



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter
June 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 – Andy Gunning

Turning a platter with a multi-axis base

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

July 14, 2026 TBD

August 11, 2026 TBD

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PTWA

Message from the President

May 2026

Hi Woodturners!

I am writing this from the RV park in the Raleigh fairgrounds. I'm excited to attend my first International Woodturners Symposium this weekend! For those that are able to attend I'm looking forward to seeing you.

I hope everyone enjoyed Andy Gunning sharing his technique for turning a platter with a multi-axis base. Verry impressive work! He supplied a great handout with step-by-step details and we are working on getting it up on our website.

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

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I have a few prospects for future meetings but if you know of any guest demonstrators, please let me know. Help me fill out our calendar for the rest of the year!

The **Presidents challenge** for June is to use what you learned from Andy Gunning and make a multi-axis platter.

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

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! Come out and show your appreciation for our guest demonstrators. See you next week!

Greg Ford

PTWA Minutes from Nim Batchelor

May 12, 2026

Greg Ford (president) presiding. We started the meeting at 6:30. Greg asked the visitors to introduce themselves. Tonight there were no visitors. Several people offered positive feedback on last month's meeting. Tonight, we have Andy Gunning as our presenter. In June, Robert Love from NY, will be our demonstrator. He will show us a bowl with texture and a band. Demonstrators for July, Aug, and Sept. are all open. Volunteers are encouraged. Contact Greg if you have an inkling. David Jones, a Charlotte turner, will be doing the demo in October.

The president's challenge this month was to turn something "flower" related. Roy was the turner of the month for this month. June's turner of the month is still open. The president's challenge for June will be to turn something with a multi-axis base following tonight's demonstration.

Of the 33 people who attended tonight, 14 of them indicated that they were planning to attend the AAW National Symposium that is scheduled for June 4-7th in Raleigh. Indications are that it is not too late to volunteer to help with this event.

Luke took a moment to tell us about RX-safety.com who offers good deals on safety glasses.

Jim offered a report regarding the store. And the treasurer indicated that we have \$10,459 in our account, with 75 current paid members.

We did the instant gallery and the raffle. There was a discussion regarding Malcolm Tibbits technique for using a "floating bottom" in segmented pieces. If you are interested, here is a link to a YouTube video describing the technique: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiOvBz7yvJU>

Then it was on to Andy's demo.

Andy would be showing us how to do a multi-axis base on the bottom of a platter. He suggested that your first time you should work with a 9 inch base, because it is a bit more forgiving. He is using 8/4 kiln dried wood. He begins by marking the center and then drawing a 1 inch radius circle. Then you mark out and drill 4 3/8 inch diameter holes 3/4 inch deep-- a center hole and 3 others that are 120 degrees apart. This will eventually be the top concaved area of the platter. The feet and base will be on the other side.



You start by using the center hole and turn your blank true. Marked a 2 1/8 inch line and a 1 3/4 inch line. He cut a 1/4 inch deep recess that would work with your expansion chuck. You then turn the platter around and turn the textured band. He used a pyramid tool to mark off the area and you can use a texturing tool, a knurling tool, or a spiraling tool to provide your preferred texture.

He then started on the bottom. Marked off a 9 inch circle. He finished turning the platter shape using the wood OUTSIDE of this mark. Everything within that mark will be used for the feet and the multi-axis turning area. He used a stair step method to remove a fair bit of material and to get the rough shape of the platter.



Then, using one of the offset holes, you mount the platter off axis and using the new center, you mark a 2 ¾ inch radius line and a 3 1/8 inch radius line. You turn the speed down on your lathe and then you cut a ¼ inch deep recess between these lines. You repeat this process for the other two holes.

Once done, you can do whatever detailing and sanding that is appropriate.

Andy was a pleasure to learn from. He generously provided everyone with a handout that included instructions for a plain rounded base, a three footed base, a multi-axis base, and a three footed multi-axis base. Thanks to Andy for all of this.



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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



Dave MacInnes – maple 3 corner bowl



Roy Carlson – poplar inside out tulip



Bob Schasse – hornbeam vase and flowers



Ken Sunshine – flowers and vase



Nim Batchelor – maple and walnut combination lock



Nim Batchelor – maple bowl for piercing



Jason Lathrop – OSB vase



Jason Lathrop – wenge, maple, madogany, padauk flower platter



Tim Jobe – padauk, canary, osage orange bowl



Roy Carlson – red gum bowl



Robert Lunsford – 3 corner base with copper



Robert Lunsford – turned square box



Steve St.Cyr – cherry, walnut, poplar vase



Bob Schasse - mahagonay, walnut, beech and padauk vase



Ed Siegel – Walnut wedding bowl



Chris Wray – maple, walnut, bloodwood 3 corner bowl

Andy Gunning





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