



Alabama Woodturners Association

AWA Newsletter

July 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

- July:** Tommy Hartline – Ornaments
- August**—Jigs & Things Panel
- September**—M. Clabaugh
- October**—Michael Mocho
- November**—Round Robin
- December**—Party!

Presidents Message:

Greetings, I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July holiday. We had seventy-three people at our June meeting. Our demonstrator, Rudy Lopez was great. I judge the demonstrator by the number of attendees that stay until the end of the program. Only one or two people left. Our demonstrator this month is club member, Tommy Hartline. Tommy will turn an inside-out ornament. He gave us an excellent example of the ornament during our show and tell segment of the June meeting.



We will have the show and tell again this month. We have had a great response since we started the show and tell segment of the meetings. Bring your turnings to the meeting. We will have another raffle and door prize. The raffle will be a \$100 gift card from Woodcraft. The door prize will be a \$10 gift card from Woodcraft. We have had a great response to the raffle each month. Our income from the raffle has allowed us to give the door prize gift card at no cost to the club.

Recently, Staton Tate and I were discussing the new carbide woodturning tools. He mentioned that there was a company in Homewood that sold carbide cutting tools. I recently called the company, Carbide Depot at 119 Citation Ct. in Homewood. They sell three round carbide cutters that are used for soft metal and wood. They have screws and taps for each size of carbide cutter. The following is a list of sizes and costs:

8mm cutter	\$6.15 each	Screw \$2.50	Tap \$8.28
10mm cutter	\$7.22 each	Screw \$2.50	Tap \$7.24
12mm cutter	\$12.00 each	Screw \$2.50	Tap \$7.24

Cutters are sold in packages of 5. Screws and taps are sold one each.

Their website is www.carbidedepot.com. Click on “Technical Resources” on the right side of their homepage. Scroll down to and click on “woodturning”. This will give you the cutters available.

Our featured demonstrator in October is Michael Mocho from Arizona. Dave has more information on Michael in other parts of the newsletter. We will have signup sheets at our meeting Saturday for hands on class on Friday and Sunday. The classes will be \$125.

Look forward to seeing you Saturday. Richard

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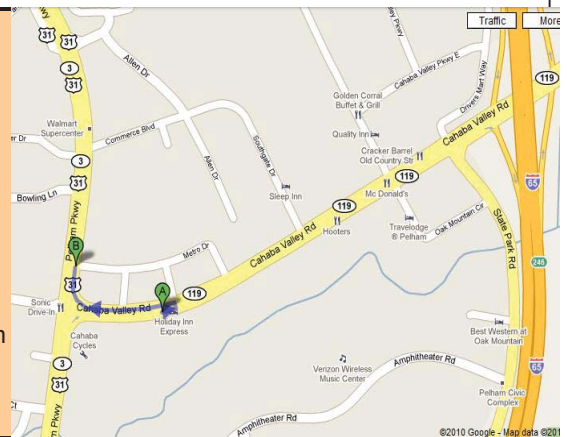
Make Tops and Ornaments!



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Show and Tell



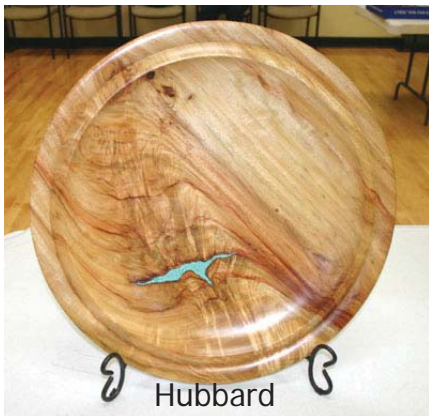
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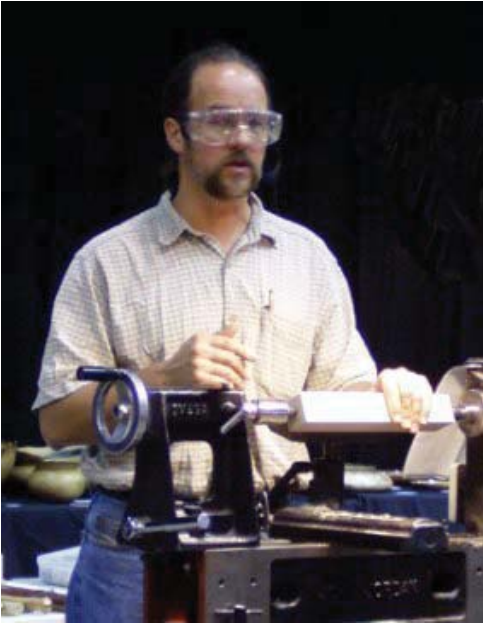


