



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter
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Message from the President:

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good month and got to do lots of turning.

Our July meeting was our annual wood shopping event and picnic was an event to remember. If you missed it, you missed a really good time. We went to The Hardwood Store in Gibsonville and got some really good deals on wood. They were sort of overwhelmed because they didn't expect so many people to come. I guess they didn't realize how we like to get bargains. Then the rain came and came and came. We were lucky that most of the rain had quit by the time we got to the shelter at Lake McIntosh. **Jim & Rita and a lot of the ladies worked hard to get our picnic set up for us. Let's all be sure to show them our appreciation. While we were busy shopping for wood, they were out at the lake working to get everything set up for us and trying to stay dry.** We weren't able to do any of the lake activities due to a light rain, but we stayed dry under the shelter. Earl Kennedy and John Morris both did informal demos for us. Earl did a goblet with an offset stem and John turned a segmented bowl. Woodworkers Supply and The Hardwood Store donated items for our raffle. If you patronize these stores, be sure to thank them for their donations and support. Lan was gracious enough to bring about 20 bowl blanks for the raffle and the club donated numerous items to the raffle. There were enough items in the raffle that everybody, including spouses, won something. We had barbeque and hotdogs to eat and a bunch of great deserts and other dishes. Thanks to everyone who bought food and helped set up the picnic.



In August our demonstrator will be Ricky Minor. He will be teaching us about Air Brushing and using colors in our turnings. Ricky has taught Air Brush classes for Alamance Community College

for the past 20+ years and is very experienced in many areas of painting and art. We are lucky to have Ricky to explain how to use air brushing to enhance our turnings. If you have an airbrush and want to learn to use it better or are thinking of getting one and want to know what it is all about, this is the demo for you.

Then, on Tuesday evening, August 17th he will be leading a break-out session at the Leonard Rec. Center from 6:30 to 9:30. We have 20 people signed up so far. There will \$10 charge for this breakout session, payable in advance or at the door to help defray some of Ricky's expenses since he is not a club member and will be coming from out of town.

We are working on having Linda Michaels lead a breakout session on Saturday morning, September 11th on pyrography. If you attend this session, you will need to have your own woodburning tools. This does not include a propane torch or matches. We are still working on ironing out the details. We will send out an email to all the people who signed up for the session telling you what you need to bring. We have all seen Linda's work which is outstanding. We can all learn a lot from her. Linda teaches woodburning classes professionally so there will be a small charge of \$10 for this session.

We are working on scheduling the Mini-hat Breakout session with Jerry Measimer, our demonstrator from March. We will probably move that back to October or November. We haven't set a specific date but it will be an all day breakout session and will probably be held in Jim Duxbury's shop in Graham. There will be a small charge for this breakout session to help defray some of Jerry's expenses since he is not a club member and will be coming from out of town.

If you think of some ideas for a Breakout session that you would like to attend or lead, please contact Jim Duxbury and we will see what we can schedule.

Please bring your **two** best tunings for display in the Instant Gallery and one item for each of the Monthly Turning Challenges. Limiting your entries to **two** items for the Instant Gallery and one item for each of the Turning Challenges gives us more time to admire them. We have a really fantastic Instant Gallery so let's all keep up the good work. No matter what your level of experience everyone can and should participate. If you are a new turner, don't be intimidated by the pieces that more experienced turners have put in the gallery and/or turning challenge. The Instant Gallery and Turning Challenge are meant to be a good source for new ideas for things to turn. Everyone should participate. This is your time to show your stuff. You can also ask other members to critique your work if you wish. Due to time constraints, critiques will not be part of the meeting but can be done either before the meeting, during the break or after the meeting on an individual basis.

Our turning challenge for the August meeting will be something that you have enhanced with color, either dye or paint. It can be anything you chose to turn, be it a platter, a hollow form, a bowl, a box, a Christmas ornament or whatever. The choice is yours. Let's show Ricky what we can do. We didn't have but 3 people turn something for the turning challenge for last month, probably due to the picnic. Let's try and have better participation in the months going forward.

Our turning challenge for September will be to turn a thin bowl, no smaller than 8" and no thicker 1/4". It can be out of one piece of wood, plywood or segmented, whichever you chose.

