

# iedmont Triad Woodturners **Association**

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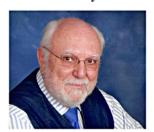
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## Calendar

August 13 - Greg Gallegos - Podlets **September 10 - Various Club Members** October 8 - Tool Sale & Mini Demos November 12 - Earl Martin **December 10 – Christmas Party** 

# Message from the President:

I am sorry to have missed Betty Scarpino's demonstration; I understand it was excellent. Thanks to Crystal for making it happen. I spoke



with Betty at the AAW Symposium and she was most complimentary of our club and the hospitality we put forth.

Greg Gallegos will be our August demonstrator -

he will teach us how to make his best-selling "Podlet" flowers. Take a look to https://www.woodsymphony.com/gregory-gallegos to get a sense for his work.

Looking to the September meeting, we will be exploring the intersection of CNC, Laser, and 3D Printing with Woodturning. If you have combined these in any way, please let me know (jim@shopdogturnery.com) so that your work can be included in the showcased items. We will have several people who have done this discussing their work, and will have representatives of the various Maker Spaces in the area where you can find and use the CNC, Lasers, and 3D printers without having to actually purchase one yourself.

**AAW:** The AAW Symposium in Raleigh was an unqualified success. I do not have the exact numbers yet but I believe there was in excess of

1,500 paid attendees and over 2,000 total people attending. The number of technical issues was small and the amount of learning was large. Next year the symposium will be in Louisville, KY. Not much is posted vet but see https://www.woodturner.org/page/2020Louisville to keep up with the planning.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### For the Club:

- We need a new newsletter editor. No one has stepped up to undertake this. Talk with Jim Terry about what is involved. If you are not particularly impressed with the newsletter as it now stands, here is your opportunity to create a better one. If you really do like the newsletter as it now stands, here is your opportunity to carry on a winning tradition. If you are indifferent to the newsletter, here is your opportunity to create something you care about. In other words, no matter how you feel about the newsletter currently, there is a place for you in the new newsletter!
- It is time to begin the annual search for officers. I know of only one position that will be vacant in January, there may be others. The one I do know is me. I believe I have done all I can to move the club forward. It is time for someone else to step in and revitalize the organization. If you have ideas of where the club should be heading, and how we might get there, please step up. Contact me and I will give you an honest appraisal of the work involved in being president so that you can make an informed decision about your willingness to serve. The board will be forming a search committee shortly and the effort will begin in earnest.

#### ON-GOING PROJECTS

Beads of Courage boxes: Let's keep those boxes coming in!! At the risk of being called a squeaky wheel, I am repeating the call for Beads of Courage Boxes - *again*. Remember, the limits on these boxes are really pretty open in terms of style so feel free to let your creative juices flow. Just remember that these are for some very ill children so do keep within the guidelines. As you plan out your boxes please take the time to read this: <a href="http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html">http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html</a>

Also, here is a link to images of BOC boxes to get the juices flowing: <a href="https://bit.ly/2ISWcAl">https://bit.ly/2ISWcAl</a>

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

**August:** Bring in the big stuff. What is the largest item you have turned? Hire a truck and bring it in. Seriously, this is not a contest to find out who made the biggest item, it is an opportunity to learn from one another about the pitfalls and unexpected adventures involved in turning large items.

**September:** Bring in work that combines different approaches to making the item. In particular bring in work that involves the use of CNC, Laser, 3D Printing, and turning.

## **2019 TURNERS OF THE MONTH**

August Dallas Stokes

September Crystal Early

October Jerry Jones

November Jim Barbour

**December CHRISTMAS PARTY** 

## 2019 Demonstration Lineup:

- August 13, 2019 Greg Gallegos "Podlets" go check him out, he makes amazing flowers out of wet wood.
- September 10, 2019 Various Club Members –
  Exploring the intersection of CNC, Laser, 3D
  Printing with Woodturning.
- October 8, 2019 Tool Sale AND Interactive / Mini Demo's – need to create demos / invite folks to participate
- November 12, 2019 Earl Martin
- December Christmas Party

## **July Minutes:**

Crystal Earley presided over the July meeting. She began by welcoming guests. To the great relief of all present, she elected to not tell any bad jokes. She announced the President's challenges and the Turner-of-the-Month, and then invited Geoff Purser up to discuss the upcoming Symposium. Geoff described what we might expect to see, who would be there, and encouraged everyone to attend if at all possible, as this is a rare event to have the Symposium so close to the Triad. Lan Brady conducted the Instant Gallery.

The raffle followed the break.



Crystal then introduced Betty Scarpino, who presented a program on design. This program was unlike our usual demonstrations - there was no turning. Instead we were treated to an amazing array of photographs on our twin monitors. Active woodturners will be very familiar with Betty and her work, but for those who don't know of her, here's a short bio. Betty was editor of American Woodturner from 1991 - 1993 and 2009 - 2014. She has a degree in Industrial Arts from the University of Missouri. She is a turner, sculptor, printmaker, and teacher. Her creations are in museums everywhere, including the Smithsonian. We are indeed fortunate to have her at our meeting!

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Betty began her presentation by discussing bowls. This was broken up into three sections - rim, body, and base (or foot). We saw many shapes and styles of bowls as well as many decorative techniques. She engaged those present by asking what they liked or didn't like about various pieces, and challenged those responding to defend their positions.

A few of the pieces shown really struck me. There was one by Pascal Oudet that used the difference in hardness between the rays and the rest of the wood in white oak. The softer wood was sandblasted away, leaving a lace-like pattern of the rays. Another piece was constructed of bamboo pieces that were immersed in water and then

frozen. The piece was turned while frozen as otherwise it would have been too soft and fragile to turn! A fascinating program indeed - Thanks Betty!

Roy Carlson, Secretary

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