



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
August 2013

August – Chris Boerner – Hollow Forms
September – Hands On & Tool Sale
October – Alan Leland
November – Douglas Fisher
December – Christmas Party

Message from the President:



The dog days of summer, August is here and that means it is time to wrap up the summer vacations and get the kids back to school! I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer so far. My family just returned from a trip to Boston and New York. My son learned about the American Revolution in school last year and was very

excited to walk the Freedom Trail in Boston and visit the Old North Church and Paul Revere's house. We also visited Plimoth Plantation to see what life was like in the 17th century. They even had an old pole lathe that they still used. It was amazing to see the craftsmanship from that era with the tools they were using. I couldn't help but imagine what they could have done with a Powermatic and a little electricity!

We had our annual picnic at Triad Park in Kernersville on July 13th. After a few morning sprinkles, the weather cooperated and we had a great turnout. The temperature was just about perfect and the food was great. I received a lot of good feedback about the location and park facilities, so we will most likely plan on having it at the same place next year. One thing we are considering doing differently for next year is that we may have a hands on demonstration in the morning before serving the food.

Our featured demonstrator for August is Chris Boerner from the Raleigh area. Chris is a member

of the Woodturners Guild of North Carolina and will be demonstrating hollow form vessels for our club. Chris produces some extraordinary pieces. You can check out some of his work here at <http://chrisboernerbowls.blogspot.com/>

Thank-you to Mr. John Morris of Siler City, NC who was our turner of the month for June. We did not have a turner of the month for July, but this month the turner of the month is none other than our program director Dean Hutchins.

The North Carolina Woodturning Symposium is only a few months away. It is going to be held November 1st – 3rd this year at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center. I am sure that we will hear more about that from Bob Muir. Also Douglas Fisher will be in town for the Symposium and is going to be our featured demonstrator for November. As such, the November meeting will be on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month or November 5th instead of the usual second Tuesday. We will also be holding a 2 day workshop with Douglas Fisher on Monday November 4th and Wednesday November 6th. Dean Hutchins is working out the arrangements on that and will be filling us in shortly as everything is firmed up.

To start getting everyone in the Christmas spirit, the August President's Challenge is to turn a Christmas ornament. For the President's Challenge for September, I think we should follow the inspiration we get from Chris's demonstration and turn a closed form (opening smaller than the diameter of the body) vessel.

Don't forget to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation and monthly raffle!

I hope to see all of you on August 13th.

Scot Conklin
President

Notes from our Secretary:

Unlike other monthly meetings, our picnic is a time of fellowship and that is how the first two hours flew by. I know, as a fairly inexperienced turner, how important it is to have a friend you can bring questions to and have them answered. How terrific it is to ask about a technical difficulty you're dealing with and have two or three really sharp turners offer suggestions as to how you might solve the problem. What tools to start with, Wolverine Sharpening Systems, remounting a piece that needs more work, filling cracks, chuck jaws that don't align, face shields were just some of the many subjects that were covered as the club members "talked shop" and waited for the call to lunch. Tools and equipment were brought in for hands on use. New members were introduced to mentors and several new woodturning relationships were initiated. As a woodturning "team" it was awesome to see the veterans helping the rookies and everyone coming away from this event a more informed, safer and better educated woodturner. Those two hours brought out the best in our club. It's really what we're all about.

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Conklin. The first order of business was food...and plenty of it. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault. Our thanks to the members who organized the BBQ and those who brought items to share in the potluck area of side dishes and desserts. It was just great!

The July meeting was the PTWA's annual picnic. After the food and the fellowship, we had a show and tell of monthly projects presided over by John Morris. John found several candy dishes properly supplied (according to John) with sweet treats. Visitors to the website can see those wonderful projects by clicking on the Instant Gallery portion of the website. Members at the picnic were the first to sport the new name badges purchased by the Board and laser inscribed (at no cost to club members!) by Scott Conklin. Almost everyone left with something, or several things, from the raffle. Boxes with donated wood blocks and dowels were divided up among many of the members.

Thanks again to everyone who worked to make this event really something special.

Respectively Submitted, Jim Rezin

We extend our thanks to Richard Moore and to Klingspore's Woodworking Shop for their contributions to our door prize drawings at the picnic.

AAW Symposium in Tampa:

I was able to head south at the end of June for the AAW Symposium in Tampa. This was my first time attending a national woodturning symposium. Despite the fact that the attendance (around 1,200 people) was down from 2012 in San Jose, there was still an amazing collection of woodturning talent on display at the Tampa Convention Center. Walking through the instant gallery area was a truly humbling experience. With all of the carvings and embellishments that some pieces had, I found myself wondering what part of the piece had actually been turned on the lathe. It was definitely a chance to see some things that you never would locally.

Jeff Schnell photographed every piece in the instant gallery and uploaded them to Flickr. They can be viewed here:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jschnell1203/sets/72157634928964408/>.

In addition to the Flickr page, Jeff also put together a slideshow to music and uploaded it to YouTube. The slideshow can be viewed here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvzxyD_goUM

or you can go to YouTube and search for 2013 American Association of Woodturners (AAW) Symposium. We will try to get these links added to our PTWA site. I encourage you to check them out when you get a chance.

In addition to perusing the instant gallery and seeing some great demonstrations I attended the chapters meeting. The chapters meeting is where the chapter presidents get together with the AAW board of directors. We got a chance to hear from and ask questions to the board about various chapter concerns. One of the hot topics was about the chapter insurance issue that arose earlier this year. Another thing that some chapters are looking into is virtual demonstrations. This is in the very early stages and a lot of things need to be worked out, but basically the way a virtual demonstration would work is that a video and audio link would be established between a demonstrator (in their own shop) and the club. The main purpose for doing this would be to cut down on the cost of "seeing" some professional demonstrators that may otherwise be cost prohibitive for clubs. One of the ideas was to make these demonstrations available to more than one club through a webcast. As you can imagine there are a lot of technical and legal details that still need to be ironed out before this becomes a reality. The meeting also provided a chance to speak to other clubs about what they are doing for fundraising, meeting places, etc.

I also attended the banquet and auction on Saturday night. The food was good and it was nice

to meet and chat with new people. Although I didn't come home with any of the items from the auction, it was a very fun night.

The 2014 Symposium is set to be held in Phoenix, AZ on June 13th – 15th. The 2015 Symposium is still up in the air at this point. If you get a chance to attend one of these, I highly recommend it. It is an experience that you will not soon forget.

Scot Conklin
President

NC Woodturning Symposium:

The semi-annual NC Woodturning Symposium will be held at the Special Events Center of the Greensboro Coliseum from November 1-3, 2013.

Traditionally, we have recruited volunteers to provide housing for the demonstrators who must travel from great distances.

Details of the Symposium can be found at <http://northcarolinawoodturning.com/>. A photo and information on each demonstrator in on the website.

If you live within a short driving time to the Coliseum, this is a request for you to consider providing such a service to the NC woodturning community and to become well acquainted with an excellent woodturner.

If you are willing to have a guest for the symposium, please contact Bob Muir at rmuir2@triad.rr.com or (336) 638-6012.

Photos from the July Picnic





Photos of the July Instant Gallery



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**MEETING LOCATION: Leonard Recreation Center (336) 297-4889).
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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 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 does not exist)**