



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
April 2023

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Calendar

January 10 – Geoff Purser
February 14 – Steve Coley
March 14 - Crystal Earley
April 11 - Dave MacInnes – Using Wood Turning Tools -Tips, Hints & Cautions
May 9 – Dine and Design Event: Boxed Meal and Mini Workstations

once it is released. Once the website is released, the ongoing edits are expected to be minimal. Jason will be able to show you how to update. We just need someone willing to help manage them. Please contact us if you are interested in this opportunity.

President's Challenge: We overlooked the selection of a "President's Challenge" topic at our last meeting. April's Challenge topic is a "Piece of Jewelry". Bring in any type of turned jewelry (necklace, ring, bracelet, pin...) to share with the rest of the club.

Reminder that our "May Meeting" will be a Dine and Design event. The club will provide a boxed meal and we will plan to have a variety of "mini workstations" setup where we can share various processes and techniques such as carving, painting, texturing, burning, airbrushing, stencils, epoxy... Please let us know if you have a process or skill that you would like to share with your fellow turners, and we will add you to the list!

The Member-to-Member market is also back in business. If you have an unused tool or item in your shop that you would like to sell, bring it along, add your name and the price and hopefully it will have a new home after the meeting.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting April 11th where Dave MacInnis will be turning "Animals from The Ocean".

Don Keefer will demonstrate Segmented Turning in September.

Don Keefer is also Turner of the Month for April.

Steve Coley, President for March

Message from the President

It looks like Spring is finally here. Some warm days, trees are budding, flowers are blooming, bees are flying! It's always an exciting time and makes me want to get outside and enjoy the weather.

This reminds me of Crystal's "Gnome Demo" this past month. Her energy and excitement for woodturning is infectious. Just like the spring weather motivates me to go outside, Crystal's passion for woodturning makes me want to run into the shop to work on the lathe. I have definitely added her Gnomes to my future project list. Thanks, Crystal, for your great Demo!

We really appreciate everyone who brought in an item to donate to the "Empty Bowls" food fundraising program that was shared last meeting by Charles Hepler. Fourteen items were donated by members from the club and Charles followed up to say that folks at Memorial UMC were overwhelmed by the everyone's generosity. Thanks so much for supporting a worthy cause to help others!

We appreciate the folks who have stepped up to lend a hand with the various roles of the club. Our new website is almost complete, but we do need someone to help "maintain" it

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; Velvit Oil finish 1/2 pint, pint, quart; Application pads (60 ea.); 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 Item Prices		
Glues, CA and Epoxy		
CA Standard, any viscosity 1oz -- \$3.00 2oz -- \$5.00 8oz -- \$16.00	CA Flex type, any viscosity 2oz -- \$6.00 8oz -- \$20.00	CA Foam/Low Odor, any viscosity 1oz -- \$9.00
CA Accelerator 2oz -- \$4.00 8oz -- \$12.00 12oz -- \$14.00	CA Debonder 2oz -- \$4.00	CA Extension Tips, All types 10-pack -- \$3.00
Mercury Epoxy, All types 8oz -- \$10.00	Smith's Oak & Teak Epoxy 12oz -- \$21 32oz -- \$52	Smith's Penetrating Epoxy 32oz -- \$35.00 Solvent -- \$23
MISC.		
Application Pads/Lidded Containers Containers 2oz 20pc -- \$1.00 Application pads 60ct -- \$3.00	Sandpaper – Roll 100, 120, 150, 180, 220, 320 & 400 grit -- \$7.00	Pipette/Syringe packs Pipette 40pc -- \$2.00 Syringe 5pc -- \$2.00
Velvit Oil Finish 1/2pt -- \$9.00 1pt -- \$15.00 32oz -- \$25.00	Niles Bottle Stoppers Any Style -- \$6.00	Chrome Bottle Stoppers -- \$4.00

Minutes from March 14 Meeting

Steve Coley opened the meeting at the Leonard Center at 6:30. We now have 79 paid members. Crystal Earley is tonight's demonstrator, and Dave MacInnes has the April demo. The president's Challenge was flowers and/or Easter eggs, and we had several submissions. The Turner of the Month was Geoff Purser, who provided a live edge bowl. Don Keefer is next month's TOM. Steve reminded everyone about the NC Symposium 11/3 - 11/5 here at the Coliseum, and requested volunteer help and hospitality for the out-of-town presenters. Those offering hospitality should live within 30 minutes of the Coliseum. We are proposing a dinner/mini-demo meeting for May, and we're looking for volunteers for the mini-demos. Bob Schasse gave the Treasurer's report. Members will receive a 10% discount from Penn State Industries. You should have received an email from them by

now. Jim Barbour discussed the Club store, and added a new feature - the "Member-to-Member" table, where you can sell your unwanted items. The Instant Gallery followed, we took a break, and held the raffle.

Crystal Earley was our demonstrator, and her topic was "Gnomes". She uses whatever scrap wood she has on hand, and sometimes uses contrasting woods for the body and the hat. Starting with the body, she finds the center on both ends, and holds the piece in the chuck and center. She turns the OD of the body smaller than the OD of the hat. She turns a tenon and mounts the body in the chuck. As her gnomes are actually small containers, she next creates the cavity using a gouge. She then turns the body to the desired shape and parts it off, being careful to leave sufficient wood so as not to break through the cavity.

She then drills a hole in the body for the nose with a hand drill. Next she turns the hat. She begins by turning a small tenon to fit the bore of the body. Crystal prefers to feel her way to the correct fit, rather than doing a lot of measuring. She completes the hat to the desired shape and parts it off. Using another scrap piece, she turns the nose. Using a cloth-backed material for the "beard", she cuts an appropriate size piece and glues it to the body. After the "beard" is glued on, she opens the cloth over the nose hole and glues the nose on. Crystal states that she enjoys the feel and smell of the wood as she works, and it is reflected in these whimsical creations.

- Roy Carlson, Secretary

EVENTS

The Sawtooth School for Visual Arts is seeking Woodturning and Woodworking instructors. If you are interested in sharing your passion for woodturning with others, please reach out to Josie Vogel, Director of Wood Programs.

Josie can be reached at wood@sawtooth.org, or by phone at 336-723-7395x1207

Current PTWA members that are instructors at Sawtooth include: Crystal Earley, Nick Poschl, Brian Guhman

2023 Turner of the Month:

President's Challenge

"A piece of Jewelry" – Anything turned
(necklace, ring, bracelet, pin, etc)

April – Don Keefer

Photos of the February Instant Gallery



Turner of the Month – Geoff Purser
Natural Edge Bowl



Vase – Cedar - Fran Ostasiewski



Natural Edge Bowl – Wisteria
Jerry Jones



Birdsmouth Vase – Mixed Woods
Nick Poschl



Excentric Vase – Maple
Don Keefer



Textured Bowl – Mahogany
Bob Moffett



Textured Bowl - Walnut
Bob Moffett



Ornament – Canary Wood
Jim Yarbrough



Segmented 6" Bowl - Oak, Walnut &
Maple Luke Shepherd



Segmented Bowl – Maple & Walnut
Robert DeHart



Vase - Lots of different woods
Jason Lathrop



Presidents Challenge – Flower
Jerry Jones



Presidents Challenge – Gold Flower
Don Keefer



Club Attendance – March



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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.

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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 does not exist.