



# Alabama Woodturners Association AWA Newsletter

Meeting Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209

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

April 2012

## Officers:

**Phil Duffy, President**

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**Bill West**

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## Demo Schedule:

Jan: Jess Walls, Bowls

Feb: Phil Morris - Pens

Mar: Andy Woodard, Tenn.

Apr: Staton Tate

May: John Jordan

June: TBA

July: Dwight Holtetter

Aug: TBA

Sept: Pat Johnson

Oct: TBA

Nov: Round Robin

Dec: Christmas party

## Training Classes:

(Saturday afternoon after meeting)

Feb: Bill Hubbard

Mar: Mark Couto

Apr: TBA

May: TBA

June: TBA

July: TBA

Aug: TBA

Sept: TBA

Oct: TBA

**2012 Dues are due**

## President's Message:

I would like to thank Andy Woodard for his outstanding demonstration last month. I've seen him demonstrate a number of times and have always been impressed by how easy he made whatever he was turning seem, and how quick he finished the item. I looked forward to his demo on goblets knowing he would introduce a novel twist to the procedure. Sure enough he had a new wrinkle I had not seen before – he hollowed the inside of the cup before shaping the outside of the cup. I'll have to try that procedure just to see how different it is to make a thin walled vessel. Additionally, he had a number of helpful hints for fixing the occasional design malfunction we have from time to time, usually as a result of inferior wood. (You use your excuse and I'll stick to mine)

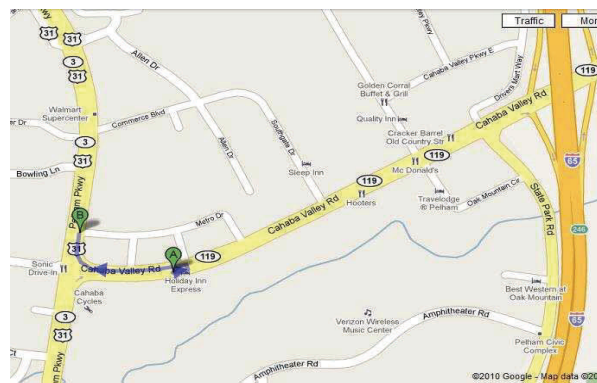
This month we have our own Staton Tate demonstrating how he made those really neat bowls he had at the show and tell table last month. He calls them "closed form bowls" which is an interesting description relying more on technique necessary to achieve the shape rather than the shape itself. One thing is sure, we will be getting a thorough explanation of tool selection and technique. Like most of us, Staton likes to play with his toys and he has a real talent for explaining how they work and how to get the most out of them. Should be a great demo and one not to be missed.

We have confirmed that John Jordan will be our featured demonstrator for May and will also have him available for Master classes on Friday and Sunday at the Woodcraft Store if we have enough students to fill the classes. Fee for the each class will be \$150 and will be limited to six students. John is not only one of the world's most renowned turners but an outstanding teacher as well. This will be a weekend you won't want to miss.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.



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Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm  
Sunday: noon – 5 pm



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**March demo by Andy Woodard — Small long stem goblets with captured rings**



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**Show your work:**



## Saturday afternoon mentoring:

Phil Fortmeyer is our mentor chairman. Phil schedules classes that are of interest to a wide range of experience, Preference will be given to turners with limited experience. There is a nominal fee for these classes to cover the cost of the material used in the class. Bring you own tools or use the tools provided by the club. The club owns six Rikon Lathes, chucks and tools necessary to use in the classes. The training is held in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center.

Our class after the April meeting will be Staton Tate. He will teach the closed form bowls that he will demonstrate at the morning meeting. Slots are still open in the class.

Contact Phil at 205-612-7496 to reserve a slot.

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## Scheduled Demos:

**April—Staton Tate,** details to follow.



**May—John Jordan,** [www.johnjordanwoodturner.com](http://www.johnjordanwoodturner.com)

Our Demonstrator at our May meeting will be John Jordan. John is a well known turner, demonstrator and teacher. We will have an all day session. John will do hollow forms with texturing and decorating. Also, we are planning a hands on class on Friday and Sunday. We will start a sign-up sheet at our March meeting.

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