



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
July 2010

Message from the President:

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good month and got to do lots of turning. From what I heard about the meeting, it really went well and I regret that I was not able to attend. I had some family matters that I had to attend to with my father. I heard that Charles Farrar did an excellent presentation of his work and an informative demonstration. I will be sure to check out the tape so I can also see the demonstration. Thanks to John for filling in for me and for everyone else that pitched in and made the meeting a success.



In July we will be having our annual wood shopping event. This time it will be at The Hardwood Store in Gibsonville. Then we will go on to our picnic at Lake McIntosh in Burlington. We will be sending out maps and agendas. Jim and Rita have put a lot of time and effort into putting this meeting together for us so let them know that you appreciate their efforts. They have secured a shelter for us so we will be out of the sun and we will have plenty to eat, I'm sure. This is always a fun event so be sure not to miss it. In addition to woodturning activities and eating there will be plenty of lake activities to enjoy. **Remember, rather than meeting on the second Tuesday, we will be meeting on Saturday, July 17th.** If you have some friends who are members of the club and not attending the meetings, be sure to invite them to this one.

If, for some reason, you are a member and not attending the meetings, we hope you will come to either our tour of The Hardwood Store in Gibsonville in the morning or annual picnic at Lake McIntosh in the afternoon on July 17th or preferably, both.

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 have all seen Linda's work which is outstanding. So, we can all learn a lot from her. Linda teaches woodburning classes professionally so there will be a small charge 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 be held in Jim Duxbury's shop in Graham. There will probably 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.

We will have our gallery and turning challenge at the lake. These are monthly events in which 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. Remember, we all start at the same place and we are all working together to improve our skills. The Instant Gallery and Turning Challenge are also meant to be a good source for new ideas for things to turn. Everyone should participate. That 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. 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.

Our turning challenge for the July meeting is a goblet. Let's see who turns the most unique goblet. The sky is the limit on how you design your goblet. The only limit is that it can't be over 8 feet tall. We might even get to see some segmented goblets!

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.

Since we will be meeting at The Hardwood Store and the lake we will not have the library available. That means, if you checked out something last meeting, you get to keep it for another month, FREE. WHAT A DEAL!

We will also not be having our monthly Raffle, so save what you were planning to bring in July for

the August meeting and we will have a bigger raffle in August.

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 a specific tasks as well as being a 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. Everyone did a great job of pitching in and helping with the meeting last month. Let's keep up the good work. 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 July 17th meeting,

Bob

Minutes of the April Meeting:

- Vice President John Morris opened our meeting
- Welcome to 2 visitor was extended
- The July Presidents Challenge will be Goblets
- John gave a review of the available symposiums to attend
- Our Gallery was presented by Jim Yarbrough and Mike Thompson
- Bob Holtje gave the Treasurers report
- Bob Muir asked for volunteers for the upcoming Learn to Turn classes
- John M demonstrated the usefulness of a Longworth Chuck he made

- Rita Duxbury gave a Library report
- Doc Green conducted the Raffle

Jim Duxbury introduced our guest for the evening. We were honored to have Charles Farrar as our guest turner. Those of you who have been involved in woodturning for a while know Charles real well. He has been a nationally/internationally know turner since the early '90s. Charles resides in Concord NC. He recently completed his Masters Degree from Lambeths Place in London England. How many of you noticed Charles T-shirt. He was wearing the AAW Symposium shirt from 1995. The symposium was held in Greensboro. Not many of us were around for that event.



We began the evening by reviewing some of Charles past art works. He has many pieces that have appeared in galleries across the country. Most recently a Piece has been added to the White House Collection. Yes the one in DC.



Our objective for the evening was to learn his wavy edge bowl techniques. Charles takes a design moment by showing us a completed project.



He shared a few excellent tips on designing natural looking objects. I did not know that you should (almost) always have an odd number of lobes (scallops) on your wavy edge. Most pieces will have 5. Actually, I had to explore this the following day in my back yard. The man is a genius!

Anyhow, another point was that gravity exists in nature. The piece will appear more natural with smooth flowing curves, including the use of the

Ogee curve in the vase itself. Charles began with the piece between centers. He located the drive center and revolving centers in the pith of the piece. After rounded he decided which would be the better top and bottom? He appropriately added the matching tenon for the chuck. He then transferred the piece to the chuck. Charles noted that on his larger pieces he uses screws into the base for added strength.

