



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter  
July 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  
August 12, 2025 -- TBD  
September 9, 2025 - Earl Martin – Christmas Tree Ornaments  
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PTWA

### Message from the President

July 2025

We had a great turnout in June and a big welcome to Mike who visited the meeting.

A huge thank you to Geoff Purser for demonstrating your vase turning process and sharing your hollowing tool! Very creative solution!

I'm excited to announce we have a guest demonstrator in July so come out and give Ric a warm welcome.

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

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Ric Erkes – Guest Demonstrator - Spiral Finial

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

**President's Challenge for July** – Use the skills Geoff taught in June to turn a vase.

**Turner of the month for July** – Geoff will finish his vase from the June demonstration and bring it to raffle off to a lucky winner.

**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!

Just a reminder, because of the summer camp at the Leonard Center we won't get the room until a little after 6 pm on Tuesday so please help with set up so we can start as close to 6:30 as possible. Thanks for your help!

I will be at summer camp with the Scouts the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> so thank you to Geoff Purser for leading the meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>!

Greg Ford

## PTWA Minutes June 10, 2025

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It was suggested that doing the "station" learning and hands-on session might be a useful thing to do again for that Aug. date. It might be quicker to set up. Among the stations that people expressed an interest in were: the skew, the ring tool, texturing and carbide tools. Also, it would be interesting to have someone talk about the process and accessories that are used in segmented projects. It was also mentioned that we might have a station where folks showed off some of their most useful jigs, homemade accessories, and helpful hacks that they use in their shop.

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Our treasurer is away this month. We have money. Remember, being a club member gets you a discount at Klingspor stores.

During the instant gallery, Jason Lathrop gave a detailed account of how he developed the flag box that he brought in. After the instant gallery, we conducted the raffle. After a break, we moved on to Geoff's demo.

Geoff Purser began by showing us a couple of vases of the sort that he usually makes. He mentioned that when he wants the vase to hold water, he mixes up some two part acrylic, pours a couple of tablespoons of it

into the completed vase and then rotates it around to coat the inside. It works like a charm. He mounted a blank, being careful to think about which grain and features that he wanted for the bottom and top part of the vase. Tonight, he is using a maple blank for the demo.

He turned a tenon on the tailstock end, then reversed it. Chucked it in and then rounded off the blank. He then gave the bottom half of the vase its basic shape. He wants the thickest part of the vase bottom to be at about  $\frac{1}{3}$  the full height of the vase. He disdained measurements and suggested that he simply turned until he found a pleasant shape. He then gave that shape its final cuts. He achieved a smooth surface by using an extremely light touch with a negative rake scraper.

Then with a 1 and  $\frac{1}{8}$  forstner bit, he drilled a hole to the appropriate depth inside the vase. His hollowing tool consisted of a hardened steel tip that was CA glued or set screw attached to the end of a thick steel rod. He used a steady rest arm that had a laser pointer over the tip.



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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.



Jason Lathrop – turner of the month –  
yellowheart and zircote veneer pens



Jason Lathrop – segmented lidded  
walnut and veneer bowl



Roy Carlson – myrtle/oak vase



Ed Siegel – open segment  
maple/padauk bowl



Cliff Peschansky – maple pecan  
bowl



Cliff Peschansky – ambrosia maple  
nut bowl



Robb Suggs – square calro walnut  
bowl



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Paul Lambrecht – pottery shape  
bloodwood bowl



Steve St Cyr – cherry natural edge  
bowl

## Networking woodturners



June

demonstration – turning a vase







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