



Alabama Woodturners Association

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

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August 2012

Officers:

Phil Duffy, President

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Demo Schedule:

Jan: Jess Walls, Bowls

Feb: Phil Morris - Pens

Mar: Andy Woodard, Tenn.

Apr: Staten Tate

May: John Jordan

June: Phil Duffy

July: Dwight Hostetter

Aug: Bruce Gibson

Sept: Pat Johnson

Oct: Frank Bowers

Nov: Round Robin

Dec: Christmas party

Training Classes:

(Saturday afternoon after meeting)

Feb: Bill Hubbard

Mar: Mark Couto

Apr: Staten Tate

May: TBA

June: TBA

July: TBA

Aug: Bill Hubbard

Sept: TBA

Oct: TBA

Have you paid
your 2012
dues?

President's Message:

I don't know about the rest of you all, but I've been enjoying the Olympics big time. It is impossible not to be awed watching the very best do their thing. I know commenting about Olympic athletes has nothing to do with woodturning but they deserve all the recognition they can get for the personal effort it took for them to get to the big show. Excellence in any endeavor deserves to be acknowledged.

Speaking of acknowledgement, our own Dwight Hostetter deserves high praise for his demonstration last month. It's been a few years since I've tried my hand at segmented turning and he reinvigorated my interest in the form. Well organized, well thought out and very informative made the presentation an all together entertaining demonstration. Segmented turning requires a lot of patience, dedication, and a fanatic attention to detail. My initial efforts had an annoying habit of coming unglued and made me a believer about taking the time to get the cuts right. Dwight obviously has gotten it right and it shows in the beautiful work he had displayed last month. Everyone should give segmented turning a try. It's a real challenge and a humbling experience if you don't approach it with the right attitude.

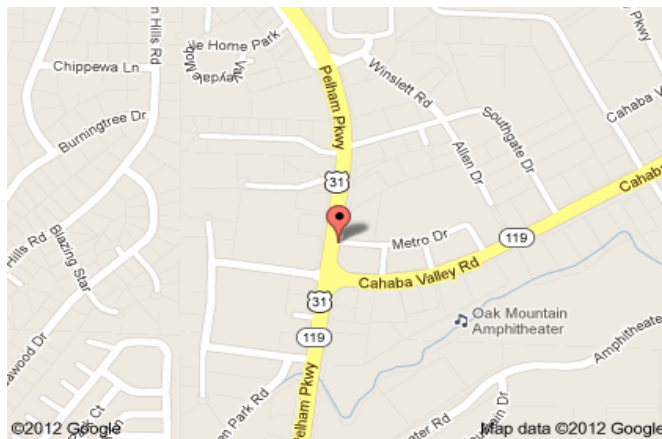


This month Bruce Gibson will be our featured demonstrator and will be making a three legged stool. Both face plate and spindle turning are required and making three of anything is a real challenge. Bruce usually comes up with a novel gig or two and I'm anxious to see what he will come up with this time. My experience has been that the easier a project looks to make, the more difficult it is to build. Think about the last time you tried to make four matching salad bowls or a pair of candle sticks. Bruce always has an interesting and informative presentation and I'm sure this weekend will be the same.

Hope to see you all next week.



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July demonstrator: Dwight Hostetter, Segmented Turning



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 your 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 Home-wood Senior Center. Bill Hubbard will teach a class on Christmas ornaments this month.

Show your work : Members and guests bring their turnings to the meeting for all to see. We take a break during the demo and review each turning. We discuss type of wood, finishes, and design changes that occurred during the turning process.



Bill Payton



Philip Morris



Sean McCurley



Lee Beatles



Maurice Clabaugh



Moody Davis



Will Pate



Jean Cline



Bill Cash



Bill Hubbard



Alton Staton



Moody Davis



Phillip Morris



Bill Cash



Paul Genereux



Bill Cash



Bill Cash



Bill Hubbard

**Christmas
Ornaments for
Children's of Alabama**

Meeting schedule: Monthly meeting is the second Saturday of each month. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 am and the meeting starts at 9:00 am.

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.