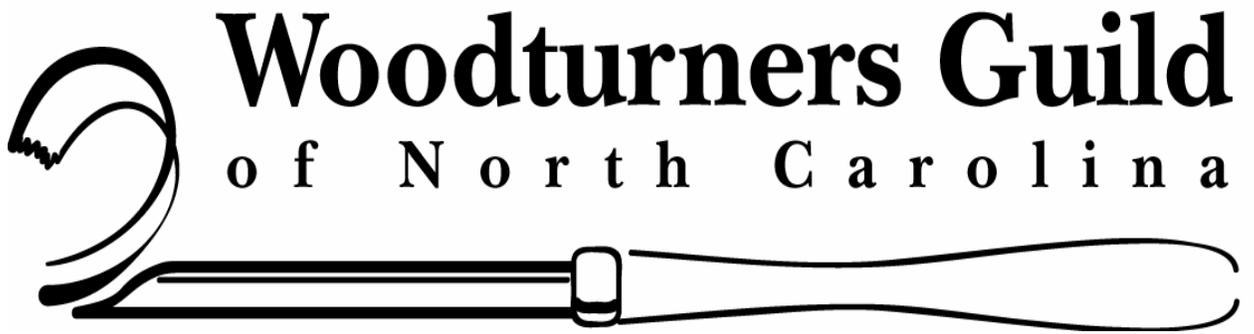


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Treasurer's Report

The current account balance is \$9488.00. We now have 106 members.

WGNC Membership is \$30/Year with joint AAW membership required. WGNC Dues are \$30.00 and run out at the end of December. For WGNC membership, send a check payable to "WGNC" to:

Al Basham, Treasurer
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The Website address is <http://woodturnersguild.com> Your user name is the first letter of your first name and your last name in uppercase. Your ID is the same. Please change your ID and review your personal data for accuracy and add your AAW membership number.

Al Basham

**Welcome
New Members**
Mike Smith of Middlesex
Nicholas Yankoglu
Raleigh
Michael Cain
Raleigh



Darren Gozy

At our November meeting, Darren provided our membership with a demo of his Gilded Egg.

Darren provided us with laminated copies of templates he uses to turn egg boxes. He also distributed handouts on "Sanding, Finishing, and Gilding". See the web-site "Turning Notes" for copies.

Add 1" on either end of your block for chucking to determine your block size. For example, a 4" egg should be 4" sq/round by 6 - 6 1/2" long. Rough down to a cylinder between centers, part down tenons on each end to fit your chuck, and use a 1/16" parting tool to cut down the center line. One half will become a hemi-sphere and the other half (with more figure in the wood) will become a matching cone.

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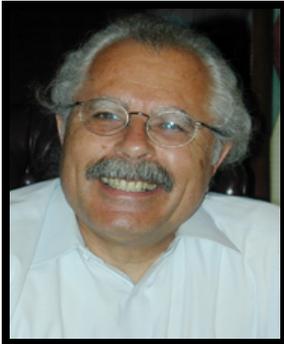
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President's Message



Let's celebrate together at our club's annual Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 9th at 7:00 PM. We have had a busy year, with our membership growing to over 100 members. This coming year promises to be equally exciting with Steve Payne lining up new demonstrators for our monthly meeting and Tom Myers scheduling guest workshop leaders. The Guilds' Craft fair is scheduled for April and our participation is being coordinated by Bob Janka.

Thank you to all our members who helped with this past year's activities. I have learned that it is the active involvement of the membership that makes our club successful.

Frank Penta

VP's Message

I would like to thank Daren Gozy for his excellent demo on turning egg boxes and applying gold leaf to enhance the boxes. I was glad that he provided a handout to go along with his demo. I wish that more demonstrations had handouts.

The Stuart Batty workshop although over booked went off on schedule and proceeded on a well timed and tuned step by step process to familiarize the participants with proper tool technique and to explain why some methods work better than others. I enjoyed watching Stuart take them through the learning process and was treated to a pleasant experience as the light bulbs of discovering age old turning techniques began flashing in the hands and minds of his students. Everyone who attended the workshops gave glowing reviews of Stuart and the workshops. Thanks to all who attended for arriving on time and helping to clean up afterwards.

Do not forget that December's meeting is the annual holiday party. Please bring a turned item for the raffle. The proceeds of which help to subsidize the biannual workshops with internationally known turners.

Alan Leland

(cont'd page 1) Chuck the half-sphere side and drill out the center, leaving about 1/8" shy of the tenon. Part down a shallow tenon on the rim for fitting the cone section later. Hollow out with the tools of your choice. Darren begins cutting the desired shape from the very first cut. His template can be folded in half on the axis of rotation to determine where next to cut. NOTE: If you are turning a 3" egg, use the 3" template!

Strive for as flawless a finish as possible. The gold leaf will AMPLIFY every imperfection. Darren sands with grits from 120 up to 2000. If you will be gilding the egg, use a sandable grain filler on heavily grained or porous woods. Darren likes to use "Famowood" thinned with acetone. NOTE: pay attention to manufacturer's directions and warnings! After sanding, apply a burnishing sealer to prepare for the gold sizing, glue which holds the gold leaf. Use as many coats as necessary for an absolutely smooth and flawless surface. Cut the outside to shape, parting down the waste to about 3/8" diameter. A detail gouge with a long fingernail grind works well at this stage. Fingers can judge thickness quite well as can your ear. Use a hand saw to cut off the tenon to avoid "scrambling the egg". Jam chuck the hemisphere onto the waste block left in the chuck and cut the outside tip to match the inside curve. Use the template as needed to get close to the desired shape.

Repeat the steps above for the inside of the cone section. Jam chuck the cone section and cut it to shape. Darren prefers a loose fit when cutting the socket for the tenon. Then sand the outside of both sections joined together to provide a seamless joint.

Gilding requires an almost brand-new vocabulary and tool box: Gilder's pad, Gilder's knife, Gilder's tip, Gilder's mop, and "sizing" (the glue which will hold the gilding), etc. A very important detail is a "breeze-free" environment when using real gold leaf. See Darren's handout for more details on gilding. Many of the tools are available, either on-line specifically for gilding, or in other forms for the ad-hoc approach. Gold leaf sells for \$20-\$45 per "book" of 25 sheets (3" x 3"). Other metals, such as the copper leaf Darren used for his demo, are available at a lower cost and do well for learning. Darren has provided lots of great tips for turning eggs, making boxes with egg shapes, and gilding. Here's to seeing more of these in the Instant Gallery over the next few months!

Bob Janka

Member Activities



Alan Leland, Bob Ruess and Bob Janka exhibited turnings at their booths at the NC Crafts Center Holiday Fair.



Paul Rolfe is pictured above with his winning wood carving entry at the juried woodturning and carving competition held in Hickory, NC in October.

Merry Christmas to our Sponsors

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Calendar of Events and Demos

**Dec. 9 Christmas Party—7:00 - 9:00 PM
April 23, 2005—Cary Spring Daze Arts & Crafts
Festival (Bond Park)**

CHRISTMAS PARTY December 9, 2005

Don't forget this month's meeting is our annual Christmas party. Bring your spouse or significant other, a dessert (if you have time) and a turning for the Christmas raffle. The turning can be a Christmas ornament or anything of your choosing. Food and Beverages will be provided.

Most important, celebrate the holiday season with us.



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