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# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Newsletter  
September 2013



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**September – Hands On & Tool Sale**  
**October – Alan Leland**  
**November – Douglas Fisher**  
**December – Christmas Party**

## Message from the President:

September is here, and that means that the kids are back in school, the days are getting shorter and summer is in our rear view mirror. For many people, it is also a time to get back in the shop and dust off those tools and start putting them to use turning out items to sell at craft shows and festivals as people begin to get into the holiday shopping mode.

In August we were visited by Chris Boerner from the Raleigh area. Chris gave a great demonstration on how to make a hollow form vessel.

NOTE: Before I forget to mention it, Kim Hutchins and Rita Duxbury will not be able to attend our September meeting. Due to this fact, as well as the different format we have for our September meeting, the Library will closed this month. For those of you who have items checked out from the Library, you may keep them another month and return them to the October meeting at no extra charge.

September is one of those months that we do things a little differently. First of all, it is our annual tool sale. The way that the tool sale works, is that the members may bring in any tools, blanks, supplies, etc. that they would like to sell. All of the members can look over what is for sale and negotiate directly with the owner to complete the sale. The sales are from member to member, so you keep 100% of what you sell an item for. Make sure that the items are clearly marked with your name



and the price you are asking for the items so that other members know who to get in touch with.

The other thing we do differently in September, is rather than have a single demonstrator, we have 5 different hands-on demonstrators spread throughout the gym. This is an opportunity for you to get up close and personal to the demonstrator, as well as rotate around the room and see different demonstrations if you so desire. It is also an opportunity for you get behind the lathe and try out what you are seeing for yourself.

The 5 hands on demonstrations for this month are:

- Jim Terry – Bowls
- Jim Duxbury – Sharpening
- John Morris – Segmented Turning
- Lan Brady – General Turning
- Bob Moffett – Tool Handles

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Dean Hutchins was our turner of the month for August. Dave MacInnes is our turner of the month for September.

The North Carolina Woodturning Symposium is approaching fast. It is going to be held November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> this year at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center. Our featured demonstrator for November will be Douglas Fisher. Douglas will also be a demonstrating at the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium. As such, the November meeting will be on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month (November 5<sup>th</sup>) instead of the usual second Tuesday. Douglas will also be holding a 2 day workshop on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will focus on applying texture and carved embellishments to platters. Our club has reserved 10 spots for this workshop. The cost for both days is \$140.00. That is \$70.00 per day to participate in a hands on workshop with a world class turner. Anyone interested in signing up for this great opportunity should contact Dean Hutchins.

The September President's Challenge is to turn a closed form vessel. For October, I think that it is only fitting to turn something with a Halloween theme.

By now, you all know to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation and monthly raffle, but this month, don't forget to bring in those tools that you want to sell and some extra money to buy some new tools!

I hope to see all of you on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Scot Conklin  
President

## Notes from our Secretary:

- Paid members in the PTWA : 125
- \*\*\*November's meeting will be held the FIRST TUESDAY of the month. \*\*\*
- The screen and projector formerly used for meetings is for sale for \$500.
- The President's Challenge for September is to bring in a closed form vessel.
- Treasurer's Report: \$1300 in the account. Bob Holtje also reminded the group that dues will be soon be due. \$30. Dues pay for Demonstrators, equipment, the July Picnic and the club's Christmas party. Dues paid members get access to Mentors, discounts at some local retailers and discounted turning supplies available at the monthly meetings. Also, membership allows you to enjoy the camaraderie of some of the greatest people in North Carolina:  
Woodturners!
- There will be a two day workshop in November. Subject: Off-Axis Turning. Demonstrator: Douglas J. Fisher. Cost: \$140 plus materials for the 2-day workshop. For more specific information contact [Dean Hutchins](#).
- Reminder: The September 10<sup>th</sup> club meeting is the annual Tool Sale and Hands-on Demo Night. Bring your unused equipment and/or lots of questions for the club demonstrators. This is a great evening to meet and greet club mentors and other club members.
- Make your plans to attend 2013 North Carolina Symposium in Greensboro. Those who register early get a discount on admission. Prices go up October 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to [www.northcarolinawoodturning.com](#) or contact Bob Muir for more details and information.
- Thanks to John Morris for hosting the instant gallery. If you wish to view the wonderful work

created by PTWA members, visit the Instant Gallery on the PTWA web-site.

