



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter
August 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 – Louise Butler – EZ tools

August 11, 2026 – Annie Hogg – Shrinking antiques

September 8, 2026 – Dave MacInnes – Planning and turning off center candlesticks

October 13, 2026 - David Jones – Turning a natural edge bowl

PTWA

Message from the President

August 2026

Hello Woodturners, welcome to the dog days of summer!

We made it out of the woods with all 27 scouts so summer camp was a success! A big thank you to Ed Siegel for leading the meeting last month and to Louise Butler for sharing her knowledge of carbide cutters.

This is the last meeting we won't have access to our room until 6 pm because of summer camp. For those that are able, please help get set up quickly once we can access the room.

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

August 11, 2026

Annie Ogg – Guest Demonstrator from Asheville, NC

Honey, I shrunk the Antiques! Miniature turning.

September 8, 2026

Dave MacInnes – our own photographer/newsletter editor

Planning and turning off center candlesticks

October 13, 2026

David Jones – Guest Demonstrator from Charlotte, NC

Turning a natural edge bowl

I am considering another tool skills meeting for November. If you would like to share your skills or have a tool or skill you would like to learn more about, let me know next Tuesday.

The **Presidents challenge** for August is to make an urn or lidded box.

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

For those looking for additional learning opportunities there are two Symposiums this fall:

1. Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium -- September 25-27, 2026, Lancaster PA
2. VA Symposium – October 24-26, Fishersville VA

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!

Try to stay cool in your shop and turn something! Come out and show your appreciation for our guest demonstrators. See you next week!

Greg Ford

PTWA Minutes

July 14, 2026

The meeting started at 6:30 and Ed Siegel was standing in for Greg Ford. Ed invited visitors to introduce themselves. David Draper was with us. He told us that he is the director at Sawtooth (the visual arts group in Winston-Salem). If you are interested in teaching there, David is open to your engagement. Also, Herman Hunter was with us. He is a new turner from High Point. Welcome to both.

Louise Butler is our demonstrator this evening. Next month, on Aug. 11th Annie Hogg will demo “Honey I shrunk the antiques”. Sept. 8th David MacInnes will be our demonstrator. And, on Oct. 13th David Jones will demo regarding natural edge bowls from green wood.

This month the president’s challenge was to turn something with an embellishment. Next month’s president’s challenge will be to turn an urn or any sort of lidded box.

There is no turner of the month this month and the role is open for next month. Contact Greg to volunteer.

The Virginia Symposium will be on Oct 24-26, 2026 in Fishersville, Va. In addition, there is the Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium on Sept. 25-27, 2026, which is being held in Lancaster, PA. There was also the mention the “Turn-on Chicago” event that is running from July 30-Aug. 2nd.

Ed expressed appreciation for the rapid setup tonight and reminded us that we need to clean up quickly and exit the building by 9:00. In addition, starting in September, we will be moving the starting time of our meetings from 6:30 to 6:15. So, please take note.

The treasurer is out of town.

Ed mentioned that he once worked at a sheep farm, but that he kept falling asleep during inventory.

Someone mentioned that they had several display booths for sale. Another person was selling some clamps.

Ed mentioned that he is running for an AAW board position. If you are a member of the AAW, you might want to consider voting. Take the hint folks!!

Louise announced that a former member “Brian” passed away last year. After selling some things, the wife donated all of the remainder of his stuff to Louise. It filled an 8 x 10 truck. It includes some tools, a lot of wood, and carving knives. At some point, Louise is going to invite all who are interested to come to her shop, unpack the truck and distribute—for free—the contents of the truck to whomever wants the stuff. On the condition that it not be resold. So, if you are interested, pay attention to notifications.

It was also mentioned that the Blue Ridge Woodturners group out of Roanoke, Virginia, is actively seeking volunteers to do demos for their club. If you are interested, you should contact them.

The president’s challenge pieces were presented and then we went through the presentation of the instant gallery. Then held the raffle.



Louise Butler then gave her presentation. She described the various carbide tools and accessories that are available from the Easy Wood Tools company. If you are interested in the details of her presentation, you are better served by visiting their website:

<https://www.easywoodtools.com/> Their site has videos and pdf's that are instructive and useful.

Regarding making urns, Louise pointed out that you can (1) use plumbing fittings purchased from Lowes, (2) buy special made rings, or (3) simply glue the lid on if it is going in the ground.

As for the size, Louise suggested that you would need 1 cubic inch for each pound of ash. So, a quart jar volume would be appropriate if you started out with 57 pounds. One gallon for 230 pounds at the start. You can do the math from there.

Regarding the quick release chuck, Louise suggested that while it is a good product, it is quite expensive and would not be worth the price for most turners.

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



Ed Siegel – 3 bowls, mahogany/walnut/flakes



Steve St.Cyr – Deco bowl



Rod and Emily James – embellished oak bowl



Ed Siegel – poplar ornament with flakes



Cliff Peschansky – walnut and gold leaf trinket box



Roy Carlson – ambrosia maple platter



Steve St. Cyr – crepe myrtle live edge bowl



Nim Batchelor – Dragon egg – maple and acrylic paint



Nim Batchelor – Elm and Ash Parasol



Bill Leathers – Whimsical maple castle, stump from a lake



Ken Sunshine – seam ripper and bottle opener

Louise Butler – July demonstrator





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