If you would be interested in participating in doing a collaborative turning project for the AAW 25th Symposium, please be thinking about something that we could turn as a group and we will discuss it at the August meeting. You can also send me an email prior to the meeting with your suggestions at Yourtaxrep@triad.twcba.com. Please put Collaborative in the subject line.

The library will once again be open. Please return any DVDs or Videos that you have checked out so that other people can use them. The library is a resource of which you should take advantage. Rita is doing a great job as our librarian and we all owe a debt of gratitude to her.

We will be having our August Super Raffle this month. You can bring what you were going to bring last month as well as what you plan to bring in August. Doc Green, our Raffle Master, didn't get to do a raffle last month so he is looking forward to the biggest raffle ever this month. Be sure to bring him some extra stuff so his dream will come true.

One key area we need to focus on this coming year is increasing volunteer participation for all the activities required to operate our club. We are woefully short of backups for almost all activities. If you are willing to contribute some of your talents to the club, contact any Officer or Board Member. We need people to do specific tasks as well as being backup person for someone else. That way, if someone can't make a meeting, we will have another person to help them with their activity. If you see someone doing something that you would like to help them do, let them know that you would like to help. It would be greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for ways to improve our club. We have made several changes in the past year that I hope have been beneficial to the club and its members. We are looking forward to 2010 being our best year ever. Please let any Board Member know what you think we can or should do that we aren't doing, to improve the club for all members. If you would, please contact a Board member at the meeting and follow up with an email, letter or phone call after the meeting. This club belongs to all of us and working together we can all make it better and more fun for everyone.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the August 10th meeting,

Bob

Minutes of the April Meeting:

For the month of July we had our annual non-turning meeting. Well not exactly! It was a Picnic which included lots of wood turning related events.

We began the morning with a visit to the Hardwood Store in Gibsonville NC. The management was extremely hospitable to us all. They had cut some wood up into bowl blanks and spindle blanks of many sizes. They had also reserved some very wide Curly Maple boards for anyone wishing to make platters. Anyone who needed turning wood, left with turning wood. The visit was topped off with a demonstration of some of their large milling equipment.



Since it was a hot/humid day in the warehouse, they also supplied us with bottled water.

Our next event was at the Lake McIntosh resort area. We had fellowship under the large Picnic area. As everyone became hungry, the food arrived as if on cue. It was time to eat. We had BBQ, and Hot Dogs and everything to go along with each. The desserts were plentiful as well.

Before everyone started drifting off for the afternoon nap we held our business meeting where our President Bob Moffett was presented a Birthday cake of Maple with Cherry icing. It was baked by Jim Duxbury. The cake was topped with candles turned by some of Bob's closest friends.



Afterwards we conducted our raffle. We actually had a drawing this month with all participants receiving a ticket just for being there. We had donations of Turning paraphernalia, and tools from The Hardwood Store and Woodworkers Supply. There was also CA glue, color wood, sand paper and bowl blanks donated by the club and some of its membership. Everyone left with something. Many left with 2 items.

And yes we had a lathe. John Morris brought his mini lathe and we had a mini symposium with Earl Kennedy turning a goblet and concluded with John, rough turning one of his open segmented bowls.



It was a great outing with many thanks going to Jim and Rita Duxbury for making the arrangements and hard work to pull off such an event.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

Wood Turning Design Opportunities:

by Lan Brady

Recently I was turning a 23" bowl from a maple block I received from Jan and Fred Brown. I noticed something extremely concerning. I had to carry 26 loads of 40 gallon shavings to the compost pile. This was way too much work and very wasteful. Woodturning sure does create a lot of shavings!

In my back yard, I keep a running compost pile. I add shavings to one end of the pile and remove composted gold for other end. Just what the garden needed. This method worked great until about two years ago. I bought a bigger lathe. As you can imagine, my projects began getting bigger as well. I am now adding shavings to the pile at a mountainous rate. I have wood compost for everyone's garden. The second block I received from the Browns was even bigger. It was nearly 30" across and 34" long. My normal method would have yielded 2 big bowls and a lot of shavings. I sat down with pencil and paper and started doing some Jethro CIPHERING.

