



# AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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### Coming Events

- Nov 8 – Round Robin
- Dec 13 – Christmas Party

### President's Message

We had another good turnout for the October meeting with about 68 in attendance. We had five visitors including a gentleman from Ireland. The program was Dave Chanslor...I know people were disappointed in the program because I didn't cause any explosions or throw anything out of the lathe. It was my turn to do a demo for the program, turning a "transition vessel", a combination segmented wood and solid wood vessel based on an article in the AAW Journal by Jim Rogers, a west coast studio turner. I did the demo for the Nashville, TN club earlier. If you remember, one of their turners, Andy Woodward, gave a demo on platters at our meeting in January



In other business, Jim Black announced that we are up to about 275 Christmas ornaments for Children's Hospital. So all we need is another 25 or so ornaments! Please get busy! Remember, we are dedicating this year's tree to Bill West's wife Billie and Brain Simmons has made a special ornament for the tree that dedicates it to Billie.

We started a raffle for a Penn State Chuck package which contains four sets of jaws, and several other accessories. Barron Bartlett, our "raffle master" says we should get enough chances sold to give it away in November.

In the turning competition held at the break and you can see the results on our web site.

Before the meeting, Will Pate did a demo on using the skew chisel, or rather several styles of skews, which was very interesting. We hope to continue this program feature to expand member's knowledge of wood turning techniques and tools.

The annual CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> starting around 10 AM with lunch about 11:00. We will have a gift exchange and election of officers. Kevin Felderhoff will take over as president at that meeting. He has been campaigning heavily for the office so I am confident he will win. He has raised more political campaign money than anyone else in the history of our AWA presidential elections – phenomenal! I'm sure you have seen his campaign ads on TV. (you know I'm kidding...right?)

Here is the deal on the Christmas Party – The club furnishes the meat (turkey and ham) and the drinks.

The members bring the trimmings and deserts like dressing, 'taters, salads, casseroles, and stuff.

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### Officers of AWA

- President** – Dave Chanslor
- Vice President** – Bruce Gibson
- Secretary** – Richard Serviss
- Treasurer** – Norris Jackman
- Directors:** Don Blankenship, Kevin Felderhoff, Phillip Fortmeyer, Bill Hubbard, Jerry Osmundson, Judy Osmundson, and Lee Taylor
- Web Master** – Robert Scheitlin
- Training** – Will Pate
- Newsletter Editor** – Jerry Hanchey

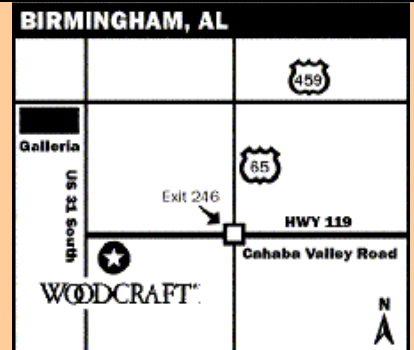
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Some good cakes and pies would be nice too! For the gift exchange, if you and your wife each bring a present, you will each draw for one, if you bring no present, you get no present- sorta like in your own family! We always have a great time at our party and it only lasts about two hours including eating and cleanup. Please plan to come, and if you do plan to come sign up on the signup sheet at the next meeting and indicate if you are bringing your wife. See you there!

One of our long time members, Nevin Newton, recently won the art competition at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluff Park Art Show. Nevin received a check for \$3,500 as the prize for winning the event. Congratulations Nevin! See a picture of his winning entry on our web site.

Phil Fortmeyer, our incoming training director, asked for input on what you wanted in the training program in the coming year. Please give him your input! The training we do is one of the most important things we do to further interest and skill in woodturning in our area. Phil is planning to have a great year in the training program on 2009 so pass along your thoughts, it will be appreciated.

See you at the November meeting! Oops, I will be absent and former president Jerry Osmundson will run the meeting – Thanks Jerry!

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## Club Member gets recognition!!

It always is good when someone you know gets recognized for their achievement. We all know John Roth has been recognized on several occasions for his exceptional turned and chip carved pieces. Now its time to congratulate Nevin Newton for his accomplishments in the area of segmented turning. Unlike normal turned pieces, segmented work requires a lot of patience (that eliminates a lot of us) in addition to the skills necessary to design, cut and assemble the hundreds of pieces that go into some of his work. The following is extracted from the Birmingham News article that announced his first place award at the Bluff Park Art Show last month.

## Greystone man, 76, wins top prize at Bluff Park Art Show

Sunday, October 05, 2008

**VICTORIA L. COMAN**  
News staff writer

Nevin R. Newton's love of wooden art and his crafty set of fingers earned him the top prize Saturday at the 45th Annual Bluff Park Art Show.

The Greystone resident's wooden piece, "Heralding Trumpets," won the Princeton Hoover Purchase Award for the Bluff Park Art Association Permanent Collection. The award also included a \$3,500 check.

Newton said his creation includes 942 pieces that were glued together. It took him about three months to make. He has to estimate the time it took to put it together, he said.

"I don't keep track of the time," the 76-year-old said. "I love it so much."

Other winners in the show included Melanie Morris, who won the August A. Moore Memorial Two-Dimensional Purchase Award with a \$1,000 check for her acrylic piece called "Fish Camp"; J.D. Hayward, who won a Princeton Hoover Purchase Award with a \$500 check for his photo titled "Staircase in Lagoon"; and Nelson Grice, who won the People's Choice Award with a \$500 check for his clay sculpture titled "You Don't Know Jack?"

The all-day show, hosted by the Bluff Park Art Association, was held at the Bluff Park Community Center. Newton's prize was among \$18,000 cash prizes awarded to artists, according to organizers. In all, 23 cash prizes were given out along with one honorable mention, organizers said.

At least 30,000 people attended the event, which also included booths in the community park where artists from around the country displayed their works for sale.



Just a few comments and reminders for our members. First, thanks to Dave for giving an enlightening demo on how he does segmented vessels. He did a good job of preparing enough blanks to show the process without taking the time (which wasn't available) to do all the steps.

I think a good demonstrator provides two things; first, is enough information for those watching to "get the idea" and be able to go home and give it a try. Second, most of us like to see someone "do some turning." That gives us an opportunity to see other turners "techniques" and let's each of us compare what we do to what other turners are doing or how they do it.

So for those of you who we all know are pretty good with the gouges don't be shy about doing your thing for the club because of time constraints...an excuse I often use myself...just follow Dave's method of building some intermediate stages of completed work and then you can turn a little and ~~B.S.~~ talk a lot.

Just kidding Dave – thanks for a very good demo!

Speaking of demos, this month is the Round Robin and we have Donald Payne, Bob Henry, Earl Roberson and Moody Davis doing the turning. Maybe Bob will do his Chinese balls again. Regardless, it'll be fun to watch.

Another reminder regarding the request for input to the new officers and board for ideas about how you the members would like to see things done. Suggestions for the program; both who you'd like to see and what kinds of programs We've enjoyed a pretty good year in 2008 and the new officers want to make certain we're doing what the membership would like. So if you attended the last meeting, you know Worth made a pitch for input and now it's up to us to give him some feedback. - Editor



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## Winners in the Oct Competition were:

Beginner category – Henry Wilson with a Bradford Pear Bowl

No entries in Intermediate category

Advanced category – First place was Jess Walls with a set of Ambrosia Maple Bowls, second and third places went to Staten Tate with a Water Oak bowl and a White Pine bowl.

Enhanced category – First place was John Roth's turned and carved egg box, second place went to Tom Irby for his larger Poplar bowl.

*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.