



# AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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### Coming Events

- Jul 12 – Frank Penta (Chapel Hill NC): Platters
- Aug 9 – Alan Leland: Stool, Spindles & Tool Techniques
- Sep 13 - TBA

### President's Message



We had a good meeting as usual in June with a registered attendance of 68. Tony Rae did an excellent job in his demo. Thanks to Phil Duffy for lining up Tony to come all the way from Ireland to do this demo. You can see pictures from the meeting on the web site at [alabamawoodturners.com](http://alabamawoodturners.com). Robert Scheitlin continues to do an excellent job with our web site. Thanks, Robert!



We had a food fest at the June meeting. Jess Walls led the cooking with help from other members and food procurement was done by Norris Jackman (which is the hardest part to me as I hate food shopping). Jess and his merry men had to clean up the grills before they could use them as they were a mess! But all came out delicious in the end. Thanks to Judy, Shirley, Jennifer and others who put together all the fixin's and managed the food line. This was the first feed we have done this year. I don't remember why we haven't fed the membership previously this year except that we normally feed when we have an out of town demo guest when weather is agreeable. So I guess the stars didn't line up right for a meal until June. We will make up for that in August when we have Alan Leland as a demo guest. If we find the volunteers to do it we will have another cook out in August!

It's Christmas ornament making time again as announced by Jim Black. Jim gave us a run down on last year's effort. AWA is listed as a \$10,000 plus donor to the Children's Hospital based on the value of the ornaments we make for the Christmas tree. They auctioned off some of the best ornaments separately and raised a substantial amount of money from that as well as the tree sale. This is an excellent service the AWA provides to Children's Hospital and the community so let's continue to give it our very best effort. Thanks in advance for you time and effort on the project in 2008! For those who would like to learn or to improve you ornament making skills we are planning some skill building clinics starting at 8:00 AM on the Saturdays before the regular meeting. We will have one of our experienced turners set up in our meeting room to show some ornament making tips so you can either learn to basics or improve your technique or get ideas on design.

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### Officers of AWA

- President** – Dave Chanslor
- Vice President** – Bruce Gibson
- Secretary** – Richard Serviss
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- Directors:** Don Blankenship, Kevin Felderhoff, Phillip Fortmeyer, Bill Hubbard, Jerry Osmundson, Judy Osmundson, and Lee Taylor
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- Training** – Will Pate
- Newsletter Editor** – Jerry Hanchev

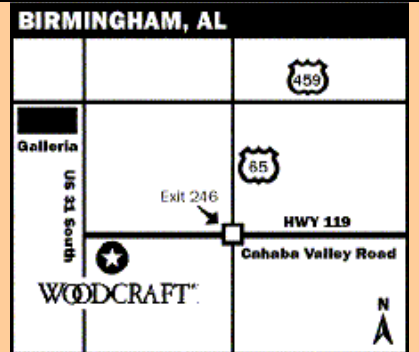
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 Sunday: noon – 5 pm



Go by and see Tom and the guys!!

We had a board meeting at our last AWA meeting primarily to appoint a nomination committee for the 2009 officers. The committee will consist of Jerry Osmundson, Will Pate and Dave Chanslor (I am on my last year as president). If you are interested in serving in any capacity to help AWA please let one of the nominating committee know. Thanks!

The program for July will be Frank Penta who will demo making platters. Not just any old platters but multi-axis turned platters. He will hold a workshop in hands on platter making on the Friday before the meeting, July 11. We had a sign-up sheet out at the last two meetings and eight people are signed up to participate. The workshop will be held at the recreation/ youth building of Oakmont Methodist Church just down the street from the Senior Center. We held a regular meeting there over a year ago when the Center was tied up. Having the workshop there works well because we can have the facility all day long and there is a lot of room. Being close the Senior Center, it is easy to find and central to most turners.

Craft Supplies sends us catalogs every quarter along with enough \$10 gift certificates for us to give them as door prizes for three months as you have probably noticed. They have another deal they have offered which is a 10% discount on abrasive disks and finishes. When you order, tell them you are an AWA club member and give them the source code - CLUBMEM. (they won't ask for it) They also have a deal for a 10% discount on club orders of \$1,000 or more but we have not tried to take advantage of that deal. If you are interested in getting up a \$1,000 plus order let me know. I should mention that other suppliers have offered "deals" but want us to send a mailing list of club members. I am not a big fan of selling mailing lists as I get too much junk mail now. I believe that groups such as AWA have a responsibility to protect the information you give us on your membership form as private and confidential.

Woodcraft gives us a 10% discount on items we buy for the club for our raffles and door prizes and they buy an add in our newsletter. So we like to support them too! We think the new ownership and management out our local Woodcraft store will be very beneficial to our club and our members. Of course EVERYBODY gets a 10% discount for one purchase in July! I'm getting my list together...

