



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
May 2014

## Calendar

**May 13 - Phil Fuentes --- Multi Axis Boxes**  
**June 10 - Jim Terry - Designing & Turning Finials**  
**July 12 - Picnic - Triad Park – Shelter #1**  
**(Saturday Meeting)**  
**August 12 - Joel Hunnicutt - Design, Air Brush, & Finishing**  
**September 09 - Hands On & Tool Sale**  
**October 14 -**  
**November 11 -**  
**December 09 - Xmas Party 6:00 PM**

## Message from the President:



Well, May finally arrived and based on some of the storms that have passed through our area in the last couple of weeks, there should be a lot of freshly downed wood to turn. I hope that everyone is keeping their tools sharp and the chips flying as we start into the spring and summer craft season.

In April, we were visited by Joe Waldroup of Hayesville, NC. Joe showed us his technique for producing a natural edge vase. Starting with a green blank and eventually switching over to a previously turned dry piece, Joe walked us through all the necessary steps to complete this project. Joe also contacted me in the days following the demo and commented on what a good club we had and how he very much enjoyed his visit and demoing for us.

For May, Phil Fuentes will be showing us how he does his multi-axis boxes. Phil is an instructor at Rockingham Community College Center for Creative Woodworking, where he teaches all different aspects of turning. Many of you may have also seen Phil at the Woodcraft store in Greensboro, where he was employed up until its closing earlier this year.

I want to personally thank all of the members that help to make this club possible. Our meetings

have been running smoother than ever. Set up and tear down have been running smoothly and although it may look pretty chaotic while it is happening, everything seems to come together at the right time. I hope that the meetings are proving to be both informative and enjoyable for all those that attend. Again, thank you to all of the people who volunteer, from setting up chairs to sweeping up shavings, your help is greatly appreciated.

The summer youth program is fast approaching at the Leonard Rec Center. John Morris has once again agreed to lead the program. Anyone willing to volunteer their time to help pass their woodturning skills on to the summer program kids, please contact John Morris. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Although it feels like we just left winter behind, our July picnic is right around the corner. Our picnic will once again be held at Triad Park in Kernersville. We have reserved Shelter #1 again this year. The park is in the process of building the Carolina Field of Honor. This War Memorial will serve as a timeline to honor those who have fought in America's conflicts. The groundbreaking ceremony was on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and the dedication is set for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. More information can be found on their website <http://www.ncwfmf.org>. We will need to get an accurate head count for food, so I will be passing around a signup sheet during the May and June meetings. For those of you who have not joined us for our July picnic before, I would encourage you to consider doing so this year. It always proves to be a fun day of fellowship with other woodturners and their families.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jim Terry emailed out a copy of the PTWA club directory. The directory contains the names, email, phone number and town of all of the members as of the April meeting. The directory is in .pdf format. If you did not receive a copy and would like one emailed to you, please contact Jim Terry and give him your email address. I will also have some printed copies of the membership at the meeting for those who want them.

Although Bob Moffett couldn't make it to the April meeting, he still managed to send in his turner of the month submission to add to our raffle. Thank you Bob for your contribution. The turner of the month for May will be Jerry Jones.

Ok, I am excited to see what kind of submissions we get for the May President's Challenge. The challenge this month was to turn some type of house. The possibilities are wide open, so let's see what you can do! With both Father's Day and graduations falling in June, the President's Challenge will be to turn a pen, which would make a great gift for either of these occasions. I know, I know, you have been wondering for nearly a year and a half when I was going to have the President's Challenge be a pen. Well, your wait is over!

I believe that all of the ebony rounds are gone, but Bob Holtje does have some pepper mill kits left.

Finally don't forget to bring in items to show off in the instant gallery as well as anything that you think your fellow woodturners would like to buy a raffle chance on. Again, thank you to all of you who bring in items for the raffle. For those of you who have not donated to the raffle in the past, please consider doing so. Your contributions help to fund our club. The donated items can be just about anything. You would be surprised at what our members will bid on!

