that I visited, they were conducting a workshop for junior high students.



When we arrived in the South Island, I visited Kerrie Chisholm and her woodworking group in Arrowtown.



Both groups were very interested in the PTWA, how we conduct our meetings, etc. Overall, it was great to meet with woodworkers who work in such very different circumstances. Before I left, Keith asked me if I would bring him some wood. I said, "Sure. What kind of wood to you want?" He asked for bass wood, which he said (1) would be good for carving and (2) that it was very difficult to come by in New Zealand. In addition

to the bass wood, I was carrying 6 peppermills that I intended to give away as gifts to friends and relatives that would be hosting us. I was worried about whether NZ customs would balk at these items; but it turned out not to be an issue.

Jim Barbour gave a report about the NC Symposium scheduled for Nov 7-9, 2025. All 15 of the demonstrators have been booked. Check the website for details. Of course, our club will need volunteers to staff our room at the symposium. Additionally, if you would be interested in hosting one of the demonstrators, please contact Jim Barbour.

There was a follow-up question regarding a detail from last month's demonstration.

The items in the instant gallery were shown and explained.

We had a break and then conducted the raffle.

Then Bob Moffett started his platter demonstration.



He started by turning a 3/8 inch dovetail recess using a bedan. This would accommodate the chuck used in the expansion mode. He then cut a recess for the base, which he suggested should be about half of the diameter of the finished platter. He then shaped the bottom of the platter. He then turned a "button" in the recess that was lower than the outside edge of the recess. He then textured that button and defined the outer lines with a point tool.

He then reversed the platter and rounded the outer edge. He then turned an outer rim, which was about one-third of the total radius. He then turned a bead on the outer and inner edge of this rim. He then textured this rim. He then hollowed out the central bowl part. He proceeded until he reached the size of the middle

medallion. He flattened this medallion with a negative rake scraper. He then used a knurling tool to apply a texture. Again, using a point tool to define the edges of the textured area. Another area was textured with a rotary tool and all of that was briefly touched with a grey *Scotch-Brite* pad. He used a scraper to put the finishing cut on the bowl part. He suggested that it would be finished with three coats of a minwax and tung oil finish.

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

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**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 from the April Meeting.



Dave MacInnes – turner of the month  
ambrosia maple bird and paint



Greg Ford – Hummingbird houses,  
dogwood/pecan and cedar/pecan



Jim Terry - miniatures



Rob Suggs - Lidded sycamore box



Rob Suggs – Osage orange finial  
box



Bill Leathers – Bluebird house



Don Keefer – hot pad/trivet



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Steve St. Cyr – yarn ball winder



Ed Siegler – Maple bowl



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Greg Ford – white oak bowl



Bob Schasse - box



Joaquin Juatai – red maple burl -  
box



April demonstration – turning a platter



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