- Thanks also to Doc Green and his crew for running the raffle.

## August Demonstrator: Chris Boerner

Chris has some outstanding examples of hollow vessels at his web site:

<http://chrisboernerbowls.blogspot.com/>

Chris began by emphasizing that "it only takes a split second" for an accident to occur to a woodworker, especially a woodturner. He recounted having the broken end of a chisel fly past his face, leaving a cut across his temple and how a natural edge bowl managed to remove a lot of skin from his finger thanks to a split second of inattention. As a reminder to always focus and stay alert, he presented the attending members with a dice and his safety motto, "Don't gamble with safety!"



Chris began by discussing how the turner should study the grain and occlusions of the blank carefully and how re-orienting the wood on the lathe can dramatically improve the look and balance of the final piece. He dries his blanks in an old refrigerator, by changing out bulbs of differing wattages. He uses this process until the wood is down to a moisture content of about 6%. He recommends getting a good moisture meter to check your blanks.

Using bowl gouges Chris began by shaping the bottom of the bowl and creating a tenon for reversing the piece later. The center is recessed so the tenon does not bottom out in the chuck. Chris suggests using CA glue on the tenon to strengthen it, if needed. He then reversed the piece and began shaping the upper portion of the piece with a 3/8" bowl gouge.

He finished by using a customized 1/2" Crown spindle gouge (a Ray Key design) that he says, gives him an excellent shearing cut. He then finished the exterior by sanding it with 320 grit paper.



The next step was to go straight in to the vessel with a gouge to establish the depth and the limit of the interior cuts. Chris made several deep cuts to remove as much material as possible. He used a compressor to blow out the chips from inside the piece several times. Chris next demonstrated the use of two gouges he made in Frank Pinta's Tool-Making workshop. With these he began to widen his cuts towards the interior wall of the piece.

Chris used various tools (i.e. hand held, arm braced) as a way of discussing the advantages of each. Additionally, he demonstrated how the different tools each had a speed at which they cut best. "Avoid speeds where the tool is bouncing. You want to find the speed where the tool is cutting."

After sanding with 400 grit, he reversed the piece using a cone mounted in the chuck to hold the vessel at the open end. He then brought up the tail stock, taking special care to align it with the original dimple made by the tail stock at the beginning of the process, and turned off the tenon. He then blended the curve at the bottom with the sides of the piece.

Finally, the piece was taken off the lathe and the small spigot that was left was taken off with chisel and worked until smooth.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Rezin



**Scot's birthday was not forgotten and all enjoyed the refreshments!**

## NC Woodturning Symposium:

The 2013 North Carolina Woodturning Symposium is going to be better than ever! Why? No increase in registration fee (includes lunch and banquet on Saturday), additional lunch provided on Sunday, new excellent demonstrators, and more vendors than last time. Additional features include: 63 demonstration to choose from (9 time slots of 7 demonstrations each), hands-on turning and learning center with instructors (available to anyone over the age of 9, including the general public), bound book containing all the demonstrators' handouts (extra charge), large instant gallery (bring up to 3 of your best pieces), live auction of turnings donated by the demonstrators and other donations, drawings for tuition only scholarships, 8 to Campbell Folk School and 4 to Arrowmont, on-line registration (<http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com/registration.html>), vendor show and instant gallery are open to general public.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

We still need hosts to house four of the demonstrators: Bob Rosand, Avelino Samuel, Keith Tompkins, and John Benton. If you live within 45 minutes of the Greensboro Coliseum, please seriously consider volunteering to provide this service to the regional woodturning community. It is a great opportunity to get to know a famous woodturner. Don't be shy! To volunteer email Bob Muir ([rmuir2@triad.rr.com](mailto:rmuir2@triad.rr.com)).

## Youth at LRC from John G's View:

"A" is for ANCHOR, "B" is for BEVEL, and "C" is for CUT. This information was offered by Bob Muir at our first class to 16 youth at Leonard Center. For a number of years PTWA has sponsored Woodturning Classes during their summer camp. This year's 2-hour, 5-session classes began June 18 and concluded July 30.

