



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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## Message from the President:

### 2011 Greetings From The Sunny South!

By the time you receive this February Newsletter, January will have come and gone--thank goodness! Scot Conklin had prepared a "delicious" demonstration on Pen Turning for the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, but someone forgot to tell the weatherman. Scot could not get out of his neighborhood--something about i-c-e. The meeting was cancelled, but his demo has been rescheduled for June 14.



**FIRST THINGS FIRST:** We all must stop and applaud Past President Bob Moffett for his excellent efforts and positive results for PTWA over the past three years. Most good things do not occur simply by accident--and old Chinese proverb by AH-SO-MORRIS. Through Bob's devotion/dedication/sacrifice, the other Officers/Directors/Chairs, and with the membership's enthusiastic encouragement and participation, PTWA has prospered during this time. I certainly could write more, but Bob would probably get the Big-Head and be of no further use to his wife, Charlie, his children, and his grandchildren. Therefore, I'll wait and heap more deserved praise on this faithful servant later. P.S. He's already on board for various assignments for 2011.

Now for the 2011 Year: **THE WAGON AIN'T BROKEN, BUT WE'RE GOING TO PUT SOME GREASE ON THE WHEELS TO SEE IF IT WILL ROLL BETTER, SMOOTHER, AND MAYBE FASTER!**

Your **TEAM MEMBERS** (consisting of Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs and assistants, and others who help prepare for and

present to us our monthly meetings) met on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. A lively discussion was held and the tone for the 2011 year's conduct of business for PTWA has been set in place. Within this newsletter by Jim Terry and at our February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, you will observe some of our action. Bring yourself, some axle grease, or WD-40 and let the show begin!

But....among my priorities this 2011 Year are as follows:

1. Retention of existing members and recruitment of additional members (former or new).
2. Provide opportunity for us to get to better know and appreciate each other--we are FAMILY.
3. Demonstrate the VALUE and WORTH of a membership in PTWA.

Members, all above three areas are related. As we all effectively communicate with each other; as we all feel we have input on "What's happening?." and "How is it happening?" and "What else should/could happen?", perhaps PTWA will be more meaningful to each of us.

That's it for now. Come on out next Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the left hand side room and see Lan Brady's demo on How To Cut Down A 4,000 Year Old Redwood Tree and Make It Into An Earl Kenedy 1/8<sup>th</sup> Inch High Goblet With 3 Rings. There is a rumor that Lan and John Morris will demonstrate the Art of Sumo Wrestling in the parking lot after the meeting.

JOHN G. MORRIS, JR.

## Meet Your Officers:

### John Morris, President

John worked and was part owner of a family furniture manufacturing business for over 30 years which ceased operation in 1998. He has been active in the community and his church.

John's woodturning journey began in January 2004 by taking two Community College turning classes conducted by Joel Hunnicutt. John has assisted Joel since early 2005 on a volunteer basis helping produce many of the items he sells at national shows and world-wide. John's primary turning interest is open and closed segmented items, but also enjoys producing pens, winecorks, cutting boards, etc. He claims he does know what a large solid piece of wood looks like and even touched a piece once (a long time ago).

He sells his product through galleries in Siler City, Chapel Hill, and Burlington, but enjoys giving many items to friends and charities. John joined PTWA in 2004, is a member of A.A.W, and Segmented Woodturning Chapter of A.A.W (attending the 2nd National Symposium in Gatlinburg, Tenn. in Nov. 2010). He has demonstrated his craft to several clubs, groups, and at the 2007 N.C. Woodturning Symposium.



### Jim Yarbrough, Vice President

Jim retired in 1998 as Director of Planning for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

He started turning about 1980, and is a charter member of PTWA, but had little time to spend turning until after retirement.

Jim likes to turn a variety of things from pens to bowls and hollow forms, and to try new things he read about in magazines.

Most of his work is given as either presents for family or friends, or donated to charities to sell during their fund raisers. Those who might want to buy from Jim should write a check to one of his favorite charities.



### Lan Brady, Secretary

Lan is a Quality Assurance Manager for Cone Denim, the world's largest manufacturer of denim fabric. 23 years ago, the company moved him to Greensboro from Cliffside NC.

