



AWA Newsletter



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

Jan 10 – John Lucas (demo) and Pat Johnson (training on tool sharpening)

President's Message

When I was asked if I would be willing to be nominated as president of our club, I was honored. I agreed because I wanted to give back to the club that had given so much to me. My knowledge and skill as a wood turner has increased many times over as a direct result of being a member of this club. As an extra bonus, I have developed many new friendships through my involvement in the club. So thanks for your confidence in giving me this opportunity to be your President.



I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to our outgoing President, Dave Chanslor. Dave has done a great job during his three years in office and these will be big shoes to fill. My job will be much easier, thanks to the support of excellent officers and the board of directors.

Vice President (Program Chairman) – Worth Barham

- Secretary** Richard Serviss (returning)
- Treasurer** Norris Jackman (returning)
- Training** Phil Fortmeyer (was deputy training guru last year)
- Web Master** Robert Scheitlin (again)
- Newsletter Editor** Jerry Hanchey (again)
- Directors:**
- New** Brian Simmons, Jess Walls, Donald Payne
- Returning** Don Blankenship, Judy Osmundson, Bill Hubbard, Dave Chanslor (as out going president)

We had a great turnout for our December Christmas party. We had over 70 people that attended for some good food and fellowship. We exchanged gifts and gave out some fantastic door prizes. Thanks for everybody's help who in came early to set up and stayed late to clean up. Without these people, the Christmas Party would not be possible.

Jim Black shared with us the final numbers on the Christmas tree ornaments we made for Children's Hospital. There were 379 ornaments made for the tree and the tree raised \$3,000 for the hospital. Thanks for a great job Jim for coordinating. Jim will be stepping down and Bill West will be stepping up to head this good cause.

Officers of AWA

- President** – Kevin Felderhoff
- Vice President** – Worth Barham
- Secretary** – Richard Serviss
- Treasurer** – Norris Jackman
- Directors:** Don Blankenship, Bill Hubbard, Dave Chanslor, Judy Osmundson, Donald Payne, Jess Walls, and Brian Simmons
- Web Master** – Robert Scheitlin
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- Newsletter Editor** – Jerry Hanchey

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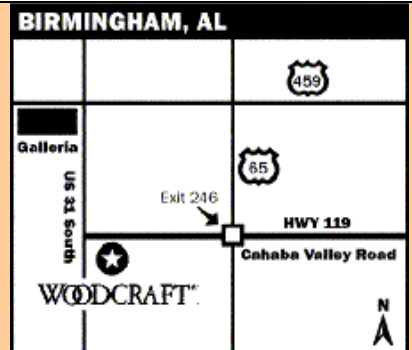
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We dedicated the 2008 Christmas tree to our senior member Bill West's wife Billie who passed away earlier this year. Brian Simmons also crafted a beautiful ornament for the tree honoring Billie.

We had a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to the Southern States VIII Woodturning Symposium. The participants eligible for the drawing, were members who turned in Christmas Ornaments for the 2008 tree. Congratulations to Jerry Hanchey for winning the \$200 gift certificate. I would also, like to recognize some top people who turned in the most ornaments.

Bill Hubbard - 61, Dave Chanslor – 25, Lincoln Gaborik – 24, Jerry Hanchey – 21

In January, there will be a workshop on sharpening tools by Pat Johnson. The January program will be John Lucas, a wood turner for 20 years who is an instructor for Arrowmont and the Appalachian Center for Crafts. He is frequently published in woodturning magazines and is Tips editor for AAW Journal. He has demonstrated at the annual AAW symposium and the Southern States symposium to name a couple.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the January 10th meeting. Immediately following this meeting, there will be a Board meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kevin

Announcements

As many of you are aware, there are several symposiums and classes offered for woodturners that occur each year at different locations around the country. Some of you may already know about the **Tennessee Annual Symposium** to be held in Nashville Jan 23 and 24. If not, a quick summary follows:

Location: Radisson Hotel at Opryland in Nashville, TN

Featured demonstrators: Jimmy Clewes, Cindy Drozda, Mike Mahoney and Robert Rosand. There will be four rotations on Friday and four on Saturday with a banquet/auction Sat night. For more info go their Web site at www.tnwoodturners.org. The cost for non members is \$165.00 for both days and \$105.00 for one day.

Looks like a good line-up and it isn't far for a lot of our members. You can make telephone contact by calling 615 300-0363. If you're interested, *don't delay...its right around the corner.*

Treasury Report: The summary for the 12/13/8 meeting includes the following:

- A total of \$1,165 was collected during the meeting
- 26 existing members paid 2009 membership dues, totaling \$960
- 2 new members joined, totaling, \$70
- One member paid tuition for the Binh Pho class, \$135
- Our total membership count stands at 113.

Welcome to our two new members - Chris Shaw and Chris Bowman.

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.