



Alabama Woodturners Association

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AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209
Web Site: www.alabamawoodturners.com

Coming Events

Next Meeting: "Turning Irish Boxes" by Phil Duffy
Pre-meeting Demo: Easy Rougher
Mar: Spring Round Robin, Swap Meet & Market
Apr: Will Pate: Learning New Skills
May: Dixie Biggs Relief Carving & Workshop
June: Moody Davis—Duck Calls
July: Dave Barriger-Natural Edge Bowls & Workshop
August: Jess Walls—TBA
September—TBA
October—TBA
November—Round Robin

President's Message

We had a good turnout last month despite the cold weather. I was asked by several people if I thought the turnout was going to be low and despite the cold, snow and ice we had 71 people sign in for the meeting. Even with 71 we had many missing and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. The more the merrier.



I would like to thank Bill Hubbard for bringing in his turnings and being the Featured Turner for January. I know this was work packing the items and transporting them to the meeting and we all appreciated it. Bill is a great turner despite having one turning that was questionable (it leaned and had wire holding it together). Nevin Newton will be our Featured Turner for February and I am sure we will all be impressed with his segmented turnings. He does these on a mini lathe!!

We will be having many raffles this year and to begin with we will be raffling off an Easy Rougher. It is a roughing tool that has replaceable carbide cutters. There will be a video demo on the tool prior to the meeting. Several members of the club already have one and have nothing but praises for it.

We are always looking for door prizes to give away so if you have any wood, old tools, bowls, boxes, pepper grinders, etc. that you would like to donate as a door prize please bring it in. Everyone likes to hear their name called to win something.

Several people asked me about the collaborative effort project that I mentioned at the last meeting. I will discuss it again in February and will have pictures of projects other clubs have done. If we don't do one for the 24th Annual AAW Symposium in Hartford, Ct. June 18th-20th maybe we can begin planning for next year.

If you are interested in purchasing pepper grinder kits or bottle stoppers please sign up at the sign in table. If we have enough interest we should be able to get a better price by buying in bulk.

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AWA Officers

President—Jerry Osmundson
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****Notice****
Dues are Due!



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Turning Competition

AWA has a display of work done by members each month and these items are judged and ribbons awarded. Nice work folks!



Diane Keegan



Diane Keegan



James Files



Tommy Hartline



Jerry Osmundson



Jerry Osmundson



Staten Tate



Nevin Newton



Sean McCurley



Staten Tate



One of the many highlights of the panel discussion on wood acquisition was Jerry O showing one of his inventions. I can't remember all of the uses but I remember it could be used for "water boarding". (presumably for people who have not paid their dues). It could also be used to load wood on your truck.



"Dr. Phil" captivated the audience with a discussion on proper lifting techniques, care of the back, proper use of a back support, felling trees, poison ivy and a lot more. It was very interesting.

President's Message Cont.

We had a board of directors meeting and discussed getting rid of some of the old video equipment like the tape player and camera stands, collaborative project, promotions such as demos at Lowe's and Home Depot, Woodcraft, Boy Scout events, etc, hats/smocks/pins with our logo, portable dust collector and insurance for our equipment.

Jerry

Editors Comments Thanks for all the input I am getting about items for the newsletter. I have not captured all the info but would like to get all your suggestions into the newsletter. I am a forgetful old man so the best way to get info in the newsletter is to email the info to me as James Vaughn did. Failing that, if you could put something in my hand at the meeting it would increase the likelihood of me getting to right. Apologies to Bill Hubbard for not getting pictures of his work in the newsletter from January. I had to leave the meeting early and did not get to take pictures. Thanks to Jerry Hanchey for taking the competition pictures.

Other announcements:

James and Mary Vaughn sent this announcement: We are asked to donate turned items for an auction to benefit the Shrine hospitals held March 13th at the Zamora Shrine. It is sponsored by the Daughter of the Nile. A great cause, let's support this effort.

The Woodworkers Guild is hosting a woodturning demo in late February. I don't have the details except that it is all day and the admission is \$75 including lunch. Woodcraft has the details.

Pre-meeting Demo:

There will be a pre-meeting demo of the "Easy Ruffer" tool by Jerry Osmundson. The tool will be auctioned off at the meeting.

Training Class After Saturday Meeting:

Maurice Clabaugh will teach a class on making lidded boxes.



The Panel

From the Program Chairman:

We will have another ever-popular Round-Robin program with some added features coming in March. We plan to have a swap meet where you can bring those tools you don't use to exchange for something "new". We are talking to a wood dealer about bring wood to sell and maybe other suppliers as well. It will be a good time to have a feed at lunch as well. It sounds like lot's of fun!

We have one professional workshop lined up in May with **Dixie Biggs**, the top relief carver in the woodturning field. **Dave Barriger** is coming in July to teach the fine points of natural edge bowls. Dave has been President of AAW and is a long time and popular teacher and demonstrator. He teaches at John Campbell. We are talking to several **top turners** about programs this year and next to continue making programs available to those who want to continually improve their skills through these hands-on workshops. We will strive to balance between the pure wood turning skills demos and workshops to learn advanced techniques in design and enhancements.

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Come and See Us!

Anyone who is the least bit interested in knowing more about this addictive hobby, contact Richard Serviss at (205) 853-2136 or Phil Duffy at (256)355-4201 and they'll happily answer your questions and get you signed up. OR...come visit us at our next meeting. We meet the second Saturday of each month. Meeting starts at 9:00 am, but people start showing up before 8:00 am.

Meeting Location

From I-65 N, exit 256B (From I-65 S, exit 256A). Turn West on Oxmoor Rd. go about .5 mi – halfway there take the left fork at the traffic light (means you'll go straight ahead) – Turn left onto Oak Grove Road and go about .2 mi. Homewood Senior Center is on the right. Check out our Web Site at www.alabamawoodturners.com for much more about our club.