



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter
October 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 - How to make a split bowl

November 11, 2025 - Tool Skills

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

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Message from the President

September 2025

Thank you, Earl for teaching us your process of Christmas Trees and lanterns. Hopefully everyone can try your technique. Loved the colorful turnings, perfect for the holidays! We had a great turnout and some visitors as well.

I big thank you to Jason Lathrop and John Wallwork for working on the new website! It's now live so check it out!

PTWoodturners.com

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

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! Here is who we have so far...

Ring Tool – Jim Barbour

Bowl Gouge – Geoff Purser

Carbide Tools – Jason Lathrope

Skew – Lan Brady

December 9, 2025

Holiday dinner and gift exchange.

January 13, 2026

Special presentation by Taylor Jones of the NC Cooperative Extension

Invasive species and pests that woodturners should recognize.

The raffle is back for our October meeting! Gather up those donations and bring them in, and don't forget a few bucks to try your luck! If you are bringing wood and know the species and date it was cut, please label it.

President's Challenge for October – Use what we learned from Earl and make a tree ornament.

Turner of the month for October – Earl will have a few items he made in the September demo to raffle off to a lucky winner!

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop sponsors and **hosts** the Woodworking Extravaganza, at the **Hickory Metro Convention Center in Hickory**, on **October 17th & 18th**. This year there will be **50+ Vendors** Many hosting their own booths and offering expert advice. There will also be over **20 free demos**, and plenty to see and learn. Always a great show!

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 October 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

Piedmont Triad Woodturners meeting minutes 09/09/25

Greg opened meeting

- 43 members and 3 guest present
- The exec board will meet soon to decide future plans
- Thanks to last month's demo
- Welcome to Earl M. for tonight
- John Johnson is our guest turner in October
- Multi station turning in November . Let Greg know if you have a special technique to share
- Christmas party will include gift exchange
- Pres challenge next month is Christmas tree ornaments
- Turner of month this month is Ed from last month's 3 Point bowl demo
- September turner of month will be Earl Martin

NC Woodturner symposium in November

- Please volunteer to host guest turners or help at symposium
- Camera, sound, cleanup are all needed
- Ncwts.com
- Cliff may also need further help with transportation

After Break,

- We reviewed the gallery (presidents and instant gallery)

- Ed's demo piece is great, (see photos)
- President challenge, we had many entries and several great tips to the group

Luke conducted the raffle with lots of opportunities for take home treasures

Our demonstrator

- Earl Martin
- 14 years as member

Started with Christmas trees

- 4.5" poplar length, 2" diameter , mounted in chuck
- Other woods are ok
- He makes a point first after rounding the blank leaving a hole at the top for the eye hook
- Draws concentric rings on your choice of spacing
- Cut tapers on each one
- Earl adds texture to each limb
- He uses paint pen brushes from Amazon
- He colors in reverse on the lathe
- Uses black for base on top of texture, looks like a basket
- Uses green for underside of limbs and brown for trunk
- Lastly installs the eyelets and part off

Next project is a tea light lantern

- He has many versions
- Battery operated tea lights from Amazon
- Uses same size blank
- He uses a jig to drill holes in blanks, but drills hole for light on lathe
- Lights are 1.5", drill same size
- Holds in with small dab of hot glue
- With live center reinstalled round the outside to your desired shape

- He uses a beading tool to define the window area
- Now rounds to create a bow around window
- In the solid flat areas he adds some texture
- Adds some burn lines to create a highlight
- Add some color of choice
- Now he reverses onto a homemade jamb chuck
- Creates a very attractive top. Some round, some pointy
- Drills a hole 90 degrees near top for lantern handle
- He also textures the top,
- Now he cleans up any area of concern
- Cuts the copper handle and bends to fit
- Earl answered some final questions and concluded with applause.

Submitted by Lan Brady

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 September Meeting.



Ed Siegel – 3 corner cherry bowl



Ed Siegel – 3 corner box, cherry/walnut



Mike Lowenberg – 3 corner walnut bowl



Steve St.Cyr – tricorner bowl, maple, cherry, walnut, Mahogany and oak



Don Keefer – 3 corner maple bowl



Jim White – 3 corner bowls



Jerry Jones – 3 sided pine bowl



Jerry Jones – 3 sided walnut bowl



Tim Jobe – 3 corner walnut bowl



Jason Lathrop – 3 corner bowl



Tim Jobe – open segment bowl,
maple/walnut/oak



Robert Schasse – segmented bowl



Steve St.Cyr – crescent bowl



Earl Martin – weed pots



Mike Loebenberg – walnut bowl



Mike L – walnut bowl



Jason Lathrop – A-10 round



Jason Lathrop – 6 corner bowl



Rod James – pen knives,
resin/cholla, resin/aluminum foil



Don Ohlson – segmented pot







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