



# Alabama Woodturners Association

October 2010

# 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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com)

## Coming Events

October—Craig Jackson—Easy Rougher  
November—Round Robin  
December— Christmas Party and officer elections!  
January 2011—TBA

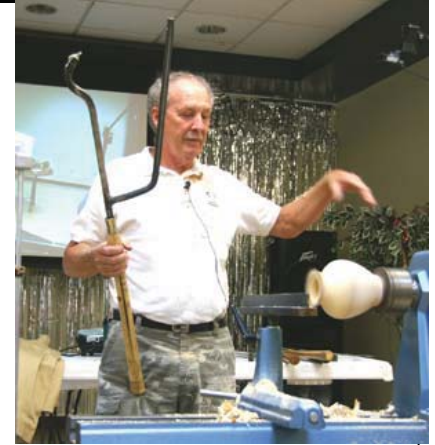
## AWA Officers

**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

## Jimmy Greenwood: All the way from Tennessee!

Jimmy Greenwood is a member of the Tennessee Woodturners Association in Nashville and he came to visit us in September. Jimmy demonstrated his considerable skills at woodturning, especially hollow forms.

We have done talent swaps for programs with TWA in the past and always with good results. Jimmy's presentation was excellent. Our own Moody Davis will be doing a reciprocal demo this month in Nashville for the TWA.



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## \*\*Notice\*\*

### Make tops and ornaments!

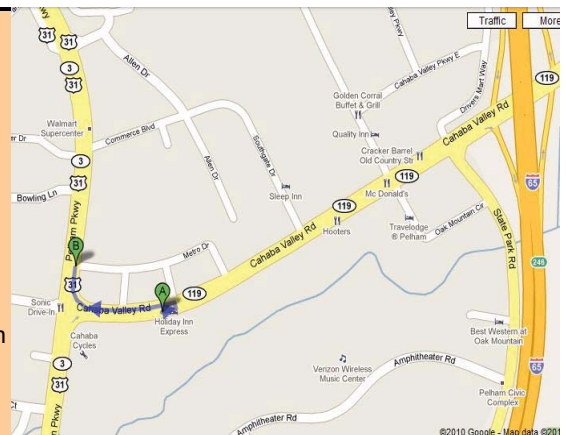
**Coming in October:  
Craig Jackson  
The Easy Rougher  
Inventor!**



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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!*



**Nevin Newton**

**ADVANCED**



**David Tucker**

**ENHANCED OR SEGMENTED**



**Eric Knepper**

**Intermediate**



**INTERMEDIATE**



**INTERMEDIATE**

**James Files**

**Beginner**



**BEGINNER**

**Jennifer Smith**

**Other**



**Brian Simmons**



### President's Message:

I would like to once again thank Bill West for fixing the lathe in time for the meeting last. Also to Dave Chanslor for reminding me that it was broken. Our thanks goes out not only to these 2 members but to all the members who spend their time and effort to make the club what it is today. Just to recognize a few; thanks to the sound and video crew who set up the equipment each meeting, those who setup and take down the lathe, those who clean up after the meeting, to the ones who make the coffee and bring us the donuts, to Phil Fortmeyer who coordinates the after meeting classes and to all the other members who contribute so much to our club. We are

very lucky to have a great group of people as members of our club.

We also have some lucky members of the club and one is Brian Simmons who was the winner of the Rikon lathe and he did not waste any time loading it in his truck. I am not sure how many lathes he now has but I am sure it is more than 3. We will be looking for another lucky person next meeting who wants to win a chuck since this is what we will be raffling off in October. There are 45 gallons of Anchorseal requested and we will pass around the list 1 more time in October and we'll order a drum and should have it for the November meeting if everything goes according to plan.

One last reminder: "ORNAMENTS" and remember for every 5 ornaments you turn in you are eligible for a drawing for a prize. In order to make it a prize the winner can use we have decided to once again give the winner a choice of several items such as a chuck, texturing tool, or another item around the \$200 range. Also don't forget the tops for Dr. Killen.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting when Larry Thomas will be our featured turner for October and you know he will have a few items worth examining. Also I might get him to tell another one of his wood collecting tales, so don't miss it.

Jerry

### Editors Comments:



Our demonstrator for October is Craig Jackson the maker of the Eazy Rougher tools. Come out next Saturday and see a great demonstration.

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

## **A Message from Phil Fortmeyer, Training Director:**

First: A big THANK YOU to all who were able to stay after last months meeting and turn a few Christmas Ornaments.

Second: Now everyone get busy settle down and turn some more ornaments and bring them to the next meeting Oct. 9th..

This is our opportunity to put a smile on a child's face and inspire love and the spirit of Christmas into the hearts of all who see your work.

Third: I hope and think the training session following our next meeting can and will be our best ever....

When I joined the AWA I did so in part because of the friendly sharing nature of everyone I met and the help everyone offered so freely.

Well, those caring and sharing characteristic is exactly what this class is all about. We've all had successes and failures at the lathe, good results, so results, throw offs, catches that resulted in partial or complete donuts from our attempted hollowing, destroyed edges because we looked away for a split second, etc. etc. We all have done it and will do it or something that posses the question...

**Shi...I just blew it off the lathe,.... now WHAT do I do?, HOW do I fix it? ,or REDESIGN it?...**

Or maybe it's that piece of wood that has been sitting there just waiting to be turned but you just don't know where to begin.

Or you have that perfect piece and an idea that you'd like to do, but you're now sure how to proceed or which order to do things in, so it just sits there.

WELL the time has come, bring um on in guys, you don't want to miss this one...We have several members who have agreed to stay and participate....some of our more experienced turners, some of our members that have developed their own tools or techniques, some of our newer turners that have and are rapidly excelling. ...

Get those broken would be's, throw offs, oops what about this, now what, BRING it in. We will have lathes set up to help you fix and solve those problems...and maybe more. If you think you've got the wood and parts to fix it, bring those too. We'll try to have some wood available to demonstrate the repair or at least get you to a point where you can feel comfortable with knowing how to carry on in your shop.

Questions? call Phil Fortmeyer@ 205-612-7496.