He began shaping the vase. He created the Ogee shape at the bottom with it opening back up at the top. He must have had really sharp tools. It only took a few cut and we had an exterior shape. He started to hollow. You can use a larger drill bit to remove some of the material and to set you bottom depth. The most unusual thing at this point, instead of matching the outside curve, Charles created a wedge shape to the top of the piece. Now it starts to make sense. We have a very fluid shape and we enough wood at the top to do something interesting.

Using a black marker, he draws a sign wave around that thick rim. Wait a minute! It has 5 lobes on it. Now I see, he has drawn the scallops. Charles has a variety of tools for removing wood. He uses power grinders, belt sanders, rotary tools, straight line tools and the list goes on. It quickly became obvious that you use just about anything you can think up.



Charles defaults to his favorite tool for removing stock. It is a cone shaped burr in the Freedom rotary tool. This bit will remove stock quickly but leave an edge that appears to be 180 grit finish. As he cuts, the inside of a scallop appears. Now he switches to the next scallop on the outside and keeps alternating. He takes the wood down to match the thickness of the bottom of the vase. In this case, it happens to be about 3/16" thick. Using progressively finer bits and then sand paper, Charles has created a vase that appears from the hands of Mother Nature herself. He has taken a task that seemed nearly impossible and broke it down in steps where even I could understand. We ended the evening with a few questions and a well deserved round of applause.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

July Meeting:

Plan now for our July meeting. We will meet on Saturday July 17th beginning at the Hardwood Store in Gibsonville then going to Lake MacIntosh for a day of fun, eating and

fellowship. We have reserved the covered shelter from 10 AM to 7 PM. A separate flyer is included with all the details. If you have not already signed up, call Jim or Rita *no later than Wednesday July 14th.*

Photos of the June Instant Gallery

When you bring items for the gallery, please log it in so we can properly assign credit.

Photos by Jim Terry. All photos are the property of PTWA and the individual woodturner. You can see the color versions by going to the On-Line Newsletter and the Instant Gallery on our website <http://www.ptwoodturners.org>



Jim Terry – Ambrosia Maple Hollow Form



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Jim Yarbrough – Ambrosia Maple Salad Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Ambrosia Maple Pepper Mill



Bruce Schneeman – Ambrosia Maple Square Edge Bowl



Bruce Schneeman – Maple Rustic Hollowform



Lan Brady – Maple Burl Bowl



Lan Brady – Maple Platter



Charles McDowell – Maple Bowl



Doc Green – Cedar Square Bowl



Doc Green – Sycamore Bowl w/ Oak Rim



Linda Michael – Poplar Sea Shell Bowl



Linda Michael – Maple Box



Earl Kennedy – Natural Edge Hollow Form



Earl Kennedy – Scallop Edge Goblet



George Sudermann – Myrtlewood Salt & Pepper Mills



Bob Blanchard – Pine & Mahogany Bracelets



Michael Thompson – Calalpa Bowl



Michael Thompson – Natural Edge Elm Vase



Joe Ghezzi – Cocobolo & Walnut Lidded Box



Jjoe Ghezzi – Gabon Ebony & Cocobolo Finial Box



Bert Rau – Spalted Sycamore & Walnut Layered Bowl



Floyd Lucas – Maple Segmented Vase



Floyd Lucas – Plywood Bowl



Chuck Waldroup – Maple Vessel



Chuck Waldroup – Vessel (unknown wood)



John Morris – 4-Layer Cherry Bowl



John Morris – Open Segment Pine Vase



Jim Duxbury – Bamboo Stoppers



Dave MacInnes – Ambrosia Maple Bowl

President's Challenge – A Candlestick



Jim Terry – Maple Candlesticks



Clyde Mosley – Walnut Candlesticks



Earl Kennedy – Miniature Candlestick



Floyd Lucas – Walnut & Maple Candlestick



Doc Green – Locust? Natural Edge Candle Holder



Dave MacInnes – Cherry, Burch, Walnut Candlestick



Dennis Ross – Ambrosia Maple Candlestick

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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.

FROM EAST OF GREENSBORO

Take Bus-40 through Greensboro
 Take Exit 212 (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.
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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>



Piedmont Woodturners Picnic July 17th



This is a family event – ALL ARE WELCOME – Spouse, children, grandchildren & interested prospective members

The Hardwood Store of North Carolina

106 V East Railroad Ave in Gibsonville, North Carolina 27249

Get there early to purchase bowl blanks & hardwood at special discounted Club prices. Store Hours Saturday: 8 am -12 noon



One Hour Tour & Demonstration of large equipment - planer, edger, glue rack, and 40" sander will start at 10:30 a.m.

