



# Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter  
July 2013

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**July – Picnic – Triad Park , Kernersville**  
**August – Chris Boerner – Hollow Forms**  
**September – Hands On & Tool Sale**  
**October – Alan Leland**  
**November – Douglas Fisher**  
**December – Christmas Party**

## Message from the President:

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It seems like only a few short weeks ago I was writing about groundhogs and shadows, and yet summer is now upon us. It seems as though the April showers have stuck around however. I hope everyone had a fun and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday as we celebrated the 237<sup>th</sup> birthday of this great nation.

For the PTWA, July means that it is time for our annual picnic. By now you should have all received the notice from Jim Terry with all of the details of this year's picnic. We will be meeting at Triad Park in Kernersville. The picnic will run from 11:00 am until whenever. Lunch will be served around 12:00. Power is available at the shelter and we plan on having at least 4 mini lathes for members to demonstrate or practice their skills. Some different size blanks will be provided. If you would like to turn something, please bring a face shield and tools. You may also bring your own lathe and or blanks if you wish. Also members can bring pieces for the gallery table and we will be drawing for prizes, so if anyone has anything they wish to donate to the prize drawing, please bring that as well. BBQ, slaw, beans, chips and some drinks will be provided. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish to pass, lawn chairs and your own drinks if you prefer. Please note that alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed in the county parks.

Our June demonstrator was Jerry Measimer from Richfield, NC. Jerry demonstrated a full sized cowboy hat out of Ambrosia Maple. As a bonus, Jerry was nice enough to take the hat home, finish it and he has donated it to our club. We are planning on auctioning it off at the annual Christmas Party in December.

For those of you who were unable to attend the June meeting, I am pleased to announce that the club has purchased a Powermatic 3520B lathe to replace our existing Delta lathe. The club plans to sell the Delta lathe. As most of you know, we have had some issues with the spindle that we believe have existed since the lathe was new. The bearings were replaced recently but there is still something off on the shaft creating an alignment issue with the tailstock that is especially noticeable with a chuck installed. The lathe will be sold as is along with the 4 casters that we use to move it from the storage room to the gym. If you are interested, please email me with your offer. The board will then review the offers and then make a final decision on the sale. If no offers are received, then we will offer it for sale online.

As many of you know, we have also been looking for an alternate meeting place that would offer us the flexibility of holding workshops as well as potential Saturday meetings. A Saturday meeting would give us a little more time and open up some other opportunities for demonstrators as well as give us the potential to attract additional members from outside our current geographic area. Jim Duxbury has been talking to Woodworker's Supply in Graham, and they have extended an offer to our club. They have offered to let us hold our meetings and store all of our equipment there for free. The only thing that we would need to provide is enough seating for our members. Woodworker's Supply was wondering if we would like to hold one of our meetings there to see how it worked out for everyone. The board discussed this opportunity at our meeting in June and felt that it would be too far

to travel for a Tuesday evening meeting but may be possible for a Saturday meeting. With that being said, we are looking for input from the membership. What do you think, would you like to switch just one of our upcoming meetings to a Saturday (say from 9am – 3pm or so) and have it at Woodworker's Supply? The board would like your feedback regarding this so that if we decide to go ahead with it, then we will have enough time to get everything in place logistically. If you would, please think it over and email me back ([scot@pscwoodworking.com](mailto:scot@pscwoodworking.com)) with a yes, no or maybe along with any comments and or concerns you have with the idea. The board will then make a decision based on the feedback we get.

There is no President's Challenge for this month due to the picnic. July is a great time to start thinking about Christmas, so I have decided that the President's Challenge for next month will be to turn a Christmas ornament.

Finally, don't forget to bring in items for our instant gallery and if you wish for the prize drawing.

I hope to see all of you on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Triad Park.

Scot Conklin  
President

## Notes from our Secretary:

The meeting was called to order by President Scot Conklin.

New members and visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Scott reviewed key items from the Board Meeting held June 8th at the Leonard Ctr. Main points of the meeting included the purchase of a new demonstration lathe (Powermatic 3520), two used jet mini lathes and new name badges for all club members which will be ready later this summer.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$7300 with recent purchases (lathes, name tags) yet to be paid.

John Morris and crew presented the Instant Gallery for June. These projects can be seen by visiting the club's website and clicking on Instant Gallery.

Doc Green and his volunteers conducted the June raffle to benefit the club. Their efforts brought many turning blanks, wood and magazines into the hands of new owners. Don't forget that all club members can donate woodturning articles of any sort to the auction.

The club wishes to thank all the volunteers who stay after the meetings to put up chairs, sweep up wood shaving, put away the A/V equipment and lathe. We would like to invite and encourage all members to help in this effort if you are physically able to do so. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work".

June's demonstrator was Jerry Measimer.

Jerry lives and works in Richfield, NC where he owns Jerry's Drywall and Tile and Shop II Woodworks Studio. Jerry's work has been shown and exhibited extensively and his many workshops and demonstrations can be found by visiting



[www.jerrymeasimer.com](http://www.jerrymeasimer.com). Jerry's area of expertise is making hats from wood. "Cowboy" hats in particular are his most popular and sought after turnings. He has made more than 200 hats to date, including one worn by Miss America.

Jerry's demonstration actually began in the early afternoon, about 2 p.m. when he picked up his chainsaw and cut a 40 Lb. blank from a log of ambrosia maple. He brought the wet blank to the Leonard Center and mounted it on the club's demonstration lathe. He emphasized that a key skill all beginning turners should first master is that of sharpening their tools.

