



AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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Coming Events

Feb 14 – Demo by Don Russell

President's Message

We had a great January meeting and had 85 people attend with several guests; Marvin Little, Billy Higginbotham, and Mady Absher. Also, we had a few new members to join, Jerry Talley of Glencoe, Marianne Patton of Wenatchee Washington, Dwight Hostettler of Chelsea and, Thomas Hartline of Attalla. There is no question that Marianne won the Traveling the greatest distance award. We would like to welcome the guests and new members and encourage everyone to get involved it can be very rewarding and there are a lot of talented turners that love to share their knowledge.



John Lucas a wood turner for 20 years who is an instructor for Arrowmont and the Appalachian Center for Crafts put on a fine demonstration on how to use a router along with your lathe as additional element to your woodturning.

During the next few meetings we will be walking around with a list of people who have not had their picture taken for the directory. Robert Scheitlin our webmaster will be taking the pictures. With all the new members and our membership growing it is hard to remember everyone's name. Be sure to check out the member picture gallery on our AWA Web Site.

During the meeting we had a drawing to cover the Registration Fee to the Southern States Woodturning Symposium in April. This \$140 value was presented by Pat Johnson and congratulations to Bill Hubbard for winning this.

Setting up and tearing down for each meeting is a big task and it takes a lot people to pull it off each month. If you would like to help, here is a list of the teams and the leaders. Please look them up if you would like to get involved.

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| 1. Donuts – | Richard Serviss |
| 2. Refreshments - | Judy Osmundson & Shirley Thomas |
| 3. Set Up / Tear Down Lathe - | Jess Walls |
| 4. Librarian - | Bob?? (need that picture in the directory) |
| 5. Video - We are currently looking for a team leader and two or three additional members to help with this team. Mel will continue to make the DVD's. Also, the club has purchase a new Camcorder, so we can continue to provide quality videos and overhead projections during the meeting. | |

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As most of you know, I'm always looking for some input from the membership for our Newsletter. Maurice Clabaugh has been a much appreciated contributor over the years, so when he told me he had something for me to read I gladly took it. After reading it, I thought "this is different from what he's submitted before" and I immediately realized it was an excellent change of pace. Almost all our members are fathers and many are grandfathers with several great-grandfathers in the mix. So we can appreciate what Maurice has to say. The last of my three retirements was from teaching kids of junior and high school age and although I'd done a good bit of teaching/instruction during my Air Force career, the transition was somewhat shocking. So I totally relate to and understand what Maurice has to say...I think you will too! -- EDITOR

Turning into a "Grampie" by Maurice Clabaugh

Being a Grandpa is new to me. I knew little about mine. On my mother's side of the family he was never spoken of and on my father's side, I was around him less than two years before his death. So, I don't have a role model. And my father was never a patient man and learning at his side was impossible, even though he was a carpenter/weather stripper for several years. War injuries made him impatient with people who were careless or inefficient in their actions. There was "no time to teach when he could do it better and faster himself." Not a particular attribute of my father but a symptom of many World War II veterans. Even after teaching adults for 30 years, the role of teaching grandchildren is a whole different challenge.

I have three grandchildren: Jonathan 11, Katie 6 and Kimberly 2 years old. Jonathan is eleven going on thirty. He says he is a "pre-teen", whatever that is. Since 2005, Jonathan has visited "Grampie" and Grammie" by himself for a week each year. For the past three years, during his visit, I have tried to spend some "quality time" in the shop with him. You know "Grammie needs some break time" from learning how to be a "Grammie".

The first year we built a birdhouse. He tried and tried to hit the nail with the hammer, missing most of the time. When I told him "the object is to hit the nail rather than the wood" He replied, "I am just trying to texture it, Grampie." Yes I turned my head and tried not to laugh. Returning home he chose to give it to his father for "Fathers day". "Dad noticed I textured it really well with the hammer!" Jonathan reported with pride.

The second year we progressed to a more difficult project. He asked to build a step stool for his room. This of course took more time in the shop than the previous year. But after two days (with "Grampie" cutting the boards, sanding and putting on the final coat of finish) an oak stool was completed. He took it home with him and it resides deep in his closet darkness without even a thank you to "Grampie". I guess it was time well spent! I tried to make a connection and maybe I did. But it was never acknowledged.

This past year, I was determined to get him started turning on the lathe. And this year, although his attention span was still short, he accomplished more than in past years. He made five bottle stoppers and a two-piece mallet in three sessions of three hours each in the workshop. But even more encouraging to me was that he asked twice to go to the shop to turn. Maybe I have sparked the interest of a "newbie" turner. None-the-less I am experiencing that feeling of excitement in passing something I know to a new generation.

