



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter  
April 2026



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## Calendar

February 10, 2026 - Tool Skills

March 10, 2026 – Alan Leland – chasing threads

April 14, 2026 - Taylor Jones of the NC Cooperative Extension

May 12, 2026 – TBD

June 9, 2026 – Robert Love - Bowl with a textured and embellished band

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## Message from the President

April 2026

Hi Woodturners! It looks like Spring is settling in for good!

I hope everyone enjoyed Alan Leland showing his method of chasing threads. It was great to have him make the trip from Durham to share his knowledge! He gave me a PDF document with step-by-step instructions. It's too big to email so I'll get it compressed down and send it to the group.

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

### April 14, 2026

Special presentation by **Taylor Jones** of the **NC Cooperative Extension**

Invasive species and pests that woodturners should recognize.

Taylor has some great posts on this page:

<https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/profile/taylor-jones/>

**We will have the instant gallery and raffle before the presentation.**

### May 12, 2026

**Demonstrator TBD**

### June 9, 2026

**Robert Love – Guest Demonstrator from NY**

Bowl with a textured and embellished band

I have a few prospects for future meetings but if you know of any guest demonstrators please let me know.

The **Presidents challenge** for April is to make something with a threaded lid.

We will continue the raffle and instant gallery for April. If you have any treasures to donate, bring them and a few bucks to try your luck!

I am excited about the **AAW International Woodturning Symposium June 4-7, 2026**. Here is the link for all the details: <https://www.aawsymposium.org/>

It is just down the road in Raleigh. To help reduce the cost to attend, I have secured a discount code for our club. It is **PTWA2026**. You must be a AAW member to receive the club discount.

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!

Enjoy the warm weather and get out in the shop and turn something! See you next week!

Greg Ford

#### PTWA Minutes

March 10, 2026

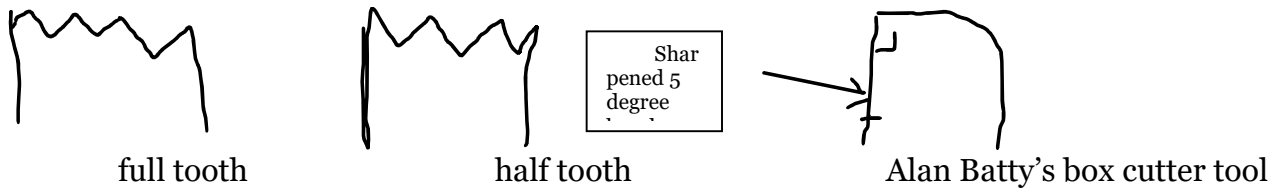
Greg Ford (president) presiding. We started the meeting at 6:40. Greg asked the visitors to introduce themselves and he acknowledged all of the new members. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will expect to enjoy the conversation with Taylor Jones regarding invasive species and pests. On that date, we will have the instant gallery and raffle, but there will not be any turning demo. The content of the May meeting has yet to be determined. In June Robert Love will show us techniques for bowl embellishments and adding a textured band. The July meeting content has also not yet been determined.

The president's challenge this month was to turn an ogee bowl (following Ed's demo)

The National AAW symposium is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. It will again be held in Raleigh. If you are an AAW member, you can use the code PTWA2026 to get a discount on the registration fee. (This opportunity might be date sensitive and have already passed—but it is worth a try). Here is the URL to the symposium website: <https://www.aawsymposium.org/>

