



# Alabama Woodturners Association

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# AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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Web Site: [www.alabamawoodturners.com](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com)

## Coming Events

November—Round Robin  
December— Christmas Party and officer elections!  
January 2011—TBA

## 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 Scheitlin  
**Training**—Phil Fortmeyer  
**Newsletter Editor**—Dave Chanslor

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## \*\*Notice\*\*

**Round Robin in November!**

**Coming in December:  
Annual Christmas Party and Election**

## Craig Jackson: Father of the Easy Rougher

Craig and his wife Donna started Easy Wood Tools in March 2008. They now employ 6 people and offer a line of 11 tools. Craig is a master machinist by trade which equipped him to develop the Easy Rougher and other tools. Craig has been turning wood for about 7 years. Craig came to AWA last month to demonstrate his Easy Wood tool line and put on an interesting demonstration.

Craig stayed in Birmingham in the afternoon to demo at the Woodcraft store and on Sunday, enjoyed a round of golf with a club member. Thanks for visiting AWA Craig!



**Notice:** The annual election of officers for 2011 will be in December. The nominating committee, Moody Davis, Brian Simmons and Richard Serviss have nominated the following slate of officers. Feel free to run for office yourself or nominate someone else, as long as you have their permission, at the December meeting.

President: Richard Serviss  
Vice President: Moody Davis  
Secretary: Jennifer Smith  
Treasurer: Phil Duffy  
Board of Directors:

New: Bob Henry, Jeff Hicks  
Returning: Laura Reder, Moody Davis, Tom Corbett.

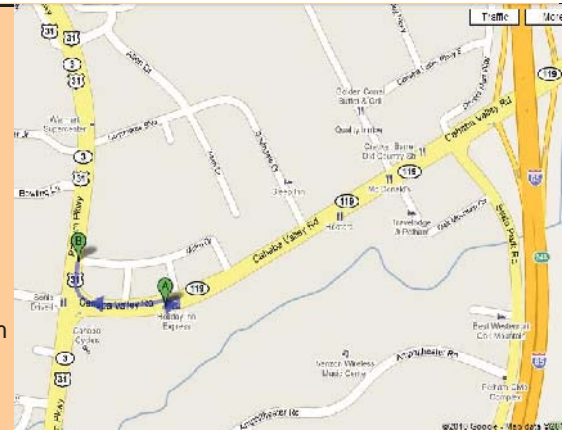
### The Program Committee for 2011 (replaces the program chairman):

Jerry Hanchey  
Jerry Osmundson  
Will Pate  
Jess Walls



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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



## ENHANCED



## Intermediate



## Beginner



Editors Note:  
Sorry there are no names—I had to leave early and could not get the names.

## AWA Turner of the Month: Larry Thomas



## Judy's Tree Apron for 2010





### President's Message:

It won't be long before the beautiful ornaments that were turned for the Children's Hospital Christmas tree will be hung on the tree. It is fun and rewarding to see the expressions on the faces of the children and adults and listen to the ooo's, aah's, and comments as they examine the ornaments. Everyone is always amazed at the workmanship and many find it hard to believe that they are actually hand made. Everyone seems to have their favorite and I am still reminded of the year a patient from Dothan was given the opportunity to chose a ornament from the tree and she chose the one that Brian Simmons made that had the Alabama Woodturner's Association logo and the Children's Hospital logo on it. She treasured that ornament and her parents were truly touched as we all were. As in the past, the tree has already been sold and in case you don't know the money goes to raise money to fund projects at the hospital. As we look forward to the forthcoming holidays it is a good time to reflect on how blessed we are to have the things we do, skills and friendship of each other. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and skills to making this annual special project a success.

As we approach 2011, if there are any subjects, projects, turners, etc. you would like to have at our meeting, please let us know. We need your input to keep the meetings interesting and informative and don't forget we may be calling on you to do a pre-meeting demo, meeting demo or afternoon hands on class. Everyone has something to share.

The Christmas Party will be like those in the past, covered dish at our regular December meeting. Meat and drinks will be supplied by the club and everyone else will need to bring the other foods such as stuffing, vegetables, salads, desserts, bread, etc. There will be door prizes and a gift exchange. The gift exchange is not mandatory, but if you bring a gift you receive one. We all enjoy something pertaining to woodturning and especially cherish something made by you. Please plan on attending the party as this is a special time to be with our friends. We will plan on eating at 10:30am, so time your arrival early enough to be able to mingle and help set up before hand. (Cleanup help is always appreciated – especially as we will be cutting it close with our timeslot at the senior center.) There will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting to help us get a headcount for buying the ham/turkey. If you can't make the Nov. meeting – give someone a call so that they can add your name and number of guests attending to the list.

Also this year at the party I would like for everyone to bring 4, 5 or more of your turnings and have them displayed in a special section. We know how wonderful it is to see the turnings and works of the featured turners each month and just imagine how beautiful it would be to see the turnings of everyone displayed at the party .

### From the Program Chairman:

**Round Robin in November**– Will Pate has organized the round robin program again—one of our favorite programs. The demonstrators are : Bruce Gibson who will show creative ways to fill and decorate cracks in turned wood pieces; Moody Davis will turn mini lidded boxes; Bob Henry will turn small bowls on the bias; Bill Hubbard will do wood carving; Will Pate will turn small hollow forms with tools he has designed himself ( he will have some for sale) and last but certainly not least is Larry Thomas showing us how to make “whoop-de-do's”. See page 2 for a fine example of a Larry T. whoop-a-ma- call-it” or whatever...

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

### 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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com) for much more about our club.