



AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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Coming Events

Dec 12 – Christmas Party

President's Message

Thanks to Dave Chanslor for providing this input again this month.

Everybody's favorite program is the round robin turning event we have in the fall before Christmas and this past meeting was no exception. We had eight of our advanced turners demonstrating their skills in various areas:

- Phil Duffy – Irish Boxes
- Delbert Freeman – Knitting needles
- Miniature Turnings – Roland Nelson
- Using a bowl gouge – Staten Tate
- Inside-out Christmas Ornaments – Judy Osmundson
- Tool Sharpening – Laura Reder & Will Pate
- Walking sticks – Marvin Little
- Off-set turning – Mark Couto

The program was a lot of fun and educational too.

There were drawings for door prizes also. There were pieces of wood, \$10 gift certificates and more given away. Kevin has the list of winners and he has moved to North Carolina to start a new career. Good luck Kevin.

The annual CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held December 12th starting around 10 AM with lunch about 11:00. We will have a gift exchange and ELECTION OF OFFICERS. **Jerry Osmundson** has been nominated as president for 2010 and will take over as president at that meeting. Jerry was president of the AWA in 2004 and 2005 so we have an experienced and popular leader at the helm for 2010. Thanks for giving your time to make AWA a better club Jerry! The rest of the slate nominated by the nominating committee are: Vice president and program chairman, **Dave Chanslor**, **Phil Duffy** continues as Treasurer, **Richard Service** continues as Secretary, **Robert Scheitlin** continues as Web Master, Newsletter Editor is vacant but **temporarily filled by Dave Chanslor**, Training Coordinator is **Phil Fortmeyer**. The new board members nominated are Laura Reder, Moody Davis and Tom Corbett. We are looking forward to a good year under this new leadership!



Officers of AWA

President – Kevin Felderhoff

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Secretary – Richard Serviss

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Directors: Don Blankenship, Bill Hubbard, Dave Chanslor, Judy Osmundson, Donald Payne, Jess Walls, and Brian Simmons

Web Master – Robert Scheitlin

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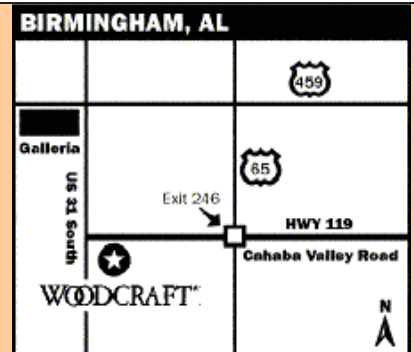
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Here is the deal on the Christmas Party – The club furnishes the meat (turkey and ham) and the drinks. The members bring the trimmings and deserts like dressing, 'taters, salads, casseroles, and stuff. Some good cakes and pies would be nice too! For the gift exchange, if you and your wife each bring a present, you will each draw for one, if you bring no present, you get no present- sort of like in your own family! We always have a great time at our party and it only lasts about two hours including eating and cleanup. Please plan to come, and if you do plan to come and did not sign up on the sign-up sheet call or e-mail us and indicate if you are bringing your spouse. See you there!

The Christmas Ornament project for Children's Hospital was a big success this year thanks to Bill West's leadership. (See the picture of the tree below.) We produced over 400 ornaments. Our most productive ornament turner was Bill Hubbard again this year. Thanks Bill! The Chairman of Children's Hospital and his wife paid a visit to our last meeting to thanks us for our efforts in the hospital's behalf. Thanks to everyone who helped with this community project to raise money for Children's hospital. Next year Jennifer and Chuck Smith will lead the ornament project. We look forward to a great result again in 2010. – Dave



A special thanks to John Taylor for making a special trip to the lobby of the Children's Hospital to take this picture. John also provided the picture of Mike and Ann Warren.



Mike and Ann Warren attended the last meeting to thank the club for the Christmas tree we contributed to the Children's Hospital Fund raiser. They purchase the tree each year and share it with the children and their Christmas guests. It is their custom to give ornaments from the tree to their holiday guests and friends each year. Those ornaments that are left over from the previous year's tree are given to other

organizations to be auctioned off in their fund raisers. That should make all of us feel good knowing that those ornaments are enjoyed by and benefit many.

Since this is my last newsletter I want to say a couple of things to the members. First, it has been a lot of fun and has enabled me to get to know more of you better than perhaps I would have otherwise. The quality of a club newsletter is mainly a function of the input the editor gets. And that's the second thing. Many of you have contributed articles, pictures and other information that I've eagerly used in various issues. A huge THANK YOU to all of you. But it does take a good bit of work and I think after four years it's time to let someone else take over. A big benefit of changing people who have jobs is the fresh approach and new ideas the new folks can bring to the table. Although Dave Chanslor is going to take over the newsletter for awhile, I know he wants to find someone to do it full time. He'll be responsible for the programs in the club and that is really a big job. But he'll do a great job on the newsletter while he's the editor. What he needs is strong support from the members. Please give him stuff to put into the newsletter. Feed him info as well as articles. Don't assume he knows all the schedules. There are various things happening before, during and after the meetings and it's especially important to give him the changes in schedules that he needs to include in the newsletter so everyone is gets the word.

Jerry

THE NOVEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS. It looks like there were full tables for last month's competition. Although I wasn't there, Robert Scheitlin took some great pictures and made notes about who won what. Thanks to him for the following information. I'm sure many of you who check the Web site have already seen these, but I'll include them again for those who have trouble getting on line.

BEGINNER CATEGORY



1st – Chris Bowman



2nd – Chris Bowman



3rd - Genereux

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY



1ST – Malcom Fifer



2nd – Will Pate



3rd – Ray Morgan

ADVANCED CATEGORY



1ST – Bill Hubbard



2nd – Larry Thomas



3rd - Will Pate

ENHANCED CATEGORY



1st – Larry Thomas



2nd – Larry Thomas



3rd – Alan Stanton

Come and See Us!

For those interested in joining our club, it is a great way to share and learn woodturning techniques. With over a hundred members, the experience of our members ranges from novice to professional turner. Some have big fancy lathes and some have none. Everyone 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. Questions are welcome and answers are plentiful.

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.