

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 4**DEMONSTRATOR: Our own member Phil Atkins on finishes for woodturnings.**

Leonard Recreation Center, 6324 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27407, (336) 297-4889

FUTURE DEMONSTRATORS:

February Eckess Jones – Marbling
 March Gene Briggs – Pepper Mills
 April Russ Fairfield – Polychromatic platters

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2004 HOLIDAY DINNER:

The meeting was Called to Order by President-Bob Muir at the The Red Oak Brew Pub in Greensboro. Fifty-six turners and family members attended our December 7, annual Christmas party and meeting. That is a 30% increase from the previous year. The few that were unable to attend were missed.

Many folks arrived early. Family introductions and stories were exchanged. Our president officially opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Everyone was handed a menu for the evening. Many great conversations were held over dinner. It is a shame that we did not have a secretary at all tables to record the words of wisdom that were shared. A great meal and conversation was enjoyed by all.

As our numbers have grown, the gift exchange has grown also. Bob let everyone select numbers in order to determine gift selection from first to last. As each person was allowed to show off their new treasure, it was obvious that we were among a group of very talented people.

The final item on the agenda was the drawing for the Variable speed Jet mini lathe. Most club members have been working the entire year in hopes of being the lucky recipient. The youngest member of the group drew the winning name. Although, I am sure he just mispronounced my name, the lucky winner was Ralph Sears. We all congratulate Ralph and look forward to the undiscovered treasures that he will be creating.

Our President closed the meeting by announcing our next meeting. It will be January 4th. We will be returning to Leonard Recreation Center after a 2-month absence. Best wishes for you, your families and friends for the holiday season and may your New Year keep turning!
 Respectfully submitted,

--Lan Brady

BAD WEATHER POLICY: How are you to know whether we will meet at our regular time when it shows or we have an ice storm? The policy we adopted several years ago was the "If Guilford Technical Community College cancels evening classes for the night of our meeting, then we will not meet." However, we will not know whether the Leonard Recreation Center will be closed or not even if GTCC is having classes. So, if in doubt about whether to go to the Recreation Center, call them to see if they will be open (336) 297-4889.

AAW BOARD REQUEST:

Please share this letter with your chapter members either by email or take a moment at your next meeting and convey the content....

One of the AAW Board ongoing commitments is to be responsive to the memberships needs. It's important we hear from all chapters large and small alike. Let us know what's on your mind. If you have an idea to improve existing programs or ideas you think can move the AAW forward, pick up the phone and call a board member. Let us hear from you as we move forward in 05. Board member numbers are listed inside the front cover of the AAW resource directory.

Your board is always trying to reach a balance with the many varied interests and skill levels within our association. Input is most important as we make decisions with your resources. This reminds me! Please take time to complete the current online survey concerning content of the American Woodturner. It can be found through the AAW home page at www.woodturner.org.

If you've read the latest American Woodturner Journal, looked to the new website, or enjoyed a chapter meeting, its getting very easy to answer the question, why join the AAW? I'm hoping that each chapter member will reflect on the value of our woodturning community. Renewing your membership or becoming a new AAW member helps support the programs, educational tools, and opportunities AAW provides.

On another note, this year's national symposium will be in Overland Park Kansas, July 22nd to the 24th. It's never to early, to start planning on attending. These symposiums are phenomenal events. The AAW's new permanent gallery in St. Paul is open. We could certainly use some security cameras to help the staff monitor exhibition traffic and better serve visitors. If you have some extra security cameras or are interested in helping fund this need, please call the home office. We would be most grateful.

With the holidays quickly arriving, I'm sure plenty of you are spending extra time in the shop turning gifts. It's always a good idea to think safety, but even more so when those 2 hours in the shop starts turning to 8 or 10. Good turning! And thank you all for the support you've given the AAW this year.

From the entire Board of Directors, we wish you and your families the best for the Holiday Season.

--Phil Brennon, AAW President

CANDLE HOLDER SAFETY

First -- when making candleholders for sale or gifts -- you should ALWAYS use a metal insert! The insert is for safety (but careless users can still be dangerous) and designed to keep the flame away from the wood.

Brass Plated Metal candle insert sources: Packard Woodworks Inc. -- 1-800-683-8876 or www.packardwoodworks.com -- order #152101 -- or they have several other types of candle "cups" that are safer see page 38 of the latest catalog.

The Woodturners Catalog - 1-800-551-8876 or www.woodturnerscatalog.com - has candle cups - holders on page 77 of their latest catalog.

Also, some hobby stores such as Michael's or Hobby Lobby have the brass plated metal inserts - but I have never seen the candle cup in one of these stores.

Happy Turning,
 --Hershel Miller

THE DESERT WOODTURNING ROUNDUP - LOGO

The Desert Woodturning Roundup, a national woodturning symposium to be held in Arizona in February 2006, is looking for a new logo. The logo would need to be in JPEG format with a transparent background. The winning logo designer will receive two tickets to the symposium. Approximate value \$200.00. The logo will be used for the symposium web site, shirts etc...

