



AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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Coming Events

Apr 11 – Joseph Wujcik will demonstrate his hollow vessel techniques for the main meeting demo.

The pre-meeting demo at 8:00 will be Cliff McDaniels showing use of the Berger Tool.

Apr 9 – Wilford Bickel demos new tools

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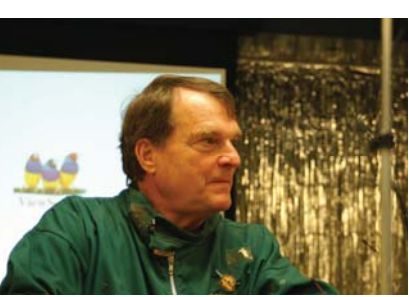
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President's Message

Gee whiz, the word must have gotten out that I was chairing the AWA meeting in March! We had 90 people in attendance! (Ha Ha!) Actually we kept it a secret so folks wouldn't stay away... Kevin had some business to attend to and it's no secret that I like to run my mouth and have a microphone and a captive audience so there I was. Kevin is doing a great job this year and we are lucky to have him as president. Since I was there and he wasn't, I agreed to do the newsletter this time.

A lot was going on that Saturday of the meeting. Ronnie Perkins demonstrated scrapers and how versatile they can be and the different kinds of scrapers. We had our "Let's Talk About It" table with pieces from Maurice Clabaugh, Jim Black, Jerry Hanchey and Will Pate.

The program was Bill Hubbard turning natural edge bowls. As you might expect from Bill, it was a very interesting and informative demo. He turned two natural edge bowls and didn't take long to do it.



The video is already available for the demo and it should be a good one. The program for April will be Joe Wujcik from Alabaster, a professional woodturner who specializes in turning burls. He did a demo for the Woodworkers Guild recently at their new Maylene shop and I hear it was excellent. Don't miss the April meeting! Also at the next meeting Cliff Daniels will do a pre-meeting demo using the Bergen hollowing tool. The May meeting program will be Wilford Bickel and June will be Larry Thomas. Check our web site for details.

In other news, Barron Bartlett tells me that there will be another raffle soon. The "raffle master" says that Maurice Clabaugh is donating a piece that he has turned to be raffled off. Thank you Mr. Clabaugh!

We had good participation in the woodturning exhibit in March and the pictures are already on the web thanks to webmaster Robert Scheitlin. The turned hat with the question marks under it was turned by Ronnie Perkins I believe.



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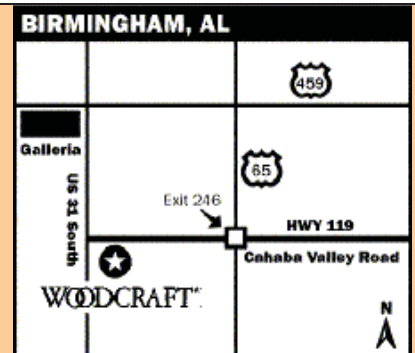
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Thanks to Greg Faulkner for taking over the library duties. If you haven't looked at the videos in the library check it out. There is some very good stuff in there.

We mentioned the Anchorseal (end sealer for fresh cut wood) sale in the March meeting but that will be delayed so we will keep you posted as to when it will be held. Keep gathering up your one gallon jugs.

One last thing before I sign off. I was talking to Will Pate about shop visits to other members' shops. This is a great way to learn and many of our turners have an open door policy for their shops. I have been to a number of member's shops and have always welcomed folks to my place although I am way out in the boondocks in Wilsonville. It gives me an excuse to clean up the shop and find all my tools. We would like to encourage new turners to take advantage of this opportunity to learn and even our most experienced turners say they learn something when they visit other shops. Maybe we can discuss a program to encourage shop visits at the next meeting if there is interest.

Well it's been fun filling in for Kevin but I think I will go back into retirement!
Happy turning...

