



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter
September 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 – Ed Siegel – three corner bowl

September 9, 2025 - Earl Martin – Christmas Tree Ornaments

October 14, 2025 - John Johnson - Guest Demonstrator - Birdhouse Ornament

November 11, 2025 - Tool Skills

December 9, 2025 - Holiday dinner, gift exchange and possible special presentation.

PTWA

Message from the President

September 2025

Thank you, Ed Siegel, for teaching us your process of making a 3-corner bowl. Hopefully everyone can try your technique. You made it look easy!

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

September 9, 2025

Earl Martin – Christmas Tree Ornaments

October 14, 2025

John Johnson - Guest Demonstrator – Changed to: How to make a split bowl

November 11, 2025

Tool Skills - Want to sharpen your skills? Experts will demonstrate and encourage hands on use of tools. If you would like to share your knowledge let me know!

December 9, 2025

Holiday dinner, gift exchange and possible special presentation.

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

President's Challenge for September – Use what we learned from Ed and make a 3-corner bowl.

Turner of the month for August – Ed will bring the bowl he made in the August demo to raffle off to a lucky winner!

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

The site is live so you register now to save. Here is the link: <https://www.ncwts.com>

We also need hosts for the demonstrators. Here is the list:

- Rebecca DeGroot
- Helen Bailey
- Jim Echter
- Scott Hendricks
- Kurt Hertzog
- Matt Monaco
- Laurent Niclot
- Seri Robinson

Let us know during the September meeting if you can assist.

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!

See everyone next week!

Greg Ford

PTWA Minutes Aug.12, 2025

We started at 6:30 with Greg Ford presiding. Ted Beesley (336) 202-254, announced to the group that he is selling his entire shop. He has all kinds of tools and wood for sale. Contact him for details.

Bob offered a bucket of oak chips for the taking and asked questions regarding routing a piece of oak and questions about how to measure a space to know how much epoxy to mix. It was suggested that he tape around the void and then pour in rice or lead shot. Then simply measure the volume of rice. It would be a near approximation of the volume of the void.

There were 38 people present. Greg thanked Crystal for having taken over president's duties last month. Greg mentioned that tonight's demonstrator would be Ed Siegel. Ed will be showing us how to turn a 3 cornered bowl.

As for the future schedule: In September, Earl Martin will demo some Christmas tree ornaments. In October, John Johnston will be with us. He will also be doing Christmas themed turnings. In November, we will reprise the "tool skill" session. If you are interested, please contact Greg to volunteer. Then in December, we will do our holiday dinner gathering and gift exchange.

We have no president's challenge for Aug. Nor do we have a turner of the month. Ed Siegel offered to be turner of the month for Sept. and suggested that he would be donating the 3 sided bowl that emerges from this evening's demo. In line with that, Greg suggested that the September President's challenge would be to turn a 3 sided bowl.

Greg mentioned that the National AAW was held in Minnesota. It got good reviews from those who were familiar with the event. It was suggested that registration for next year's National AAW event in Raleigh is already open and available on-line. (I couldn't find it though).

The North Carolina Woodturning Symposium is coming up on Nov. 7-9. Here is the website for that event—<https://www.ncwts.com/>. You can register already. Please make an effort to attend. This is always such a great learning opportunity.

Given that our club is the host club, we need volunteers. First, we need volunteers to help move equipment to and from our room in the venue. Secondly, we need volunteers to host visiting demonstrators. Contact Greg if you are able to volunteer in either or both of these ways.

There was no treasurer's report this month. We did the instant gallery, had a break, and then did the raffle. During the instant gallery, someone recommended Rubio Monocoat (<https://www.rubiomonocoatusa.com/>). He said that, while it is expensive, it is well worth the results.

Ed Siegel was then introduced and he began his demo. He showed us an example of a 4 cornered bowl that is turned from a traditionally mounted blank. The novelty with a 3 cornered bowl is that you don't use a chuck. You start with a CUBE. You the squeeze two points of that cube between the hole in the headstock and the hole in the live center on your tail stock.



Before you begin cutting, you should spin the piece around (1) to make sure that it does not contact the tool rest, and (2) to make sure that the 3 vertices that are nearest to the headstock are equidistant from the tool rest. If they are, then you can be reasonably sure that your cube is mounted appropriately. You should then turn (1) the outer shape of your bowl, and (2) place a tenon that you can use when you reverse the piece. You need to insure that your tenon is 90 degrees so as to insure a solid grip.





After you have reversed the piece, you can start at the tip and work your way down until you have a bowl. Small increments is good. Work into the wood—not out—so as to avoid chipout. Do the air-wood-air thing for a while. You can use a negative rake scrapper to finish the bottom of the piece. It was mentioned that Stewart Batty has a youTube video explaining his approach to grinding and using a negative rake scrapper. You might also want to watch this video (<https://youtu.be/uZ5kqiT3FE0?feature=shared>) from Cindy Drozda.



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, 2025

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 July Meeting.



Steve Cooley – cherry pedestal table Steve Cooley – carved walnut bowl



Steve St. Cyr – walnut, cherry, poplar segmented bowl



Ed Siegel – maple, padauk, walnut open segmented bowl



Jason Lathrop, double vase
Mahogany/walnut



Jerry Jones – cherry vase



Cliff Peschansky – Cedar Bowl



Cliff Peschansky – cedar bowl



Mike Loebenberg – spalted maple
vase



Don Keefer – spalted tamarind
figured cup



Luke Shepherd – oak/walnut flower stand



Luke Shepherd – oak/walnut flower stand

Ed turning his lid





The spectators



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