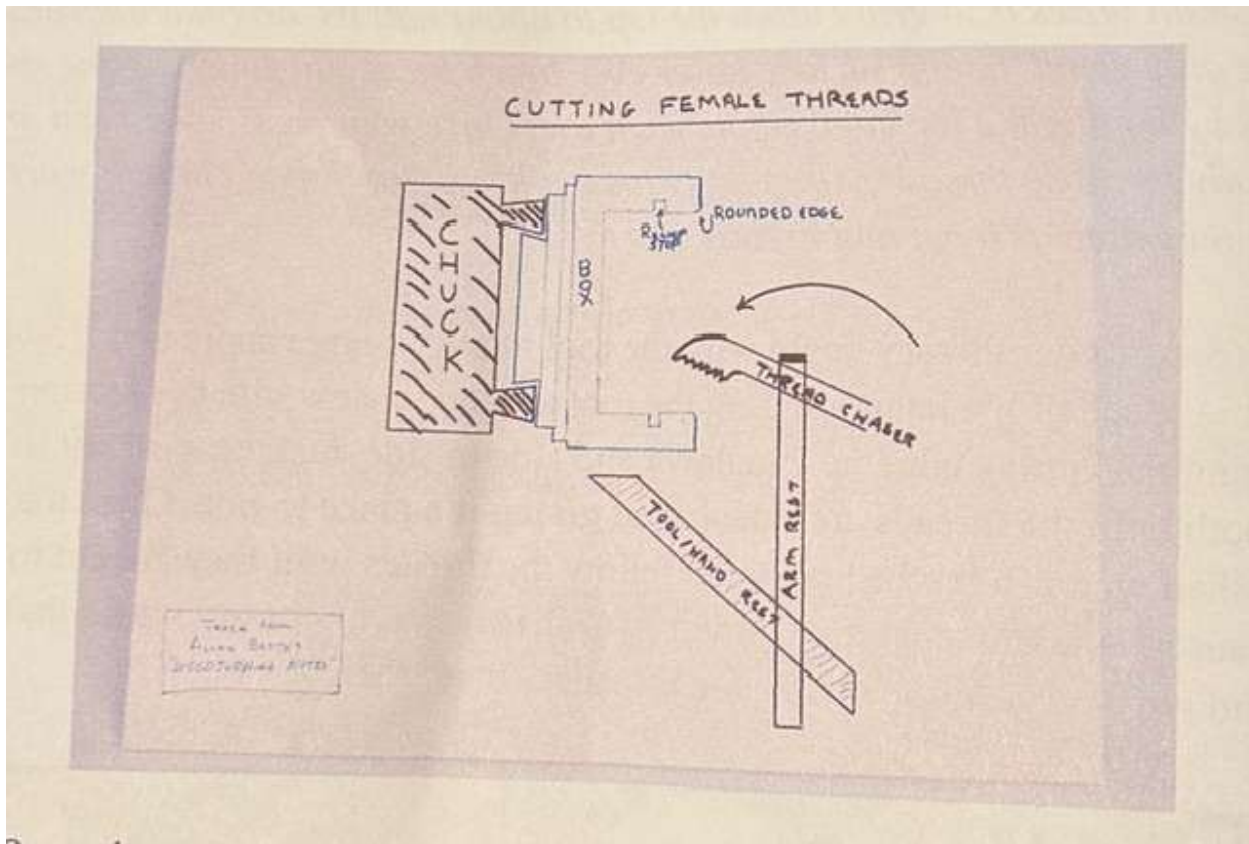
We did the presentation of the president's challenge items and the full instant gallery. Then we did the raffle.

We then started the demonstration by Alan Leland (<https://www.alanleland.com/>). Tonight, he was showing us how to "chase threads". Alan described to us the difference between a "full tooth" thread chaser tool and a "half tooth" thread chaser tool. He suggested that the half tooth version is far better. Even so much so that if you happen to have the full tooth item, you should grind the edge down so that you end up with a half tooth version. He also showed us Alan Batty's Box Cutter tool, which he uses to shape the edges prior to chasing the threads.