Dave Chanslor

MARCH COMPETITION was another good one. The beginner's category had very nice entries by some of our newer members. And the advanced entries, all bowls, were extremely well done. I'm glad I didn't have to judge that one. Rob Scheitlin has done an excellent job of placing all the entries on our Web site under the pictures link, so go take a look.



Beginner
1-Craig Faulkner
2-Jerry Talley
3-Roger Walters

Advanced
1-Mark Couto
2-Tom Irby
3-Jess Walls

Intermediate
1-Ray Morgan

Enhanced
1-Bill Hubbard
2-Rob Scheitlin
3-Moody Davis

Mark Couto's natural edge shallow cherry bowl

Pre Meeting Demos & Let's Talk About It Table – Will Pate

Ronnie Perkins pre-meeting demonstrated how to get a clean cut with a sharp scraper. Scrapers are very important tools used to make thin wall vessels.

The new "Let's Talk About It Table" got off to a great start. Maurice's creation gave all of us inspiration to create our own works of art. Jim Black's natural edge bowl wall thickness & edge balance was just right. Jerry Hanchey's piece of mesquite burl would be best utilized with a coring system.

Parting thought, Design is ultimately in the eye of the artist. For Questions or suggestions please call - Will Pate 205-907-0638

PRE-MEETING SCHEDULE...from 8 to 9 a.m. before each meeting.

April 11	Berger Tool	Cliff Daniels
May 9	Jigs & Fixtures	Club Members
June 13	Off-Set Turning	Bob Henry
July 11	Bowl Gouge	Staten Tate
August 8	Parting Tools	Moody Davis
September 12	Spindle Gouges	Bruce Gibson
October 10	Beal Buffing System	Maurice Clabaugh
November 14	Round Robin Turning	6 Club Members
December 12	Christmas Party	

SOME GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ First is to repeat what Dave said about the anchor seal. It's postponed for now because of some logistics issues. So don't bring your jugs thinking there will be any at the April meeting. Updates will be announced at the meeting.

☞ Next is a "heads-up" on Wilford's demo in May. He's established a relationship with Kel McNaughton in New Zealand and will be showing us some new tools that McNaughton has developed. Many are already familiar with the McNaughton Center Saver System (coring tools) and a new, improved version is being released which supposedly makes the coring operation "easier" to perform. It also comes in a size which will allow it to be used on a mini-lathe and will be demonstrated by Wilford during his demo. He says he'll also show us some other new things. Should be interesting.

☞ **DUES ARE PAST DUE!** This will be our fourth meeting and if you haven't paid your dues yet you need to "get'er done" so you aren't taken off the newsletter list. (I realize that won't make a difference to many but it's easier than blockading the door 😊). At the very least you can give Norris an IOU. If you don't remember whether you've paid...ask Norris.

☞ **DON'T FORGET THE SOUTHERN STATES IX SYMPOSIUM** will be April 24-26 in Gainesville, GA. If you are going and haven't talked to Pat Johnson about helping for a little bit, please do. As one of the symposium sponsors we have an obligation to support this event and I don't want to have to run the camera at all the rotations. Email Pat at wturn@bellsouth.net or call him at 334 567-8412.

Here's the current schedule for our Training Classes

April 11th class will be turning a wooden bell with Jim Black. As most know Jim was in charge of coordinating our Christmas Tree Ornament program. Jim has made many of these beautiful bells and will share his expertise with class participants to see how this process of turning can result in a Christmas bell, or by turning a base on the handle end a goblet/chalice or by sawing off part of the turning making a practical and useful wooden scoop.

May 9 th	TBA	
Jun 13 th	Tool Making	Bill West
Jul 11 th	Binh Pho	
Aug 8 th	Christmas Ornaments	Bill Hubbard
Sep 12 th	Offset Winged Vessel	Dave Chanslor
Oct 10 th	TBA	
Nov 14 th	Round robin	
Dec 12 th	Christmas Party	

Check the sign-in book at the meeting. Some classes are full and others still have openings.

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

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.