Have any entries emailed to Sean Troy at seantroy@cox.net as soon as possible.

Thanks

--Sean Troy

YEAR-LONG RAFFLE 2005

Congratulations to Ralph Sears who won the first annual "Year-long Raffle"! The prize was a Jet variable speed mini-lathe.

We will repeat the "Year-long Raffle" next year: The BIG Raffle will begin with the January meeting, will last through the November meeting, and the drawing will be at the Holiday Dinner in 2005.

Here are the rules:

1. Only members of the PTWA Chapter are eligible to participate.
2. Each person who brings items for the monthly instant gallery will receive one (1) chance. A maximum of one chance per meeting.
3. Each person who brings items for the monthly raffle will receive one (1) chance. A maximum of one chance per meeting.
4. Each person who presents a demonstration at a monthly meeting will

receive five (5) chances.

5. Names and phone nos. will be put on the chances and they will be deposited into a secure collection box at each meeting so that members will not have to keep up with them for the duration of the raffle. The prize is unknown at this time, but is expected to be valued in the range of a few hundred dollars, possible a mini-lathe! There will be eleven meetings at which chances can be obtained. Someone who brings items for the gallery and raffle to every meeting and presents one demonstration will have 27 chances in the box

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association had a very good year in 2004, with excellent demonstrations at our monthly meetings, an excellent weeklong show at 2 ArtChicks, a good number of contributions to the Winston-Salem Habitat for Humanity BirdFest (see below for note from Jim Morris, Birdfest staff liaison). We members who contributed to the first annual NC Woodturners Show and Competition that was in conjunction with the Klingspor Woodworking Show in Hickory.

We should all look forward to the bi-annual North Carolina Woodturning Symposium that will be held in November 2005, the second annual(?) 2ArtChicks show, and participation in BirdFest again this year. If anyone has suggestions for club participation in other events, please let me or other Board members know.

The Board members and I very much encourage you to consider making a presentation at one of our meetings this year. We all have something that we can share with the group. The format of our meetings is very flexible.

We can have several people make short presentations or one person make a longer one. There are many suitable topics other than demonstrating turning something: for example, making tools and/or jigs, sharpening techniques, building a vacuum chucking system,

marketing your work, etc. The more each of use puts into the club, the more we all get out of it.

Best wishes for a great new year!

--Bob Muir

NOTE FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

As 2004 comes to an end I wanted to drop you a short note and thank you and your friends for helping us last year through your donations to BirdFest, our largest single fundraising for Habitat for Humanity here in Forsyth County. In 2004 we built 20 houses and the proceeds from BirdFest contributed funds to support one and on half houses. You contributions were a welcome addition and were admired by many of the visitors during the event.

This coming year is an extra special one for us. In 2005, we will celebrate our 20th year and complete our 200th house. In addition, BirdFest will celebrate its 10th anniversary. I hope folks will once again choose to join us in supporting our mission. Our good friend, Jim Yarbrough has agreed to help out with entry forms and deliveries.

This year's event will be held May 5, 6, and 7 here at our facility. We will keep you posted as the date nears. We wish you one and all a merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.,
Sincerely, **Jim Morris, BirdFest staff liaison.**

SECOND HARVEST AT WOODCRAFT GREENSBORO

Woodcraft and Second Harvest Food Bank have joined together in an effort to restock their depleted shelves by a Special Sale on January 27, 2005. Customers will receive 1% OFF for each can good they donate at the Greensboro Store up to 10% off on powered machinery and 15% off accessories. Call 336-235-0900 if you have any questions.

--Chet Greathouse

PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER INSTANT GALLERY

WHEN YOU BRING ITEMS FOR THE GALLERY, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR NAME AND THE WOOD TYPE SO WE CAN PROPERLY ASSIGN CREDIT.

Photos are courtesy of Earl Kennedy. You can see the color versions by going to the newsletter section of our web site (<http://www.piedmontcommunities.us/go/ptwa>) or to Earl's web site (<http://albums.photo.epson.com/j/AlbumIndex?u=4076797&a=31526454&f=>)



Gift Exchange





UPCOMING WOODTURNING CLUB MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

<p>Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association First Tuesday, 7 p.m., Woodcraft, Greensboro, NC.</p> <p>http://www.piedmontcommunities.us/go/ptwa</p>	<p>Woodturners Guild of North Carolina formerly Triangle Woodturners of North Carolina</p> <p>http://www.woodturnersguild.com/</p>
<p>North Carolina Woodturners Second Saturday, Woodworking Shop, Hickory, NC. Usually 1 PM (sometimes 10-4)</p> <p>January – JT Barker – Alabaster turning February – Ron Mechling (bottle stoppers), David Kaylor (napkin rings), Ric Erkes – flower arrangements March – basic bowl demo April – Russ Fairfield – Polychromatic platters</p> <p>http://www.geocities.com/nc_woodturners/</p>	<p>Carolina Mountain Woodturners Third Saturday at Folk Art Center (near Asheville) Blue Ridge Parkway just South of mile marker 382. 10AM – 4PM.</p> <p>January – Mark Gardner, North Carolina February – Warren Carpenter, South Carolina March – Michael Mode, Vermont April – Michael Hosaluk, Canada</p> <p>http://www.carolinamountainwoodturners.org/</p>