Lan began woodturning in 2003 after seeing demo's by Roy Fisher and Frank Penta. Woodturning to him is a stress relief hobby. He does sell several pieces each year, but he burns more in the wood stove.

He enjoys going to demo's and always makes at least one of the items he saw being made. His favorite turning is a large salad bowl. It led him to purchase a lathe with a 24" swing in 2008.

Lan has conducted demonstrations locally and at the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium.



### Bob Holtje, Treasurer

Bob has had a career in retailing (ladies dress buyer NYC), marketing and advertising. Now in his 25th year working for himself in consulting-advertising, now everyday is a Saturday. Bob moved to Lewisville, NC from Vienna, VA in 2007.

Bob has been turning for 7 years and likes a wide variety of turning but no segmented. He most likes to turn burl - artistic and functional.

He is a member of AAW and also Capital Area Woodturners. He participates in craft/art shows in VA and NC, and has work in Community Arts Cafe, Green Hill Art Center, Uptown Gallery, and Crickets Nest. Bob teaches with Jim Terry and Harold Jones at Sawtooth School Visual Arts. He is on the board of Cricket's Nest, Uptown Gallery Group and Marketing Committee of Sawtooth Center.



### John Moehlman, Member at Large

John is retired from High Point University as Professor of English.

He has been turning for four years, and enjoys turning pens, bottle stoppers, sea urchin ornaments, bowls, ring stands, bird houses, ad infinitum.

John has some things on consignment at The Soap Lady in Jamestown.



## George Sudermann, Member at Large

George is a retired custom home builder. He retired in 1998 in Tucson, AZ.. Having worked in Construction his whole life, he had always had a desire to have a lathe in his shop. He finally did in 1996 and as he says, "I was hooked".

After retiring, he and his wife Lynda moved to the Oregon coast to enjoy the fishing and laid back life style. In 2000 he along with two other turners founded the South Coast Woodturners in Coos Bay, Oregon. He was President for 5 years during which the Club grew to over 60 members. They moved to Winston-Salem in 2006 to be closer to family.



He enjoys all types of turning, boxes, bowls, vessels and utilitarian items. His use of Turquoise to embellish his work is his trade mark. He has sold his work in galleries in both Tucson and Oregon. Although these days he occasionally sells an item or does a commission, he mostly donates his work to a good cause for fund raising as well as gifts to family and friends.

He enjoys being a mentor for the Club helping new turners learn the basics. If anyone has a problem with hollowing a bowl or vessel just give him a call. You are always welcome to come to his shop for fun and turning.

## Our Team Members:

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## Breakout Session - From Firewood to Finished Bowls

On February 12, (Saturday) we will have our first breakout session for 2011. This will be a more comprehensive discussion than our February meeting demo. At the breakout session, we will detail how to cut the log into a well-balanced bowl blank. Then, investigate how to design the bowl for function and appearance. If the character of the wood does not create interest, we will add some decorative enhancements. It may be burning, embossing or texturing.

The session will be at a beginning/intermediate bowl turning level. The session will last from 9am – 1pm. Location will be in the same room at Leonard Rec Center.

Please sign up at the February meeting.

Lan Brady

### Outline:

- 1- Cut log: Length = Width + 10%
- 2- Balance grain pattern and make 2 cuts near pith
- 3- See Maple Design page for an example of layout
- 4- Cut the corners by either band saw or chainsaw
- 5- Balance on lathe by weight
- 6- Round outside and adjust to balance grain again
- 7- Create tenon as holding device
- 8- Reverse and flatten top rim
- 9- Revise outside surface
- 10- Begin hollowing inside
- 11- Reduce to 10% of diameter
- 12- Remove and dry by your preferred method
- 13- Return to lathe and reshape the tenon to round.

- 14- Reverse and reshape the rim
- 15- Now reshape the outside surface
- 16- Add enhancements if needed
- 17- Re-turn the inside
- 18- Remove and reverse to remove foot
- 19- Apply preferred finish.

Footnotes: nothing presented in the demo will be an original idea, feel free to copy anything.

## Turning Tip:

Those little rare earth magnets can be very handy around the shop. Bob Holtje uses one to keep a 6 or 8 inch metal ruler handy at the lathe.



A 1/2 inch magnet will also keep the chuck key handy. Use epoxy or CA glue to secure the magnet to the lathe.

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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 1/4 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

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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>