



Alabama Woodturners Association

AWA Newsletter

April 2011



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209
Web Site: www.alabamawoodturners.com

Coming Events

Apr: Dean Black
May: Shaun McCurley
June: Rudy Lopez: "Natural Edged Winged Bowls"
July: TBA
August: TBA
September: TBA
October: TBA

Our March meeting week end was a great success. Mark Gardner was in town from North Carolina. We had our Saturday morning demonstration at the Homewood Senior Center and an afternoon demo at Woodcraft. We also had workshops with Mark on Friday and Sunday. As a result of these demos and workshops we picked up two new members.



Phil Duffy informs me we have over 100 paid members this year. If you have not paid you dues, see Phil. Our out of town demonstrators can get very expensive. We support these demonstrators out of your dues.

Officers of AWA

President – Richard Serviss
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My thanks to Moody Davis and his committee; Jess Walls, Jerry Hanchey and Will Pate for their great work in lining up the demos and workshops. Future demonstrators are listed in the newsletter.

Our demonstrator this month will be Dean Black of Blackwood Gallery in Springville. We are discussing a workshop at the gallery in Springville at a later date. As soon as the details are worked out, we will get them too you. We will have a raffle of a \$100 Woodcraft gift card this month. We will also have a \$10 Woodcraft gift card as a door prize.

The show and tell was a great success last month. Bring your turnings for everyone to view and discuss.

How are the Christmas Tree Ornaments coming? We need over 300. Let's get them done early, rather than late. Phil Fortmeyer has Saturday afternoon training classes on his schedule. If you need some hands on training, see Phil to get on his roster.

I look forward to having another great meeting and demonstration this month. See you at the meeting on April 9th.

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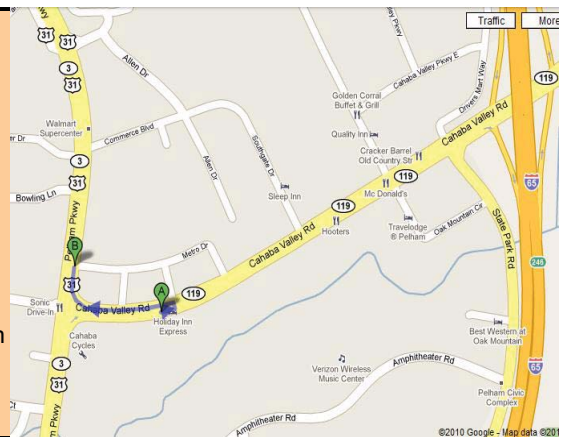
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Sunday: noon – 5 pm



March Meeting Highlites (Thanks to Jerry Hanchey)



Something Maurice



Something Textured



Something Box Elder

Show and Tell

We had a "Show & Tell" at the March meeting and it was well received. Bring something you are working on to the next meeting so the members can see what you are doing. No competition, just talk about what you are doing (if you want to) and hear and see what others are doing AND maybe get some new ideas! .



Something Chewed



Buckeye Burl



Something Old



Box Elder Vessel



Pepper Mill

Mark Gardner Hands-on Work Shop

Will Pate coordinated a workshop held at the Woodcraft store (thanks, Jay) while Mark was in town on Friday and on Sunday. The Friday class made a closed vessel and the Sunday class made a thrice (3 times) turned bowl. This was definitely hands –on as you can see from the pics below:



Sunday's Work
(Not the donuts)



Friday's Work



Woodcraft's Training Facility



What Doin?



Here's How-2



Alien Visitor?



Turners Working



Here's How



'Take the square Root...



Where's my bowl?

Anyone who is the least bit interested in knowing more about this addictive hobby, contact Richard Serviss at (205) 853-2136 or Phil Duffy at (256)355-4201 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

Meeting Location—816 Oak Grove Rd. Homewood AL

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.

COMING IN JUNE: RUDY LOPEZ

Rudy will be our Program for June
Also: Sign up for hands-on workshops!



Although he is a relatively new wood artist, Rudolph Lopez has always had a love of natural objects and the environment in which they flourish. Growing up on a cattle ranch in Florida with his father and uncles who spent most of their time in the woods, he grew to love the outdoors... trees, water and all things relating to nature. To this day, Rudy's greatest pleasures come from mountain-biking, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and just being in the woods.

Rudy began working with his hands at a very young age and began to develop his creative eye through photography—his first artistic pursuit. With an education in drafting

and design, he drew inspiration from the surroundings of his youth, Rudy began his relationship with wood as a craftsman of fine furniture and cabinetry. His desire to explore wood-turning began to develop when he received a natural-edge turned bowl as a Christmas gift from his best friend two years ago. Since that time, Rudy's natural sense of curiosity has led him to explore the techniques necessary to transform wood from a simple rough chunk into an piece of aesthetic beauty. He has the ability to look at an object, understand



how it is made, and recreate it with very little effort. It is as if his brain is linked to his hands by some arcane memory.

When asked what kind of wood he most likes to turn, Rudy's response was, "imperfect wood, wood with knots, voids, worm holes, decay or any other flaw or defect. To me this is the beauty that God and nature has provided me with as a starting point, and then it becomes a challenge for me to continue this and create something of beauty for others to enjoy". Rudy's turned pieces have been featured in the "Rounding The Four Corners" exhibit 2008 and "Restful Places-Cremation Urns and Objects" 2009 at the



AAW Gallery of Wood Art in St. Paul, Minnesota.

We should have more information about the hands-on workshops at the meeting on April 9th.