



AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209
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Coming Events

- Oct 11 – Dave Chanslor
(Training is Pen Turning – Rob Scheitlin)
- Nov 8 – Round Robin
- Dec 13 – Christmas Party

President's Message

We had a good turn out for the September meeting with about 70 in attendance. A whole "passel" of folks from Pell City came to visit us. Worth Barham filled up his bus and brought a crowd! Yea Pell City – Go Worth! We had a good program with two able turners from our own club doing back to back demonstrations. Bill Hubbard showed us the art of making fine finials for Christmas ornaments. He makes some very slender finials with his technique. He helped me improve my finials with his technique. After Bill finished his demo, Wilford Bickel gave us instructions on how to use a Bedan. I got all mixed up and introduced his program as how to use a bidet – that European toilet thing – but before everybody left the room I corrected my mistake and we were able to have the demo in spite of my error. I personally learned a lot about the bidet – er – Bedan (my spell checker wants to change the word to "bed pan" – I think my computer's mind is in the toilet!) Wilford always makes a thorough presentation and this was no exception. It made me want to go out and buy a bedan but I already have twice as many tools as I know how to use. Thanks for a great demo Wilford.



In other business, Jim Black announced that we are up to about 185 Christmas ornaments for Children's Hospital. So all we need is another 150 ornaments! Please get busy! As many of you know the wife of our most senior member, Bill West, passed away recently. Bill and his family have led the decoration of the Children's Hospital tree for many years. We are dedicating this year's tree to his wife Billie and Brian Simmons is making a special ornament for the tree that dedicates it to Billie. We had a raffle for a texturing tool organized by Barron Bartlett which started August and went into September. The lucky winner was Phil Duffy who had a big day as you will see later on. What's next in the raffle business? Penn State sells a chuck package that includes all the jaws and tools you need for it at a very reasonable price so we will raffle that off next time and we can all get a good look at their latest offering in that area. I have their first generation chuck and four sets of jaws (\$150) and it has held up very well for four years so far.

We drew for door prizes at the end of the meeting and three people walked away with \$10 gift certificates from Craft Supplies– Alvis Garretson, Lee Michaels and Greg Faulkner.

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In the turning competition held at the break, we didn't have any entries in the beginner or intermediate categories. I guess our turners are all so good... or maybe the beginners and intermediate turners are too bashful to show their work. I hope you will bring some of your work for display and for the competition. The winners were:

Advanced – Staten Tate 1st, Bruce Gibson 2nd,

Enhanced – Phil Duffy 1st, Jess Walls 2nd

I didn't get the third place names – sorry!

Before the meeting in October, Will Pate will have a tool hands-on tutorial and mini-workshop. Our Christmas ornament mini-workshops before the meeting were well received so we are continuing that with other skill building activities. Come early (around 8:00 AM) and bring your favorite tool or a tool you want to learn more about.

The nominating committee met after the September meeting to develop a proposed slate of officers for 2009. The committee consisted of Will Pate, Jerry Osmundson and Dave Chanslor.

The proposed slate is:

President – Kevin Felderhoff

VP (Program Chairman)– Worth Barham

Treasurer – Norris Jackman (returning)

Secretary – Richard Serviss (returning)

Training – Phil Fortmeyer

Newsletter – Jerry Hanchey (last time)

Web Site – Robert Scheitlin

Directors:

New – Brian Simmons, Jess Walls, Donald Payne

Returning – Don Blankenship, Judy O, Bill Hubbard, Dave Chanslor (as out going president)

See you at the October meeting!

Dave



A nice natural edge bowl from the Sep mtg.

From the editor...

Since I wasn't at the last meeting, I didn't get any pictures nor info, other than what Dave wrote. Ray Morgan did take some very nice pictures which he posted on the Shutterfly Website and sent to me and Rob. Unfortunately, the one on the left is the only one I could get off the site to use in this newsletter. I also noticed Rob hasn't posted any pictures from the September meeting on our Web site and so I assume he wasn't able to attend either.

So, you might be wondering "what's my point?" It's that there isn't much to put in the newsletter this month. And once again, I'm asking for member input. Most of you have computers and I'm willing to bet many of you have something on your mind you'd like to share with the rest of the club. Maybe it's a trip report on a turning class or symposium you attended or maybe it's an article or technique you've read or learned. If you have some pictures to go with it...that would be great; but if not, we can use just the text. Don't be shy about writing. I will edit if you say it's OK and if you don't, I'll still correct any grammar or spelling errors. Let's get some interesting material in this newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Thanks...

Also, a reminder about Christmas ornaments. If we need another 150, that means if only 15 members turn some in, they would each have to do 10. But if everyone who's been "learning" how to do this, does 4 or 5, we should achieve our goal easily. And last thing is **we can turn in ornaments through the Nov meeting this year due to a change in the tree decorating date.**

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.