



Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association



Newsletter
May 2010

Message from the President:

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good month and got to do lots of turning. How many people practiced using some of the turning tips we learned this past month?



I thought John Benton's demo on turning tips was excellent. He showed us a lot of good tips that we can all use and take back to our shops. There is always more that we can learn about getting better results from our turning tools and new little techniques to make turning more enjoyable. If you missed his demo, you missed a good one.

For May, Jim Duxbury has scheduled Alan Leland to demonstrate turning a threaded mushroom box. For the people who don't know Alan, he is a professional woodturner and past V/P of the N.C. Woodturning Guild. He has a shop in Durham where he teaches private classes as well as small group classes in many topics. I have attended several workshops at Alan's shop and I always learned a lot and had a good time in the process. He also teaches at John C. Campbell Folk School and at Woodcraft in Raleigh. He sponsored the George Hatfield demo and workshop at his shop a couple of weekends ago. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend that that workshop. It was a very rewarding experience for me. We are really lucky to have him as a demonstrator. He is an exceptionally good instructor and a master at tool control and techniques. I'm sure that Alan will have some things to show us that will help us in our woodturning experience.

John Morris made a few changes in the presentation of the Instant Gallery and Turning Challenge last month. I think it went very well and

was a benefit to everyone including Wayne Peterson and Pat Lloyd who are doing a great job helping with the photography.

The gallery and turning challenge are for everyone. If you are a new turner, don't be intimidated by the other items in the gallery or turning challenge. Remember, we all started at the same place and we are all working together to improve our skills. Everyone should participate in the gallery and turning challenge. That is your time to show your stuff.

The new speakers and stands that Jim Terry got for us are a definite improvement. We are getting a hand held microphone so that when members of the club want to make announcements, everyone will be able to hear them better. Coupled with Bob Muir managing the video cameras, we are producing quality DVDs of the demos. Bob Muir is looking for someone to train to help him with the video cameras. Bob is a great teacher and will help you learn how the camera system operates. If this is something that you think you may be interested in helping Bob with, please contact him.

Jim Terry is also doing a great job with our website and newsletter. Be sure to look at the website and see how excellent our website is. Our newsletter is one of the best around. The website and newsletter are a lot of work and I'm sure he would welcome some help with it. If you are interested in helping him, please let him know. Let's all let him know how much we appreciate all of the work he has done for us. Thanks, Jim for all that you are doing.

If you missed a meeting or want to view a demo in more detail, be sure to see Rita and check out the DVD of the demonstration. Jim, Bob and Rita are all doing a great job of making DVDs of the demonstrations available to you. Also there are many professional DVDs in our library. You can

pay \$1 to rent a DVD or Video done by a club member or \$2 to rent a DVD or Video done by a woodturning professional and spend all the time you want in a month viewing the video on your own schedule. A lot of times you will see things in a video that you didn't notice during the demo. Please take advantage of the library and be sure to thank them for all their hard work.

Thanks to Lan Brady for being Club Secretary and recording what goes on in the meetings each month. This is a very important job. It helps us keep a record of what happens in the meetings as well as documenting the demonstrations. I really appreciate him doing this for us as I would get so engrossed in watching the demonstrations that I would forget to take notes.

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 setup and teardown last month. Let's keep up the good work.

John Morris got a great response to a Segmented Turning Breakout Session. We are planning on having his breakout session Saturday, May 15th. John is a really committed teacher and I know everyone who attends will learn a lot. I know he will do a great job of the Breakout Session and everyone that attends will benefit.

We also had good response on the Mini-hat Breakout session with Jerry Measimer, our demonstrator from last March. We plan on having that workshop in August. We haven't set a specific date but will be an all day breakout session and will be held in Jim Duxbury's shop in Graham. You will need to bring a minilathe, chuck, 3" faceplate and wood. We will let you know more specifics as we know them. 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 have suggestions for additional breakout session topics please contact Jim Duxbury.

Our Turning Challenge for June will be to turn a candle stick. Let's see if we can come up with some really original candlesticks and see who has the most unusual and interesting design. As always, there are no size limits or other restrictions on the challenge, so let's all have a good time with this. You can incorporate any features that you think will enhance your piece. Let's see who can make the most creative candlestick.

Our turning challenge for this month is a trivet. It will be fun to see who has made the most creative trivet.

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.

Be sure to bring something for the monthly Raffle. It can be wood, an old tool you don't use anymore, old Woodturning and Woodworking magazines or whatever you think other members would enjoy winning. Our Raffle is one of the ways that we raise money to support the club and is something in which everyone can participate. Doc does a fantastic job of running the raffle. I have been to numerous other club meeting and haven't seen anyone that does a better job.

If, for some reason, you are a member and not attending the meetings, you are missing a lot. We hope you will come back and enjoy the demos and the fellowship. We have a lot of fun at the meeting and we don't want you to miss out. We will be having our annual picnic at Lake McIntosh this year on July 17th. There is also a tour of The Hardwood Store in Gibsonville scheduled for that morning.

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.

See you at the May 11th meeting,
Bob

Minutes of the April Meeting:

- President Bob Moffet opened our meeting
- Welcome to 3 visitor and 2 new members was extended
- May 15 is the Segmented breakout session
- May President Challenge is a Trivet
- Learn to turn at the Leonard needs volunteer Teachers
- Bob Holtje has plenty of items in the company Store
- Rita gave the Library report
- The Gallery was presented by John G , Mike T and Jim Y
- Jim D updated our next 2 demos

Jim also introduced our guest Presenter for this month. He is John Benton from Fort Mill, South Carolina. John is past president of the Charlotte Club. He has pieces in several galleries throughout North and South Carolina. He briefly highlighted a few of his turned pieces with a few quick finishing tips.