Jerry began by truing up the blank and bringing it into balance. Next he cut a dovetail recess into the end that allowed him to reverse the blank. Jerry cut away large amounts of wood at this point, roughly defining the shape of the hat. His first step in refining the hat was to establish the outer edge of the hat's brim. By using a backlight, Jerry was able to bring the brim down to 1/8 " in thickness. He then began hollowing out the hat. Using a bowl gouge he noted that this part of the project was no different than making a bowl.

He then reversed the blank and placed it on a custom made, Neoprene covered jig with a light bulb mounted in its center with the cord running through the head stock. This back light is a key part of the hat-turning process because it allows the turner to uniformly, and accurately measure the wall thickness of the hat and the brim by how much light shines through the wood. Jerry showed the audience how the reddish-orange glow of the wood meant he had achieved his goal.

The "hat band" was made by slightly undercutting the hat above and below the bands desired location, creating a raised surface. Jerry then used small pieces of exotic woods to colorize the band. He mentioned Padauk (reddish) and Ebony (black) as

being two woods that are excellent sources of color for his hat bands.

With the thickness of the hat and brim now at 1/8th of an inch, Jerry removed the hat and clamped it inverted into another custom made jig. He then stretched large rubber bands across the hat (90 degrees to the grain of the wood.) to begin curling the brim in the proper direction. It remains in this jig for 24 hours and then it is placed right side up with a light bulb above and below it. This accelerates the curling of the brim and the drying of the hat.

Jerry answered several questions from members and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rezin



## PTWA Mentor Program:

One of the discussions that the board of directors had during our meeting in June was about our current mentoring program. We have received requests from some newer turners to offer workshops focused more on beginner and intermediate turning skill levels. I have made a point to mention our mentors at the monthly meetings, but due to our format, often times there is not enough time to talk one-on-one about your different questions or concerns with one of our mentors.

As I indicated, this was discussed at the meeting and the board has decided to implement a new outreach program for all new members as well as members who would like to increase their skills in certain areas of turning. The program consists of two basic steps. The first step would be to establish communication with all new club members via telephone. Jim Duxbury has offered to be the new member point of contact. Jim will be attempting to contact all new members via telephone and chat with them briefly about their current skill level, what type of equipment they have and find out what areas of woodturning they are looking to become more familiar with. From that information, Jim will be able to direct them to one of the club mentors that could work with them on their particular areas of interest.

The second step would be for the club to offer some Saturday workshops (perhaps 1 or 2 per month depending on demand) at the Leonard Rec Center that would focus on improving specific skills

or turning specific things. The workshops would be free to the members and take place in one of the smaller meeting rooms at the center. They would also consist of smaller groups of people with similar skill levels. Some examples of workshops might be finial turning, using a skew, making pens, basic bowl turning, etc.

One of the things to keep in mind is that while our club has members of all different turning levels and abilities, all of us started somewhere. I am a firm believer that you get out of something what you put into it. With that being said, the only way to get better at something is to do it over and over again and continue to refine your skills. All of the members that have volunteered to be mentors have a wealth of information that they are more than willing to pass on to anyone willing to ask them. I think that is one of the things that makes our club so special. I have never met anyone in our club that was not willing to explain to someone else how they made something or where they got their materials or what finish process they used.

As far as the Saturday workshops, we are reaching out to all members to see what they would like to see covered. Email me ([scot@pscwoodworking.com](mailto:scot@pscwoodworking.com)) with what types of workshops you would like to participate in and we will do our best to get something going to address it. Again, the types and frequencies of workshops will largely depend on the feedback we get and participation level we have.

Scot Conklin

President

## Bob Barrett in the News:

One of Bob Barrett's dough bowls made it all the way to Montreal, Canada and made the news there. Check out the following link to the article. Congratulations Bob.

<http://www.theseniortimes.com/flavour-guy-the-bread-and-butter-of-rebranding-with-the-blonchkys/>

## Jerry's Donated Hat:

Jerry has donated this hat to the club. Current plans are to make an engraved stand for it and auction it at the Christmas party.



### Photos from Jerry Measimer's Demonstration



## Photos of the June Instant Gallery

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

*All photos are the property of PTWA and the individual woodturner. You can see the larger color versions by going to the Instant Gallery on our website <http://www.ptwoodturners.org>*



John Morris – Maple Desk Clock



John Holland – Cherry Bowl



Floyd Lucas – Walnut Lidded Box



Jim Yarbrough – Ash Bowl



Earl Martin – Cherry & Ebony Lidded Box



Jim Duxbury – Plumb Bowl



Jim Duxbury – Poplar Bowl



George Sudermann – Honey Locust Natural Edge Bowl



Jim Barbour – Padauk & Urchin Ornament



Nim Batchelor – Mahogany & Yellowheart Box



Chuck Waldroup – Sycamore Natural Edge



Jim Terry – Cherry Burl Decorative Turning



Jim Terry – Ambrosia Maple Square Bowl



Bob Barrett – Maple Vase



Bill Earls – Ambrosia Maple Salt & Peppermill Set



Jack Johnson – Ash Rolling Pen

Jim Duxbury – Cherry/Maple Scoop

Floyd Lucas – Walnut Spatula

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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.

**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.

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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)**