



AWA Newsletter



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Coming Events

May 9 – Wilford Bickel will demonstrate the new McNaughton Coring system and maybe a couple of other things. (Check out his article in the latest issue of Woodturning Design.)

The pre-meeting training will focus on jigs and fixtures.

President's Message

It was sure great to be back after missing March's meeting. Thanks to Dave for stepping out of retirement at the last minute. We had another great meeting and had 83 people attend.



Good Turn Out

New guests were: Ginny Bradshaw, Gary Moreland, Boot Rich, Deborah Kinsey, Terry Fisk and Todd Dees.



I am pleased to announce that two new members joined: O.G. (Tut) Touchstone and Randy Darden, both of Vincent AL.

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We would like to welcome the guests and new members and encourage everyone to get involved. Being an active member is very rewarding and there are a lot of talented turners that love to share their knowledge.

Joe Wujcik a local wood turner from Calera, Alabama put on our demonstration for the April meeting. Joe turns professional and his demo was on one of his signature pieces the "Wing Vase." Thanks to Joe for a great demonstration. Hopefully Joe will join our club; he would be a great addition. You can see more of Joe's work at his web site www.josephwujcik.com

There is a lot going on before the meeting. If you have a questions about a piece of wood or tool; bring it in and take it to the "LETS TALK ABOUT IT TABLE". They will be happy to try to answer any questions or make a suggestion on what they see in the piece of wood.

Christmas will be here before you know it. Bill is doing a great job with the Christmas Ornaments for Children's Hospital. This is a great fundraiser we do each year and raise a lot of money for the hospital. Get with Bill and make a commitment on the number of ornaments you plan to turn in for the tree. This is a wonderful project for Children's Hospital.

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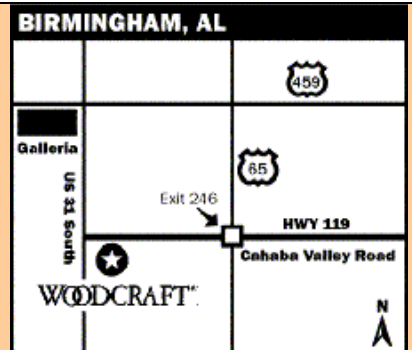
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If you have something interesting you are working on. See if you can get it on paper for the newsletter. We would love to hear about it. If you are like me and have trouble with articles or writing in general, do what I am doing. I am getting my daughter to write me an article. She's writes a whole lot better and owes me a few favors. We just have to work on that deadline.

The May program will be Wilford Bickel, we are looking forward his demonstration.

See you on May 9th

Kevin



Cliff Daniels was behind the lathe during the pre-meeting training showing how to use the Soren Berger hollowing tool. Cliff used the tool as it was designed to be used which is to quickly hollow small to mid size boxes...either end grain or cross grain. The cutting tip, pictured left, allows the chips to clear the tool over the flat ground top of the cutting tip. That speeds up things considerably. Cliff showed how to make fine cuts and also

did some "hogging." One thing everyone became very, very aware of was that this tool makes a racket when getting dry wood down to a fairly thin wall thickness. (Of course it's not the only one).



Next month, some of our club members will be showing different jigs and fixtures they've made to improve their woodturning. Will Pate gave us a glimpse of what to expect before this month's demo.

Report From Gainesville GA

The Southern States IX woodturning symposium was held at the Georgia Mountains Center in Gainesville the third last weekend in April. Our club was well represented with about a dozen members attending, not counting several of the wives. We had a good weekend even though the effects of the economy were being felt in terms of fewer vendors with fewer items on display and a bit less money being raised during the auction following the dinner.

Eight demonstrators performed 40 rotations over two and a half days. Soren Berger was the only "non US" demonstrator and he drew good crowds in each of his rotations. However, other than John Jordan and Nick Cook, there were several lesser known people who did demos that where interesting and contained useful tips and tricks. In particular, I enjoyed Dennis Liggett who demonstrated several things including thread chasing and how to make a small fluted stemmed goblet (the fluted stem is small and contained two different woods giving it a very nice contrasting look.) Another, unknown to me, turner named Alan Hollar from North Carolina filled in for an injured Chris Ramsey (made a cowboy hat for Pres. Bush.) He was an excellent demonstrator and does some very good work with carving both small and larger legs on the bottom of bowls. Of note, he may be the tallest turner I've seen. When standing at a Powermatic lathe his elbows weren't much below the top of the headstock.

Saturday night a dinner was followed by the auction. All money raised by the auction goes towards the educational grants and scholarships provided by Southern States. I believe a little over \$7000 was raised this year...about a thousand less than last year. But with the help of our own Bill Hubbard and Mary Johnson, the auction managed to raise enough to keep the programs alive for this next year. This year's auction only lasted about an hour and a half and that allowed it to be an enjoyable affair. Oh yes...you'll never believe this one – Jess Walls won a full scholarship to attend a class at John C Campbell. So what, you say? Well he got one two years ago. Now how's that for LUCK!!!! When I saw him the next morning, he still had a stupid grin on his face his wife said had been there all night.

One last thing to mention is the opportunity to get some different kinds of woods of good quality (no worms, bugs, cracks, etc.) as pretty reasonable prices at these symposiums. Especially, as the wood vendors start to pack up, they'll often reduce the prices.

➤see some pictures from Gainesville on page 3◀

These are some photos from the Southern States Symposium in Gainesville. Space constraints only allow a few.



Dennis Liggett

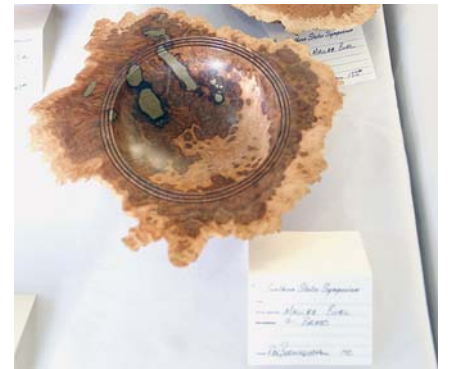


Soren Berger



John Jordan carved vessel on the right
Segmented platter (with ornamental engine made inlay in the center) below

It broke! So what?



Beautiful Red Malee Burl platter by Rex Burningham. One of three



Alan Hollar's carved leg bowl



Suspended Bowl by Jamie Donaldson



Bill Hubbard's Winged Bowl

RESULTS OF THE APRIL CLUB COMPETITION:

BEGINNER CATEGORY –

First – Roger Walters; Second – James Files; Third – Chris Bowman

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY –

First – Jerry Hanchey; Second – Harold Hall; Third – David Tucker

ADVANCED CATEGORY –

First – Mark Couto and Moody Davis; Third – Jess Walls

ENHANCED CATEGORY –

First – Staten Tate; Second – Bill Hubbard; Third – Dwight Hostetter



Mark Couto's winged bowl



Moody Davis' multiple-edge bowl



Staten Tate's turned, carved and dyed bud vase

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, Norris Jackman at (205) 678-9348 or Kevin Felderhoff at (205) 823-2011 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. Questions are welcome and answers are plentiful.

Meeting Location

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