Tons of Native & Exotic Hardwoods, Hardwood Plywood, Turning Stock, Moldings, & Cabinet Doors are available

<http://www.hardwoodstore.com/>

From Gibsonville we will proceed to the Picnic area at:

Lake Mackintosh – 2704 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington (336-538-0896)

<http://www.burlingtonnc.gov/index.aspx?NID=245>

- Covered shelter has been reserved until 7:00 p.m. Barbeque served about 12:30 p.m.



Picnic tables and Benches
Electrical Outlet
Small Barbeque Grills
Playground for Children near the Shelter
Just feet from the Lake

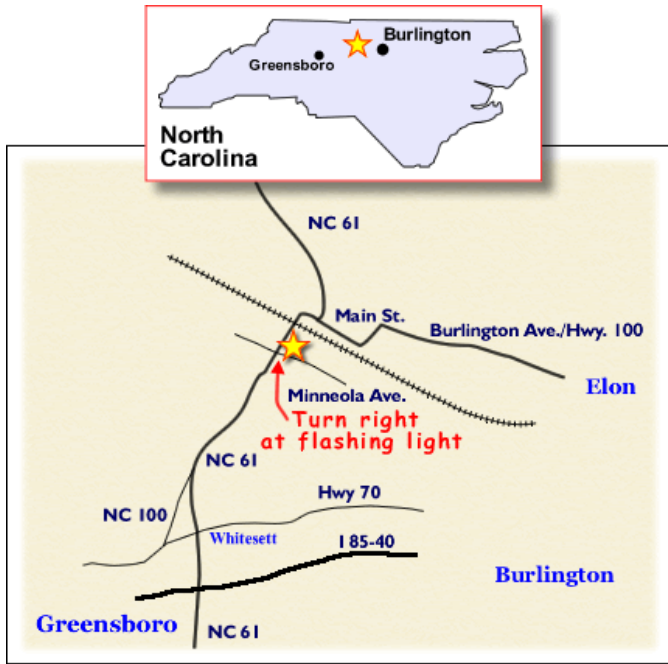


- Rentals: Paddle Boats, Row Boats, & Canoes. Fishing Pier (No Swimming)
- Barbeque, Slaw, Beans, Potato Chips, Sweet & Unsweetened Tea, and Water will be provided. Members should bring a covered dish to share (salads, side dish or desserts) and other soft drinks if you wish. **Bring your own lawn chair.**
- One or more lathes will be available at the Lake for your enjoyment and turning skills.
- A “Show and Tell” table will also be available for Members to display their pieces.
- Door Prize Drawings at Picnic for Members.

RSVP: DEADLINE to sign up –Wednesday, July 14th -We need a head count to ordering the Barbeque.

Contact **Jim Duxbury** at: cyberdux@bellsouth.net or 336-227-7168 for RSVP or Questions.

*** DIRECTIONS ATTACHED ***



Map/Directions – The Hardwood Store –106V East Railroad Ave. Gibsonville, NC

- From I 85/40 proceed to Exit #138/Gibsonville.
- Go North on NC 61 (1.8 miles)
- Bear RIGHT on NC 100.
- Go 1.5 miles.
- Turn RIGHT on Minneola Street.
- Go 0.3 miles.
- Turn LEFT on Smith Street.
- Go less than 0 .1 miles.
- Turn RIGHT on East Railroad Avenue.
- Arrive at 106 V East Railroad Avenue.

Directions From The Hardwood Store To Lake MacKintosh

Distance: 6.31 mi Time: 14 mins

- Start at 106 E RAILROAD AVE, GIBSONVILLE go east toward SPRINGWOOD AVE - go 0.1 mi
- Turn Left on SPRINGWOOD AVE - go < 0.1mi
- Bear Right on ALAMANCE ST - go 0.7 mi
- ALAMANCE ST. changes to WESTBROOK AVE – go 0.6 mi
- Turn Right on UNIVERSITY DRIVE - go 2.8 mi
- Turn Right on HUFFMAN MILL RD - go 2.2mi
- Arrive at 2704 HUFFMAN MILL RD on the Left

Enter Lake Macintosh Marina and take Clubhouse Drive on RIGHT for Parking and Pavilion.

Here are two Mapquest links – first to the Hardwood Store and second to Lake MacIntosh

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Gibsonville&state=NC&address=106+E+Railroad+Ave+Ste+V&zipcode=27249-2306&country=US&latitude=36.104738&longitude=-79.541113&geocode=ADDRESS>

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Burlington&state=NC&address=2704+Huffman+Mill+Rd&zipcode=27215-9253&country=US&latitude=36.03681&longitude=-79.52919&geocode=ADDRESS>