



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



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Newsletter
January 2014

Message from the President:



I hope that all of you had a very Merry Christmas as well as a safe and Happy New Year. Well it is that time of year again, but don't worry I am not going to bring up the failed resolutions of last year. No, it is time to recapture the momentum we had at the end of 2013 and focus on bringing you more exciting and informative demonstrations that will hopefully expand your turning knowledge and skills.

Our annual club Christmas party was once again held at the Pioneer Family Restaurant in Archdale. The turnout for the party was very good. In fact it may have been our best yet for the Christmas party. Unfortunately, we were not seated in the section that had been promised to us and as such it was pretty tight, but everyone made the most of it. We auctioned off the cowboy hat turned and donated by Jerry Measimer and sold the off center, off axis platter turned and embellished by Douglas Fisher in November. I am pleased to say that the combined sales of these two items brought in \$450.00 to our club. I am also very pleased to say that the gift exchange was executed flawlessly with everyone taking home a gift from a fellow turner. I can now cross that item off of my bucket list, so thank you to everyone for that!



The doctor is in the house for January. I am pleased to announce that "Doc" Green will be demonstrating his skills for us this month. Doc will be demonstrating chucking and will also be sharing some of his turning tips with us. I seem to recall reading a good book on chucking one time. Perhaps Doc can jog my memory at the meeting. I know that you will leave this demonstration with some new skills in your woodturning arsenal.

Our January meeting will be held in the gym this year! I spoke with director Linda Marsh recently and she was gracious enough to schedule the Rec Center basketball around our meetings for us. So if any of you bump into her, please be sure to thank her. It makes conducting our meeting much easier than trying to squeeze into the other meeting rooms at the center.

As I announced at the November meeting, we are still looking for someone to step into the Program Director position. This is a very important position in the club as that person sets up our monthly demonstrations as well as breakout sessions and workshops. Dean has booked demonstrators for January through March, but we need to get someone into that role as soon as possible to begin planning out the rest of the year.

Also, Kim Hutchins has informed me of a change in her work schedule that will not allow her to make it to the meetings until after they have started. As such, we are looking for a volunteer to take over the position of Librarian so the library can be up and running as soon as the meeting starts.



If anyone is interested in either the Program Director or Librarian positions, please let me know

as soon as possible. Even if you are up in the air about either of the positions and want more information as to what the duties entail, get in touch with me to discuss it.

I will again lead us off as turner of the month for January and will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers the remainder of the year.

The President's Challenge this month is to turn a snowman, so if you haven't done it yet, there is still time. Our February President's challenge is finials. That's right, finials are a great way to practice those beads, coves and discs that are the fundamentals of spindle turning. You can even get creative with captive rings and the finial can be as large or small as you like. I suspect that Jim Terry will begin with a toothpick for his blank and go from there.

Make sure to bring in items for our instant gallery presentation and monthly raffle. If I remember correctly the monthly raffle and turner of the month brought in around \$230.00 last January, so let's see if we can beat that this year!

I hope to see all of you on January 14th.

Scot Conklin

President

Notes from our Secretary:

For those members able to attend, the year-end meeting in Archdale was a very nice way to end our year. Wonderful friends, family members, good food and fellowship made the Pioneer Family Restaurant the place to be on December 10th. Stories were swapped, gifts were exchanged and our final meeting reinforced the professional, artistic and personal bonds that makes our club not just a monthly gathering of people, but rather a community of folks who help and support one another to be the best they can be at this craft that we all enjoy.

2013 brought many changes for the Piedmont Triad Woodturners. Big changes included the purchased a new demonstration lathe which our guest turners have since paid many compliments. The Powermatic 3520 has been a wonderful addition for our club and our guests. Additionally, our updated video screens and audio upgrades made our meetings and demonstrations more enjoyable to watch and listen to. New mini-lathes will make our community outreach more effective as we share our craft with more people who may end up

joining and running this club in the years to come.

The biggest changes however; were not in the equipment, video monitors or speaker systems of our club meetings. No, our biggest, most positive changes took place in the shops, sheds and basements where our members worked to be a slightly better, safer wood turner than they were the day before. Our clubs greatest changes occurred when we made a better cut with a well sharpened tool, rotated a piece 90 degrees to get a more beautiful end-product, applied a texturing, coloring or wood burning technique or tried a new finishing polish that produced our best product to date. These changes were not measured in awards and standing ovations, but rather small smiles, the appreciative feel of a smooth, faultless surface or our eye catching the gleam of light off of a well applied satin finish. A simple pat on the back and a fellow club member telling you, "Wow, that looks great!" created more changes and did more to improve our club than all the technology ever invented.

A pat on the back and a little encouragement created thousands of these changes last year and highlighted the strongest, most valuable asset of our organization. What makes our club membership worthwhile is not the technology we see at our meetings, but rather the comradeship, support and friendship of people working together, trying to do something just a little bit better today than they did it yesterday. Let's keep encouraging each other and enjoy all the changes yet to come in 2014. Happy turning!

Respectively submitted,

Jim Rezin

Club Dues for 2014:

Bob Holtje is collecting dues for the coming year. Our dues are \$30 for an individual, \$45 for a couple. **The email lists for club members will be updated in the next few weeks. Get your dues in so you don't miss out in club information. If you have not paid your dues, please mail them to:**

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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 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 doesn't exist.