I hope to see all of you on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Scot Conklin  
President

## Notes from our Secretary:

Noteworthy announcements included:

- Remember that we are a 501(c)(3) organization. As such, donations to the club are tax deductible.
- A motion was made proposing that we publish a club directory. Members would have the option of opting out if they so desired. The motion passed. We also approved by a vote that displaying this directory in a .pdf format on the web site would be acceptable.
- The club's librarian is preparing a list of all the videos that we own. That list will be posted on the website.
- The annual AAW meeting is scheduled for June 13-15 in Phoenix.
- The AAW has launched an improved web site. You should check it out.

- The annual picnic will be held again this year at Triad Park Shelter #1 on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. The shelter will be available to us from 9am till 6pm.
- 2014 PTWA Christmas Party will be held at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.
- The President's challenge this month is to turn a house.
- Bob Moffett was this month's "Turner of the Month." Jerry Jones will be "Turner of the Month" in May.
- John Morris is organizing the Summer Turner Camp for Kids. If you are interested in helping, contact John.
- There was some discussion relating to efforts to organize a peppermill workshop at RCC sometime this summer.
- We have approximately \$3,200 in the treasury.

After a break and the monthly raffle, Joe Waldroup presented a demo where he showed us how to make a natural edge vase. Here is a picture of the sort of projects to which tonight's lesson would apply.



Joe indicated that he prefers to work with burls. He also prefers to work with medium wet wood. For example, the stock for tonight's demo was harvested in 2012. He cuts the stock in a rough conical shape with the large dimension at the bark and the narrower dimension near the pith. He began by putting a spur drive into the bark and he turned a tenon on the bottom. He suggested that you should aim to have the final height of the vase be just slightly larger than the largest width across the piece. Joe reversed the piece and put the tenon in a chuck on the headstock. He then turned the outside to its final shape. Next, with the tailstock still providing support, Joe began the hollowing process. This process went on for some time. It was useful to see

how Joe used an extended tool rest. It was also amazing to see Joe continually and successfully work with what appeared to be an incredibly aggressive open angle on his bowl gouges. His aim was to get the walls to a uniform thickness of 5/16 of an inch (measured repeatedly with a set of calipers) and to leave 1/2 inch thickness at the bottom. After the finish cut, he sets the piece aside for 3-4 months to fully dry.

After that delay, he mounts a circular piece in a chuck on the headstock and covers it with a piece of foam. This functions as a jam chuck for the piece. The tail stock is pushed firmly onto the base of the vase. Joe then cuts a concavity into the base and adds some decorative elements. The arc of the lower quarter of the vase is adjusted to round on this new axis. A rotary sander is used to blend this new arc into the original arc of the outside shape. Joe finishes his pieces with wipe-on polyurethane. He uses 2-3 coats as sealer (sanded to 320 grit) and then an additional 4-5 coats (wet sanded to 400 grit).

As you can see from the photo, Joe occasionally embellishes his vases with some additional carving work.

Respectively submitted,  
Nim Batchelor

## Our Club Store:

**Sandpaper** – 80, 120, 180, 220, 320, 400 - \$15 per pack

**CA Glue** - \$4.50

**Ruth Niles Stainless Steel**– 2 for \$10

**Chrome Bottle Stoppers** – 5 for \$13

**Pepper Mill Kits** – save 40% +

**6” - \$6.50**

**8” - \$7.00**

**10” - \$7.25**

## Turner of the Month:

May: Jerry Jones  
 June: Floyd Lucas  
 July: (Picnic)  
 August: Chuck Waldroup  
 September: Jim Raine  
 October: Earl Martin  
 November: Joe Ghezzi  
 December: (Christmas Party)

## Mentors:

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 Bob Moffett, Burlington (336) 229-6141  
 John Morris, Siler City (919) 742-5148  
 George Sudermann, Winston-Salem (336) 923-2007