John expresses how a simple thing like adding feet to the project will improve the overall

appearance many times over. John detailed a few ways you can make this happen with off the shelf tools such as a body saw and a Japanese hand saw. Also the addition of ebonizing and coloring the wood is beautiful.

John showed us some of his customized tools. The use of the Inboard Scraper will save you a tremendous amount of sanding. You can go straight to using enhancement tools such as a needle scaler. This item will make it look like you spent hours creating, when in reality it only adds a few minutes.

John begins his bowl between centers. . He takes a moment to share with us a few more tips on improving speed without sacrificing quality. He uses a lock collar to set tool height so that you do not have to guess at it for every adjustment. He also shows us how you can rest a pencil next to the Oneway center and it will draw a line (circle that is the perfect size for the Oneway Jaws.

He uses a spur drive at the headstock and the center point cup (Oneway) in the tailstock. He uses a combination of his roughing gouge and a bowl gouge to bring the piece of wood to the shape he desires. John designs his work to follow the rules of thirds. You must know the rules before you begin to break them.

Remember the foot he drew earlier, well it is time to cut it now. John's tools of choice are a bedan and 3 point tool. He makes sure the profile of the tenon matches the profile of the chuck jaws. This creates a very secure surface. After the exterior surface is ready, the piece can now be reversed for hollowing.

Once mounted, a truing cut is made to the surface. He now shows us how some added decoration such as texturing can be added. It is a good technique to decorate an overly ordinary area or to cover a slight imperfection.



To hollow John uses a combination bowl gouges and scrapers. But first, he used a plunge cut to take a core from the inside. That was a great method for saving a small piece of wood for another project. He has some aggressive scrapers that create a pile of shavings in short order. He also uses the scrapers for lighter cuts to blend the different areas of the bowl.



John likes to undercut the rim. It creates lift and lightness to the project. He continues working until the inside matches the outside. Although we ran out of time for texturing and finishing, John did complete the bowl fast enough for the enhancements to be completed in under 30 minutes.

Respectfully submitted, Lan Brady

Summer Turning Classes at LRC:

Woodturning classes will be conducted on Mondays from 11 to 12 AM June 21 – July 19 for youth at the LRC. If you can help on one or more of these Mondays, contact Bob Muir (336) 638-6012). He can use your help.

Segmented Breakout Session:

John Morris will present “Fundamentals of Closed Segmented Turning” on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Leonard Center. The center opens a 9 and closes at 1 so we must be cleaned up by 1 pm. John plans on having additional information at our May 11th meeting. This type of gathering allows for a more “up-close and personal” presentation than our normal monthly club demonstrations.

In PTWA Store:

The following items are available. Bring your money and see Bob Holtje.

- Thin, medium and thick CA plus accelerator.
- Crystal clear epoxy for inseting stones or powder
- Turquoise in 3 grades.
- Small assortment of color wood in different size dowels, 2.5x2.5 x11" blocks and other sizes. Nice assortment all at saving of 30%.
- 2 bottles of wood sealer.
- Ruth Niles stainless steel bottle stoppers.
- Hook & Loop Sandpaper- We will have sets of 6 grits than can be cut into 2" discs for your power sanding.

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 being distributed with all the details. Be ready to sign up so we can plan for the food and order the barbecue.

Photos of the April Instant Gallery

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

Photos by Pat Lloyd. 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 Yarbrough – Box Elder Bowl



Jim Yarbrough – Ambrosia Maple Hollowform



Pat Lloyd – Beaded Red Maple Bowl



Pat Lloyd – Dyed Red Maple Bowl



Bob Muir – Maple, Redheart, Purpleheart, Yellowheart Rolling Pin



Michael Jones – Spalted Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Butch Hadley – Brazilian Walnut Platter



Bert Rau – Lake Superior Birch Bowl



Bert Rau – Lauan Mahogany Bowl



Jim Terry – Ambrosia Maple Vase



Clyde Mosley – Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Clyde Mosley – Ambrosia Maple Plate



John Morris – Rosewood Pens



Bob Moffett – Cherry Bowl



Bob Moffett – Maple Bowl



Jack Johnson – Walnut Bowl



Earl Kennedy – Maple Legs



Linda Michael – Maple "Leaf" Bowl



Jim Terry – Dyed Bradford Pear Hollowform



Floyd Lucas – Poplar & Cherry Segmented Vase



Floyd Lucas – Maple Segmented Vase



Bill Oliver – Oak Cocobolo Turquoise Platter



Bill Oliver – Maple Burl Bowl



John Morris – Pine Segmented Vase



Earl Kennedy – Maple Squirrel Lamp



Scot Conklin - .50 Cal Copper Stag Antler, Buffalo Horn Pens

Challenge Gallery – Spoon or Spatula



Dennis Ross – Maple Burl Small Spoon



Dennis Ross – Maple Burl Large Spoon



Mike Thompson – Catalpa Teaspoon



Mike Thompson – Catalpa Tablespoon



Earl Kennedy Maple Spatula



Bruce Schneeman – Red Oak Scoop

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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.
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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>

Dues Renewal or Application for Membership Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association

Date _____ **NEW APPLICATION** **RENEWAL**

Name _____ Phone _____ (Home)

Address _____ Phone _____ (Work)

City _____ E Mail _____

Zip _____ AAW membership No. _____

Membership Fee: \$30.00 per year. Combined dues for member and spouse : \$45.00 per year. Dues paid prior to Jan 1st each year.
We prorate dues if you are joining at other times of the year.

For those who desire to receive the newsletter via US Mail add \$6.00.

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