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INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.piedmontcommunities.us/go/ptwa> **OUR CHAPTER'S WEB SITE**

<http://www.woodturner.org/> **THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS**

AAW Galleries base page: <http://www.woodturner.org/gallery/>

AAW Members' gallery page: <http://www.woodturner.org/photopost/index.php>

AAW Members' forum: <http://www.woodturner.org/vbforum/forumdisplay.php?f=2>

AAW Members' e-mail discussion list info: <http://www.woodturner.org/community/discussion.cfm>

AAW products (videos, logo items, etc.): <http://www.woodturner.org/products/>

Some photos of Instant Gallery at AAW 2004 Symposium (Orlando): <http://www.swflwoodturners.org/AAW2004Gallery.html>

Directions for cutting threads for threaded lid boxes: http://www.revolutionary-turners.com/attach/Threaded_Boxes.htm

Here are some web links that show a variety of different top designs:

<http://www.spinning-top.de/>

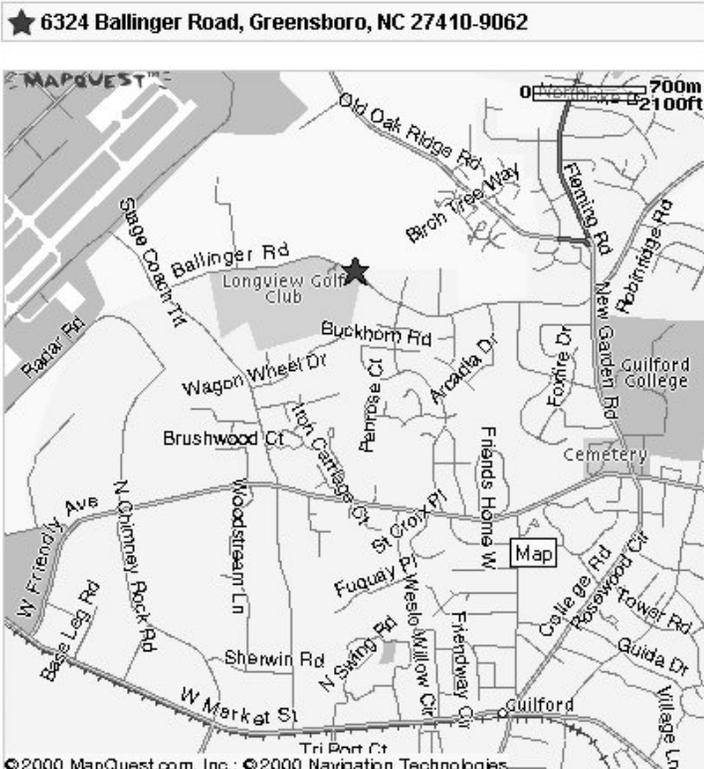
<http://www.m.ehime-u.ac.jp/~tateishi/Tops/tops/alltops01.html>

<http://sandstrum.com/MYCOLLECT.HTML>

http://www.spinningtop.de/spinning_top/spinning_top.html

<http://www.toycrafter.com/tops/fingertops.htm>

<http://www.toycrafter.com/tops/flips.htm>



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

To the Leonard Recreation Center
 Phone: (336) 297-4889
 Some of the signage is confusing, so be careful.

FROM WEST OF GREENSBORO

1. Take I-40 E.
2. Take exit number 213.
3. Turn RIGHT onto **GUILFORD COLLEGE RD.**
4. **GUILFORD COLLEGE RD** becomes **COLLEGE RD.**
5. **COLLEGE RD** becomes **NEW GARDEN RD.**
6. Turn SHARP LEFT onto **BALLINGER RD.**
7. Leonard Recreation Center is about 1 mile on the right.

FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO

1. Take I-85 S/I-40 W/US-29 S.
2. Take the I-40 WEST/US-SOUTH exit, exit number 123, towards WINSTON-SALEM(US-421 N).
3. Merge onto I-40 W/US-220 S.
4. Stay straight to go onto I-40 W.
5. Take the exit number 213.
6. Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp.
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“An accident at the lathe can happen with blinding suddenness; respiratory problems can build over years. Take appropriate precautions when you turn. Safety guidelines are published in the AAW Resource Directory. Following them will help ensure that you can continue to enjoy woodturning.

From American Woodturner

**Dues Renewal or Application for Membership
 Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association**

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____ (Home)

Address _____ Phone _____ (Work)

_____ E Mail _____

_____ AAW membership No. _____

Membership Fee: \$24.00 per year. Dues paid In October each year. We prorate dues if you are joining at other times of the year.

Oct/Nov/Dec \$24.00; Jan/Feb/Mar \$18.00; Apr/May/Jun \$12.00; Jul/Aug/Sep \$6.00.

Please make check payable to Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association.

Mail to: Joel Hunnicutt, Treas., 410 E. Raleigh St., Siler City, NC 27344, (919) 742-3168