## Photos of the April Instant Gallery



Bob Moffett – Turner-of-the-Month  
Carved Box Elder Bowl



Robert DeHart – 7” Maple & Cherry  
Lidded Box



Robert DeHart – 7” Walnut & Maple  
Birdhouse



Earl Martin – 6.5” Holly Bowl



Earl Martin – 2.75” Holly Vase



Dean Hutchins – 15” Maple Platter



Dean Hutchins – 6.5” Elm Pierced Bowl



Dave MacInnes – 3” Burned, Dyed Poplar Vase



Dave MacInnes – 5” Poplar & Holly Box



Robert Lunsford – 4.5” Walnut, Maple, Purpleheart & Ebony 3-Corner Box



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Linda Michael – 13” Sycamore w/ Pyrography Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Maple Pedestal Bowl



Jim Terry – 8.5” Ambrosia Maple Vase



Jim Duxbury – 15” Mahogany Hollow Form – Left Hand Twist



Jim Duxbury – 15” Sycamore Hollow Form – Right Hand Twist



Jim Duxbury – 14” Black Cherry Hollowform



John Morris – Maple, Laminated & Mahogany Bottle Stoppers



John Morris – 9.5” Maple/Cherry Closed Segment Bowl



George Sudermann – 6.5” Spalted Beach & Turquoise Bowl



Keith Conrad – 10” Bradford Pear Meat Mallet



Presidents Challenge – Non-Wood Turning – Jim Duxbury, Geoffrey Pursor, George Sudermann

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## Piedmont Woodturners Annual July Picnic



**Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Come early for planned Demonstrations**

**\* Demonstration starts at 10:00**

**\* Lunch served at 12:00**

### **Triad Park - Shelter # 1**

9652 East Mountain Street  
Kernersville, NC 27284

[Directions to Triad Park \(Click on link for directions\)](#)

**Bring your spouse, children, grandchildren and/or prospective members to this annual event.**

- A large covered shelter near the playground has been reserved.
- BBQ, slaw, beans, hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided.
- Members should bring a covered dish to share (salads, side dishes, or desserts) and your own drinks, if you prefer.
- Please bring pieces for the gallery table.
- Please bring your own lawn chair for comfort.
- Prize drawing.



**Please RSVP by July 7th. We need a solid headcount when ordering the Lexington BBQ.**

**Contact Kim or Dean Hutchins, [hutchins.kim@gmail.com](mailto:hutchins.kim@gmail.com) or [hutchins.dean@gmail.com](mailto:hutchins.dean@gmail.com)**

**336-580-3717 – Kim's cell phone**

**MEETING LOCATION: Leonard Recreation Center (336) 297-4889).  
6324 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27410**

**FROM WEST OF GREENSBORO**

Take I-40 East to Exit 212 (Bus-40 Greensboro To Bryan Blvd). Exit is from the right lane.

At the top of the Exit 212 ramp take Exit 24 (To Bryan Blvd. PTI Airport). You will now be headed north on the new highway.

Exit the new highway onto W. Friendly Ave. and go left (west) on W. Friendly.

Go about ¼ mile west on W. Friendly to Chimney Rock Rd. and turn right (north at traffic light) on Chimney Rock Rd.

As Chimney Rock Rd. parallels the new highway, you will come to the intersection of Ballinger Rd.

Turn right on Ballinger and go under the new highway. Shortly beyond the overpass Leonard Recreation Center will be on your left.

**FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO**

Take Bus-40 through Greensboro

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**FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENSBORO** *Note: Ballinger Rd. is now open.* Ballinger turns west from New Garden / Guilford College Rd. just north of Guilford College. The following link to Mapquest will detail this area. Directions from Bus-40 to Guilford College Rd have been removed since the above directions are much faster from Bus-40.

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=6324+Ballinger&zipcode=27410>. Do not follow Old Stage Road from this link. It doesn't exist.