



# AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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**Coming Events**

- May 10 – Turning Scraps (Jerry Osmundson, Harold Hall, Brian Simmons, Bill West)
- Jun 14 – Tony Rae (Belfast Ireland) Textured Bowls
- Jul 12 – Frank Penta (Chapel Hill NC) Platters
- Aug 9 – Alan Leland (Chapel Hill) Stools, Spindles & tool techniques

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**President's Message -**

April's program with Worth Barham titled "Design Tools & Techniques" was excellent. Worth talked about the various tools used in turning wood and some ways they are used, including hollowing tools and coring tools. (More on page 2)

The program this month will be four "scrappy turners" – Jerry Osmundson, Harold Hall, Brian Simmons and Bill West in a program called "Turning Scraps". I am sure it will be interesting – especially with that crew! The next month (June) we will have a pro from Ireland, Tony Rae doing surface decorations, an increasingly popular subject as more turners try their hand at adding a little spice to their wood turning. We will also have a cook-out at the June meeting, the first cook out of the year.

Kevin Felderhoff and others had the Anchorseal sale at the last meeting and there is still some left over according to Kevin. I was afraid that the price of the stuff would go way up, as most things have, but it was the same as last year. I wouldn't count on it being the same in '09 though. If you missed the sale there are a few gallons left. Bring a jug.

The Southeastern Symposium was very good this year according to the attendees from the club. Wilford Bickel gave a surface texturing demo at the symposium and we had several members there. We did not have the turn-out we usually have but I think there were a half dozen there. As we have said before AWA is a sponsor of the meeting every year and Pat Johnson is our representative and on the board.

We made a call for Video volunteers to help with the video system during the meeting and had an excellent response. Thanks to John Taylor and Kevin Felderhoff for volunteering to help Mel Brown and Shaun Swanner with the video duties. Don Blankenship is no longer able to help due to health problems. The video and audio system requires some experience and training and really makes a difference in the club presentations so thanks to Mel and his merry men for the work they do.

The last raffle went well thanks to Barron Bartlett and it is getting time to have another one. Give me your ideas on what we might raffle off the next time. I have had suggestions such as another chuck, another lathe, a chain saw, and other tools. We don't try to make any money on the raffles. It's just for fun.

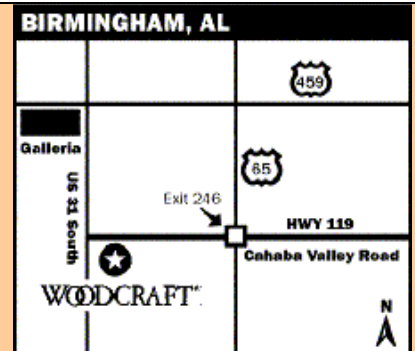
Door prizes are fun too– I have some gift certificates from Craft Supplies and some wood possibly. Speaking of wood I will have some free wood to give away too. I have some Cherry and some Spanish Cedar to give away.

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Go by and see Tom and the guys!!

Some 8X8 blocks of varying thickness that came from a wood products place here in Wilsonville. Spanish cedar is from South America and is very aromatic like red cedar but is not as soft. The wood place uses it in place of mahogany for trim stuff. And of course, Cherry is an exotic wood that only grows in Wilsonville Alabama!

There will be a board of directors meeting after the regular meeting to discuss a few issues but nothing earth shaking. As always, the meeting is not secret and anyone who has a high threshold of boredom is welcome to visit the meeting.

See you there!

Dave



Worth Demonstrates

Worth Barham, as Dave said, provided the demonstration at last month's meeting. You can't help but notice from past meetings and talking to Worth that he enjoys challenges and has explored many different aspects of woodturning. He is quick to admit that he gets ideas and other info from reading publications (he subscribes to several), attending woodturning classes and symposiums, talking to other turners and doing some snooping online to see what other turners are up to. Worth and I have talked on several occasions about those aspects of turning that we're both interested in and as a result I know that Worth likes to "push the boundaries" of conventional turning and try new things.

The result of this is that Worth has learned a lot about our hobby and is willing to share his knowledge with anyone interested in his thoughts and ideas. His demonstration covered a range of topics from the fundamentals which he quickly reviewed using slides to the subject of coring bowls. He also brought along a sample of some cored bowl sets and other turnings. A piece of his work which involves piercings and airbrush painting was also entered into the club competition. Overall good job Worth!

- Editor



Worth's bowls – first half



Worth's bowls – second half

### 2008 – "Hands-On Class" Schedule

| Date     | Subject                              | Instructor       | Cost |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------|
| April 12 | How to Sharpen your Tools (limit 8)  | Pat Johnson      | \$25 |
| April 12 | Basic Segment Construction (limit 4) | Nevin Newton     | \$25 |
| May 10   | Hollow Vessels (limit 6)             | Will Pate        | \$25 |
| Aug 9    | Christmas Ornaments (limit 6)        | Bill Hubbard     | \$25 |
| Sep 13   | Pepper Mills (limit 6)               | Phil Fortmeyer   | \$25 |
| Oct 11   | Pen Making (limit 6)                 | Robert Scheitlin | \$25 |



Worth Barham 1<sup>st</sup> place – Enhanced Cat.



Robert Scheitlin 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places  
Staten Tate 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Advanced Cat.

The **Club Competition** for April had only a few but some good entries to be judged. The results were:



Mark Couto 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the  
Intermediate Cat.

There were no entries in the Beginner category last month.

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#### FROM THE EDITOR –

A couple of things I want to pass on. First is to let you know there won't be a newsletter next month. I'll be unavailable to do it and we need to give everyone time to think about what kind of content we'd like to see in our newsletter. A few members don't have access to our Web site otherwise we could scale this thing way back. Along those same lines, the second thing is I'm again asking for some help with content. Thanks again to Maurice for his recent articles which were very informative to some of our members. A few of you went to Gainesville in April and if someone who took a couple of pictures would like to report on what happened there, I'm sure the club would be interested in reading about it. The three of us who are going to Richmond for the 2008 AAW Symposium hopefully will return with something to report on too. For those who make a contribution, I am very grateful!

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### *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.