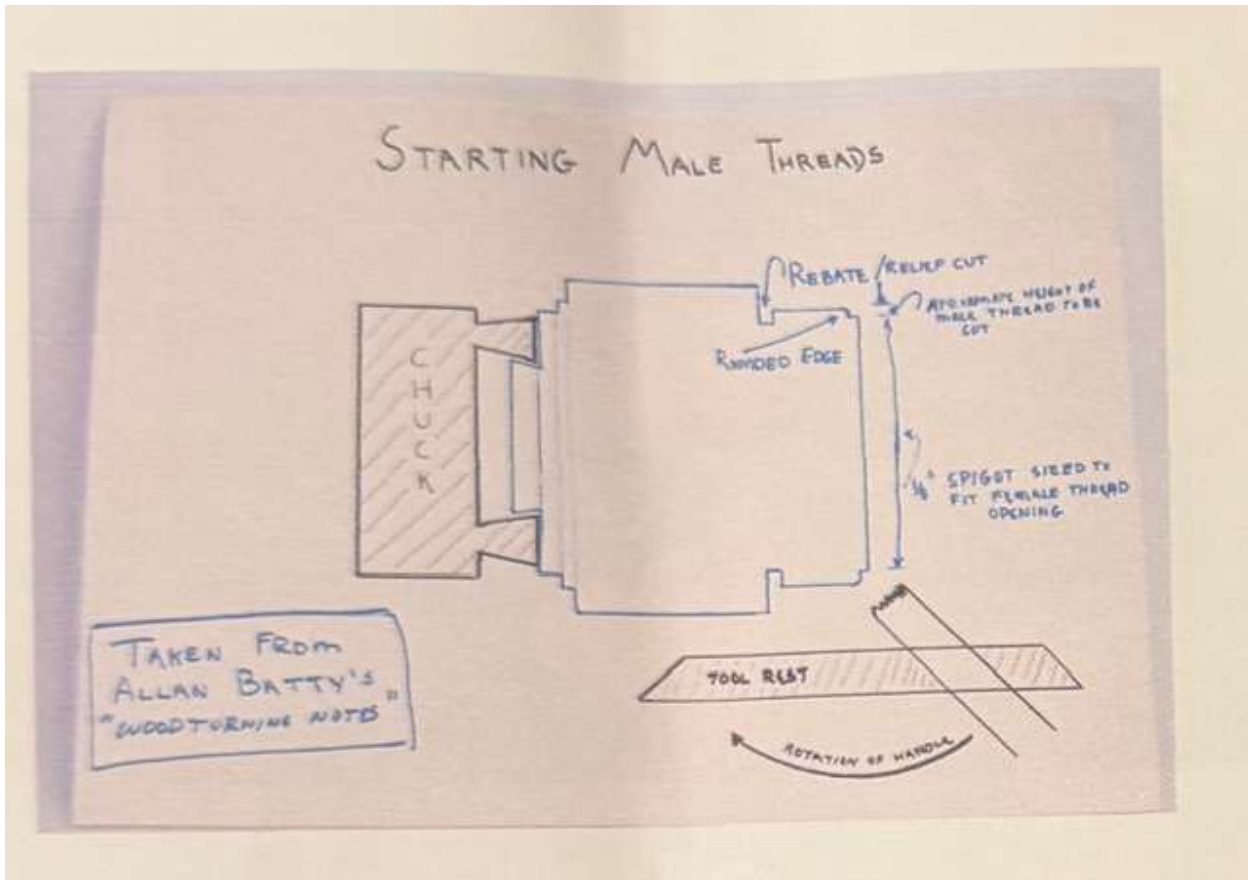


Alan also told us that for years, it was suggested that 20 teeth per inch was the preferred tool. But in Alan's experience, 18 or 16 TPI works better. You can even use 12 TPI on maple. He told us that anything between 250 and 500 RPM is a good speed. You should start at about 300 RPM. His rule of thumb is "if you can follow the thread on the headstock with your finger then that is a good speed for you."

Working with olive wood tonight, Alan then rounded a block and turned a tenon on each end. He parted off the bottom using the Golden Mean ratio. Of course, you can put the threads in either arrangement, but tonight Alan wanted to show us the version where the internal threads were on the cap. He used a forstner bit to get straight sides on the box. He then used a tool to cut the relief stop on the inside. Then using a support arm over the tool rest, he positioned the thread cutter tool to make the internal threads. (See the image below.)



He then mounted the bottom of the box in the chuck and he roughed out the box, leaving plenty of room for the threads. He first cut a tenon 1/8 of an inch to help him set the diameter that he needs. Then he rounded over the corner and cut the relief. Then, starting at an angle, he chased 3 or 4 threads. (See image below).



All in all, this was a very instructive evening and Alan, as always, was such a treat.

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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.

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- 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**

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- 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 March Meeting.



Tim Jobe - maple bowl



Cliff Peschansky – Ogee oak bowl



Mike Loebenberg – cherry platter



Cliff Peschansky – Branquillo bowl



Rob Suggs – small mimosa ogee bowls



Geoff Purser – Mulberry vase



Joaquin Juatai – Baltic birch plywood urn with Mallee burl and blackwood



Bob Schasse – 13" hickory bowl



Bob Schasse – maple 11" bowl



Steve St.Cyr – star bowl -walnut, cherry, poplar



Mike Loebenberg – painted and carved cherry bowl

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