Some of Rudy's work

Rudy gave a great demo of how to turn a winged bowl and made it look easy! Rudy gave a lot of details on the how and why as he turned a beautiful winged bowl from a piece of cherry wood. There was a lot of discussion about tool technique, sharpening, etc which made for a very educational program. Thanks Rudy!



COMING SOON.... MICHAEL MOCHO OF ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO



Michael Mocho will be our demonstrator at the October meeting and will conduct hands-on workshops as well. There will be a sign-up sheet to see if there is enough interest in the workshops at the next meeting.

Michael Mocho is a self-employed woodworker / turner from Albuquerque, New Mexico with over 28 years of experience. He teaches in the Fine Woodworking Program at the Santa Fe Community College, and recently completed the International Turning Exchange residency with the Woodturning Center in Philadelphia this summer. He has demonstrated at the AAW National Symposium and many local chapters, and also teaches at craft schools including Arrowmont and the John C. Campbell Folk School. His work is in many public and private collections as well as juried and invitational exhibitions.



Our program this month is Tommy Hartline showing us how to make a unique Christmas ornament.



TURNING AROUND AMERICA

I have been on the road with Turning Around America for nine months. I am currently at my residency at The Philadelphia Turning Center. I will be here for two months, working with a group of artists on a body of collaborative work. It is like a creative think tank. The program is called the International Turning Exchange. I am honored to have been chosen. The two months ahead of me will give me a chance to processes what Turning Around America has accomplished so far. I have taught 2084 people in 32 states. I have traveled 21,000 miles. The van has been passed on to Jenn for the summer. She will continue on our project as she travels through New England teaching, writing and connecting with other artists. In August she will come back to Philadelphia, drop off the van and fly home to Santa Fe, while I travel on to teach in Maine. People often ask me how this Project has impacted me. It would take an entire book to answer that question. The last nine months have been so fast paced and full it has been difficult to stop and reflect on all that has occurred during the journey.

I constantly receive e-mails from parents of kids telling me of the impact my one day at their child's school has had on them. I have also had wonderful letters from the kids and adults students as well. I am constantly aware that I could never have achieved this successes if there were not people supporting and believing in my and Jenn's vision. The generosity extended to Turning Around America has been incredible, from friends and strangers who have donated money, gift cards, time and energy, to complete strangers who invited me into their driveways and homes for food, showers and camaraderie.

When I started this project I wanted to teach as many people as I could the simple act of making an object. I envisioned myself as a modern day Johnny Appelseed, planting the idea of the importance of not forgetting hand skills in our computer culture. It has become so much more for me. I have loved working with the young people; their excitement is so contagious it has really spurred me on over all the miles. The teachers have been wonderful. They are all so surprised with how much the kids can accomplish in an hour. Many teachers tell me they have never seen their kids so focused. It does not surprise me. These kids sit for hours in class and then in front of computers. The physical activity involved in woodworking is very exciting to them. When they are done they hold a tangible object in their hands that is a physical representation of their individual capabilities. Who wouldn't be excited? Adults are the same; they just keep their feelings closer to their chests.

The trip so far has been a success beyond my original idea. I will officially arrive home October 1st. If you have not had time to check out the web site lately please go take a peak at www.turningaroundamerica.com. Once again I want to say thank you for helping me make this happen.

Beth Ireland



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.