Turns out, if I planned this properly I could get a whole lot more from a block of wood. This is probably published in a book somewhere, but I have not found it yet!

After watching Bill Grumbine's video, I received my first inspiration. He does not cut a block through the pith; he cuts on either side of the pith. The light bulbs started going off everywhere! If I were to cut about 1-1/2" on either side of the pith, I could then split out several 3"x3" spindle blanks. That is exactly what I need to make scoops. I only wasted the actual pith. It was 3"x3"x28" and made an excellent stick of firewood for this winter, instead of becoming compost.

So I look at the 2 log halves I have left and go huh!!! These are still too big for my lathe. Wait a minute; I have been turning platters lately. Starring me right in the face is a giant platter blank from each half of the log. You guessed it, a straight cut about 2-1/2" in and I have 2 beautiful platter blanks ready to be sealed for drying. But that is not all. When I cut off the corners, each blank has 4 pieces big enough to make Christmas ornaments.

Now each half of the log is still big enough to yield an 18" bowl. Thanks to the use of a recently purchased McNaughton coring tool. I also have a 15" bowl and a 12" bowl and a 9" bowl and a small piece left over that fits in the firewood pile nicely.

So let's review what we generated from one block of wood measuring 30"x34".

- 8- Bowls from 9" to 18"
- 2- 24"x24" platter blanks
- 8- Christmas ornament blanks
- 6- 3"x3"x28" spindle blanks

Actually I cut the spindle blanks in thirds so I have 18 scoop blanks.

From one block of wood, I now have my next 42 turning projects. (See Figure 1)

Oh and I only created 2 cans full of shavings.

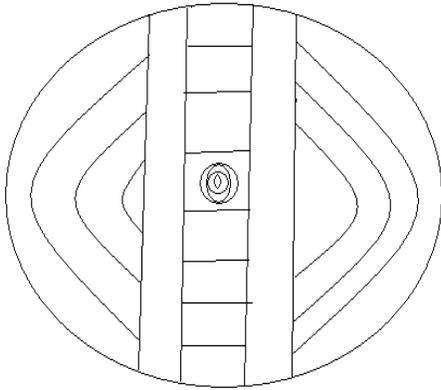


Figure 1. Cross Section of the log showing the cuts.

Recommended Reading:

by Bob Muir

I recommend a magazine that provides many articles appropriate for beginning turners with varied interests, as well as, articles for advanced turners. Woodturning Design (<http://www.woodturningdesign.com/>). It is published quarterly.

I just received my copy of the Fall 2010 issue (#27). Here is the Table of Contents for Issue #27 (*my comments in italics*):

- Walnut Segmented Bowl by Glen Bohusch (*rings imbedded into the sides*)
- Artist Profile: Marilyn Campbell by Kurt Hertzog

- Rattling Pen with Three Captive Rings by Carl Knoll
- Diagonal Feature Rings by Ken Eberle
- Peanut Candy Dispenser by Johnny Tolly
- Book Review: Moulthrop: A Legacy in Wood by Hugh Foster
- Penmaking: Where to Next? by Kurt Hertzog
- Beginner's Corner: Setting Up Shop by Robert Gulley
- Reader's Gallery: Perpendicular Segment Jig
- Designer Showcase featuring Michael Foster
- Ask Dale by Dale Nish (*Readers questions w/ Dale's answers.*)
- Christmas Ornaments - Part 1 by Johnny Tolly
- About OrnaSTOPPERS and Corkaments by Robert Heltman
- A Conversation with the "Grandfather of Woodturning" (*David Ellsworth*) by Paul Stafford
- Indexing Systems, by David Reed Smith
 - Tool Review: Delta 46-460 Lathe vs. Jet 1220 Lathe (*in depth*) by Bill Blasic
- Segmented Bowl Grain Orientation by Robert Harris
- PIW Picnic by Joseph Herrmann
- Behind the Scenes: The Beall Tool Company by Kurt Hertzog (*Who knew it is a mom and pop operation?*)
- Reader's Gallery: Bullet Bowl (*Confederate army bullets*)

Most of the articles are detailed **how-to** with numerous photos.

(Editors note: Jim Duxbury has written several articles for this publication.)

Photos from the picnic at Lake MacKintosh







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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.

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FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENSBORO

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>