



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

**Newsletter
June 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

July 8, 2025, Ric Erkes – Spiral Finial

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Message from the President

June 2025

We had a great turnout in May and a big welcome to Chris, Josh, Bruce and Howard who visited the meeting. We're glad you attended and hope you will continue.

A huge thank you to Crystal Davis for demonstrating your split turning process in May and sharing your new chuck jaws! Very creative solution!

I'm excited to announce we have two guest demonstrators booked and more in the works so mark your calendar!

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

June 10, 2025

Geoff Purser - Turning a Vase

July 8, 2025

Ric Erkes – Guest Demonstrator - Spiral Finial

August 12, 2025

TBD

September 9, 2025

TBD

October 14, 2025

John Johnson - Guest Demonstrator - Birdhouse Ornament

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

President's Challenge for June - With Flag Day and Independence Day coming up, create something red white and blue and/or incorporate stars and stripes.

Turner of the month for June – Jason Lathrop will create something to go home with a lucky winner! Will it be a segmented piece or not? Come to the meeting to find out!

The **AAW Symposium** is coming up in June 13-15. 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

Minutes May 13, 2025

We started at 6:30. Greg Ford, president, presiding. Greg asked about visitors. Evan, Peter, John, Bruce and Howard introduced themselves.

Greg mentioned that Crystal Earley would be doing our demo this evening—"Split turning with a new tool." Next month, Jeff Clark will be doing our demo and it will focus on "turning a vase."

The president's challenge this month was to "turn a platter." The president's challenge for June is Flag-themed—that is, turn something involving stars, stripes or the colors red, white and blue.

The turner of the month this month is Bob Moffett. Indeed, the piece is exactly the demo piece from last month's demo—only finished. Next month's turner of the month will be Jason Lathrop.

There were 17 attendees who have a Greensboro address and a total of 43 people in attendance.

The AAW Symposium is scheduled for June 12-15th and will be held in St. Paul MN. <https://www.aawsymposium.org/> If you are interested, you can sign up for a virtual attendance. They will be recording and streaming the demos and you can sign up for access. <https://www.aawsymposium.org/virtual>. It was also mentioned that the national AAW Symposium would again be held in Raleigh, June 4-7 2026.

The NC woodturners symposium is scheduled for Nov. 7-9, 2025. As usual, it will be held at the Greensboro colosseum. <https://www.ncwts.com/> From our club, both Crystal Earley and Louise Butler are on the list of demonstrators at that symposium.

Ed floated the idea of inviting someone to talk to the group about the environment and invasive tree species. It was suggested that we might want to combine this lecture with a "skills" session. Jiim Barbour mentioned that the county extension agency in NC will give you a replacement tree—for free—for each Bradford pear tree that you cut down.

Our treasurer, Bob Holtje informed us that we have \$9,777.25 in our account. It appears that there is something going on between Spectrum and Outlook, which might be interfering with e-mails getting through. Let us know if you are encountering such difficulties.

The instant gallery was presented. One member mentioned that he was showing the first stool that he had ever turned. Thus, it might be considered a "stool sample."

We conducted the raffle.

Crystal then started her demonstration. She mentioned that she uses several different glues that she uses or has tried in this process. Among them were: Titebond Speed Set, Titebond Quick and Thick, Titebond CA glue, and J-B Weld "Clear Weld."



She pointed out that the inside out turning technique was not just good for ornaments but is also useful for balustrades.



Some people try to use strapping tape to hold pieces together, but Crystal prefers to use a small acrylic plate, hot glued onto the end of the piece. She drills a hole in the center to accept the point of the drive and tail stock. She does not recommend a Stebb center, because the pressure of the tip can wedge the four pieces apart. Crystal demonstrated turning a cove into the piece and then handed it off to Nim to invert and glue together. While waiting for the glue to set, Crystal described and showed off the chucks that she was using for this process. A friend of hers milled some special jaws that she could use for this sort of project. There was one for the headstock and one for the tailstock. Essentially, it involved having a 90 degree angle milled into a block of aluminum. This enables a person to do inside-out turning projects with great confidence.



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 from the April Meeting.



Bob Moffett – turner of the month
maple platter and egg shells



Jason Lathrop – cherry burl bowl



Dave MacInnes – cherry platter,
flow painted rim by Barbara
MacInnes



Dave MacInnes – oak bird with paint
and pyrography



Ed Siegel – oak platter



Ed Siegel – walnut platter



Mike Loebenberg – sycamore platter



Bob Schasse – wood plate



Steve St. Cyr – bowl from a plate
with walnut, cherry, maple



Ken Sunshine – cocobolo bowl



Bruce Lambrecht – plywood ball



Nick Poshl – mahogany dual axis bowl



Rob Suggs – square zebrawood platter



Rob Suggs – alianthus platter



Roy Carlson – maple and mahogany honey dispenser



Ray Schwartz – poplar and bradford pear child's stool with milk paint



Don Keefer – mahogany stained glass porthole bowl



May demonstration – turning inside out ornaments



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