These young future turners were exposed to safety, tools, etc, and produced honey dippers, baseball bat/snowman pens, ring holders, twist pens, and desk clocks. To see the surprise and enjoyment on their faces really made the effort most worthwhile. PTWA instructors were Bob Holtje, Bob Muir, Doc Green, John Moehlman, John Morris, Jim Raine, and Jim Yarbrough. Jim Terry and Lan Brady gave us special support and David Myers again provided most of the wood supplies. Our Club's recent mini-lathe purchases proved beneficial. Also Leonard Center Director Linda Marsh and her staff were absolutely hands-on with their support and praise.

After each class, we ventured to Country BBQ on Hwy. 68 to watch Doc Green order meat loaf, green Beans, mashed potatoes (I think with gravy), hushpuppies with a DIET drink. Doc again was the most sought after instructor by the young ladies--he even took off his hat once for their pleasure. And naturally, all the world's problems (situations) were discussed and completely solved!

And a good time was had by all!

John Morris

### Mentors:

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 George Sudermann, Winston-Salem (336) 923-2007

### Photos of the August Instant Gallery



John Morris – Padauk & Maple



Floyd Lucas – Maple Cookie Jar



Michael Thompson – Cherry Goblet



Bob Moffett – Maple & Cocobola Hollow Form



Bob Moffett – Pecan & Walnut Hollow Form



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Bob Moffett – Walnut Box



Tim Smith – Walnut & Sycamore Shawl Pins



Robert DeHart – Sassafras, Maple, Walnut Plate



Robert DeHart – Sassafras & Maple Walnut Plate



Robert DeHart – Cherry & Walnut Vase



Robert DeHart – Maple & Walnut Vase



Jim Yarbrough – Osage Orange



Jim Yarbrough – Bird's Eye Maple



Doc Green/Harold Jones – Walnut Platter



Harold Jones – Bradford Pear Knot Vase



George Sudermann – Maple Burl & Walnut Levitating Ellipse



George Sudermann – Maple & Turquoise Bowl



Linda Michael – Gum Hat Piercing



Earl Kennedy – Dyed Maple Bowl



Dean Hutchins – Oak Natural Edge



Kim Hutchins – Maple Saucer w/  
Pyrography



Dave MacInnes – Ash Loose Tea Box



Dave MacInnes – Olivewood Corncob  
Holders



Jim Terry – Ambrosia Maple Square  
Bowl



Jim Terry – Spalted Maple Pedistal  
Bowl



Jim Terry – Dyed Maple Pedistal Bowl



Robert Lunsford – Space Time  
Warpped by Purpleheart Gravity



Robert Lunsford – Cherry Magnolia  
Hickory “Steam Engine”



Jim Barbour – Maple Kaleidoscope



Jim Barbour – Walnut Bandles



Nim Batchelor – Maple Platter



Nim Batchelor – Walnut Hand Box



Jim Duxbury – Cherry Maple  
Chandalier



Dean Hutchins – Oak Natural Edge  
Bowl “Turner of the Month”

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#### 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

Take Exit 212 (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.

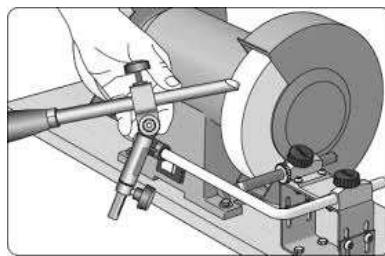
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##### FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENSBORO Note: Ballinger Rd. is temporarily closed between Guilford College Rd and Leonard Rec. Ctr

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.



**“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure.”**

# **TOOL & EQUIPMENT SALE**

## **PLUS Hands on Turning Techniques**

**Member Gallery –** Bring your turnings for the monthly member’s gallery.

**Raffle –** Will be held, so please bring items to contribute and plan to participate in the monthly raffle.

**LATHES WILL BE SET UP FOR TURNING & MENTORING**

**Featuring:**

**Bob Moffett – Tool handles**

**Jim Terry – Bowl Turning**

**John Morris – Segmented Techniques**

**Lan Brady – General Turning**

**Jim Duxbury – Tool Sharpening**

**September 10, 2013 6:30 PM**

**Leonard Recreation Center**

**Bring your unwanted, duplicate, or tired tools / equipment to the meeting for the tool sale. Bring cash to purchase equipment at a fantastic bargain!**

**Put a tag with your name & price on the item.**

Contact Dean Hutchins if you have questions. 336-425-6687 [hutchins.dean@gmail.com](mailto:hutchins.dean@gmail.com)