We had a raffle at the June meeting for a Oneway live center organized by Barron Bartlett our able raffle master. The lucky winner was Brian Simmons! The door prizes were the usual \$10 gift certificates from Craft Supplies won by Jim Chatterfield, Ewin Jenkins and Harold Hall. In addition, Tony Rae donated one of his bowls as a door prize and the winner was Troy Stroud.

Our bowl turning competition was held during the break as usual and ribbons were awarded for beginner, intermediate, advanced and special. The results are posted on the web site. See you at the July meeting, and turn some Christmas ornaments!



Dave



## Richmond - 2008

Richard Raffan streaming ribbons of maple across the room was just one of the many demonstrations available at this year's AAW Annual Symposium in Richmond, VA. Alton Ray Morgan, Worth Barham and I all attended. Alton Ray brought his grandson to attend the youth turning program and Worth volunteered to assist with one of those sessions. It seems more and more young people are attending this program each year which is a great thing for woodturning in general. There were special exhibits, galleries of great work, special interest groups that met and discussed specific areas of interest, lots of vendors, a large banquet and auction, and of course the demonstrators.

There were about 45 demonstrators doing 165 rotations. Many had "name recognition" and many I'd never heard of before, but I enjoyed all the rotations I attended and learned something new from each one. The Convention Center was actually two buildings joined by a "catwalk" and had more than enough space to accommodate everyone. Each morning and afternoon there were two sessions of 15 rotations each...60 in a day. That occurred Friday, Saturday and on Sunday there was only one afternoon session. Each rotation lasted 90 minutes with 20 min between each one. (That varied on Sunday) What that meant was you'd better do some advanced planning and decide who you wanted to watch before you showed up. If you waited until the last minute, you likely would end up at the back of the room. But with the large screens and a good camera operator it really wasn't bad at all.

Let me conclude by saying that it was worth the trip and the cost. The AAW website has posted a bunch of pictures that show different aspects of the symposium. You can access it at <http://www.woodturner.org/>. Click the symposium link. – Editor

# June Competition

Jerry Osmundson and I had the opportunity to judge the June club competition and there were some fine entries. The Beginner, Intermediate and Enhanced categories only had one member each enter something. However the Advanced category had several very nice pieces for us to choose from. We looked not only at the design/shape of the pieces but paid close attention to the finishing quality of each piece...both

inside and out. The results are below, but photos of all pieces brought to the meeting are on the Web site under the pictures link for the June meeting. Let me add, that since Bill Hubbard suggested we start these monthly club competitions, I have noted that several members have begun bringing better turnings for display with more emphasis on the details. Bill said it would make us work harder and he's right. - Editor



David Tucker – First in Beginner Cat.



Kevin Felderhoff – First in Intermediate Cat.



Moody Davis – First in Enhanced Cat.



In Advanced, first goes to Rob Scheitlin's winged bowl, second went to Moody Davis' Oak open vessel and third was taken by Tom Irby's lidded vase with a finial top.

## Come and See Us!

For those interested in joining our club, it is a great way to share and learn woodturning techniques. With over a hundred members, the experience of our members ranges from novice to professional turner. Some have big fancy lathes and some have none. Everyone who is the least bit interested in knowing more about this addictive hobby, contact Richard Serviss at (205) 853-2136 or Dave Chanslor at (205) 669-5196 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 much earlier. Questions are welcome and answers are plentiful.

### 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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com) for much more about our club.

**CLUB HANDS-ON-WORKSHOP:** - Will Pate

At the April meeting, there were two training classes. Thanks to Pat Johnson, Phil Fortmeyer & Lynn Smith everybody got their tools sharpened just right. Nevin Newton's class on basic segment construction was great and everybody took home cutting jigs and lots of information.

**Remaining 2008 Hands on Classes**

DATE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	COST
July 12	No hands-on class, Frank Penta will have a class on Friday July 11 <sup>th</sup>	(Sign-ups only)	
Aug 9	Christmas Ornaments (limit 6)	Bill Hubbard	\$25.00
Sep 13	Pepper Mills (limit 6)	Phil Fortmeyer	\$25.00
Oct 11	Pen Making (limit 6)	Robert Scheitlin	\$25.00

Sign-up sheets will be available at each club meeting for the classes listed, or you can call me at (205) 907-0638) 9am-8pm to check class availability.

Even if the sign-up sheets show full, I call the week before the class, not everyone who sign's-up can attend, so if you are interested please put your name on the list, you still could make the class..

***(Some class dates may change when out of town club presenters are ask to have a hand-on class)***