Since I am a granddad and I'm determined to be a good one, I am committed to enriching my grandson's life. I hope to teach him about the satisfaction of sharing quality time with someone he loves, while doing something he is proud of will earn me the "Cool Grampie In Training" recognition I am working for.

Announcements

Last month, I talked about the Tennessee symposium which was held in late Jan. Hope someone got to go and will give us a short report on how it was. This month I'm following up on Pat Johnson's announcement, reminding us of the **Southern States IX** woodturning symposium to be held in Gainesville, GA April 24-26. Some of you may not be aware, that this event is sponsored by seven clubs in the southeast U.S. and we're at the top of the list. Although we don't have, right now, a Alabama annual symposium the one in Gainesville is what we've signed up to support.

Two things I'd like to mention. First is the location...it isn't that far east from where most of us live and we don't have to be concerned about facilities to include lodging. If we tried to do one on our own, that would be a big issue. Second is the support for this symposium...everyone who could make it should do so! Although, Pat and Mary Johnson have been involved for a number of years, we as a club have certain responsibilities as sponsors to support this event and it makes us look a lot better in the eyes of other woodturners in the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee if we do our part. For those who haven't committed, check it out at www.southernstatessymposium.org. If you don't have Internet, get a flyer from Pat Johnson or ask someone who has.

RESULTS OF THE JANUARY COMPETITION

As Bill Hubbard said at the meeting, we had a great table of entries, as it should be every meeting. There is no question in my mind that those who put pieces in the competition are getting better and better. Bill was right when he first suggested we start a monthly club competition because we needed something that would motivate us to improve our turning skills and push us to take on more challenging work. It's working! I also want to remind everyone to check the "back tables" where many members bring work that they don't want to enter into the competition, but sometimes get overlooked by the crowd. Often these are members who've already won first a couple of times in the Advanced or Enhanced categories and have stepped aside to give someone else a chance. But eventually they'll be back in the mix.

Beginner Category

First Place – Don Carpenter
Second Place – Roger Walters
Third Place – Donald Payne

Intermediate Category

First Place – Eddie Absher
Second Place – Mel Brown

Advanced Category

First Place – Tom Irby
Second Place – Jess Walls
Third Place – Staten Tate

Enhanced Category

First Place – John Roth (see chip carved lidded bowl on left)
Second Place – Bill Hubbard
Third Place – Brian Simmons



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We are also looking for some articles for the newsletters. If you have something interesting you are turning or making, we would like to hear about it. Toot your horn.

The February program will be Don Russell. He has built furniture and museum exhibits, repaired antiques, and taught woodworking and turning in his workshop for 40 years. He taught woodworking classes for adults and children for eight years through the Community School Program in Cobb County, GA. Don was president of the Woodworkers' Guild of GA for two years, helped organize the Peach State Wood Turners, and is a member of AAW and other groups. An interest in geometry led him to develop a system for constructing polychromatic-style staved turnings, which he teaches at the Folk School.

- Kevin

Treasury Report: The summary for the 1/10/09 meeting includes the following:

- Total receipts for the month = \$2,017.50.
- 37 members paid 2009 dues
- 3 new members joined bringing our total to 116 (not all have paid 2009 dues yet)
- 3 members paid for the Binh Pho class

- Norris

2009 Club Pre-Meeting Demo's – before each meeting 8 - 9Am

The purpose of our club is to promote and provide training in the art of wood turning. We need your help recommending tools and/or process demonstrations. Need one Presenters, please call - Will Pate – 205 907-0638

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tool or Process</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
January, 10	Roughing Gouge	Will Pate
February, 14	Hollowing Process	Jerry Osmundson
March, 14	Scrapers	Ronnie Perkins
April, 11	Berger Tool	Cliff Mc 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
Sept, 12	Spindle Gouges	Bruce Gibson
Oct, 10	Beal Buffing System	<i>to be announced</i>
Nov, 14	Round Robin Turning	6 - Club Members
December, 12	Christmas Party	

I want to thank Alton Ray and Sue Morgan for sending me an invite to view their pictures of the Tennessee Symposium which was held late in Jan. I included a link to that Web site in the original version of this month's newsletter unfortunately however, when I converted it to a PDF document for emailing, the link quit working and after several attempts to fix it, I had to delete it. So if you're interested in viewing those pics I'm sure Ray would be glad to send you an invite...some of the work on display was very, very good.

- EDITOR

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 for much more about our club.