



Alabama Woodturners Association

AWA Newsletter

August 2010



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

August: Jess Walls—Turning a Weed Pot
Pre Meeting: Mel Brown
September—Jimmy Greenwood—Tennessee Club—Turning Hollow Forms
Pre Meeting: Wilford Bickel
October—Craig Jackson—Easy Rougher
November—Round Robin
December—Christmas Party
January 2011—TBA

Dave Barriger - The Natural

Dave Barriger came to Birmingham last month to put on a workshop on the Friday before the meeting and demo for the Saturday meeting. Both events were well attended and well worth while. Dave is very knowledgeable about what a tree is about and while he was demonstrating his skills at turning wood he educated us about the makeup of trees and about turning green wood. He turned a couple of natural edged bowls during the session, one of which we gave away as a door prize. I bought a copy of the CD so I could review all he said about trees and try to soak up the details. Now where did I put that CD...



Dave's visit was a special treat for those of us who like turning natural edge bowls and want to know all about trees before they become bowls.

AWA Officers

President—Jerry Osmundson
Vice President—Dave Chanslor
Secretary—Richard Serviss
Treasurer—Phil Duffy
Directors—Judy Osmundson, Donald Payne, Jess Walls, Brian Simmons, Moody Davis, Laura Reder, Tom Corbett
Web Master—Robert Scheittlin
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Newsletter Editor—Dave Chanslor



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****Notice****
Make tops and ornaments!



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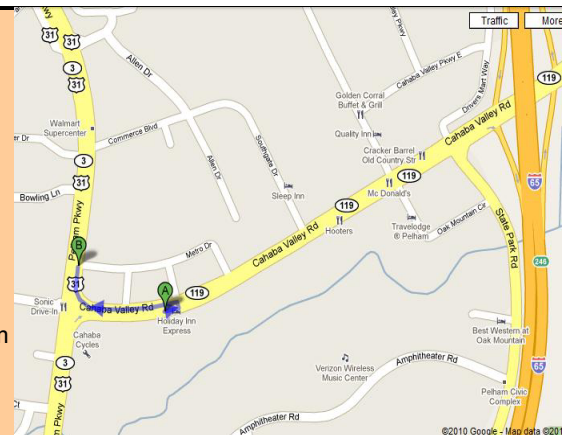
Store Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 am – 7 pm

Thursday: 9 am – 9 pm

Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm

Sunday: noon – 5 pm



Turning Competition

AWA has a display of work done by members each month and these items are judged and ribbons awarded. Nice work folks!

ADVANCED



Bob Henry

ENHANCED OR SEGMENTED



Larry Thomas



Larry Thomas



Tommy Hartline



Mark Couto



Larry Thomas

It's ornament time again and Christmas is on the way! We are off to a slow start (as usual) so it is time to take up the slack! We tend to think Christmas in December for some reason but smart shoppers start early and the same is true for the 300 + ornaments we need to make before the deadline of the October meeting—just over two months away.



Chuck and Jennifer Smith are the chair persons this year for the annual event. AWA gets a lot of good publicity out of this effort and it a great charity to support Children's Hospital. Let's fill up those boxes Chuck and Jennifer put out for the Christmas ornaments for charity. Thanks!



President's Message:

I am on VACATION!

See you in August!

Jerry

Note from the editor:

Jerry will be back for the next meeting and I would like to remind you that the AWA does not run on "automatic". It takes involvement from many members to make things run and hopefully smoothly as it does with Jerry O. at the helm. However Jerry has decided not to seek the office of president next year and that goes for the vice president as well. A nominating committee has been appointed to identify candidates for all of the officers for 2011. The nominating committee members are: **Moody Davis, Richard Service and Brian Simmons**. They are charged with getting the slate of officers for nomination and we wish them the best. If you are interested in helping the AWA succeed, offer your services in one of the jobs such as President, Vice President, secretary, treasurer, program chairman, librarian, video operator, web master, training coordinator, newsletter editor and six or seven board members. That's a lot of people so please get involved.

Several of the current officers and volunteers will continue next year but there is plenty of room for you in the AWA organization.

Pre-meeting Demo: Bill West making spinning tops

Bill has made hundreds if not thousands of tops for kids. He demonstrated a production method of turning tops on a mass production scale using a dowel for a spindle and decorating with a chatter tool.

Thanks, Bill!



Dave Barriger Workshop



The workshop was held on Friday before the July meeting at the Woodcraft store. Thanks the Jay and the guys for letting us use their nice training area!

Editors Comments:



Don't forget about the tops!

Well it's summer time and since I am retired I don't get any vacation like our president. However, your editor is definitely in the summer doldrums. We will have Jess Walls as our demonstrator in August and he will show us how he make a very interesting weed pot! Our demonstrator for September is from the Tennessee Woodturners Association, Jim Greenwood. Jim is a very accomplished turner and will do a great demo. Moody Davis will demo at TWA as part of a swap of demos.

Come and See Us!

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 showing up before 8:00 am.

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.