

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

December 2016

The annual Christmas party luncheon will be held December 10.
AWA will furnish meat and drinks.

Members (spouses and significant others are invited, too!)
provide side dishes and desserts to make this a real Christmas feast!

Come at regular time, 9:00, to socialize and, maybe, sample
some desserts, if the ladies aren't watching too closely!
We'll eat about 11:00, as soon as everything is ready.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange,
bring a gift or two or three or.....
And consider bringing an ornament as a head start for next year's tree!

Congratulations (and sympathies?) to
the 2017 officers elected at the
November meeting:

President - Pete Marken

Vice President - Jack Capps

Treasurer - Jennifer Smith

Secretaries - Amy Benefield & Jean Cline

Webmaster - Carl Cummins

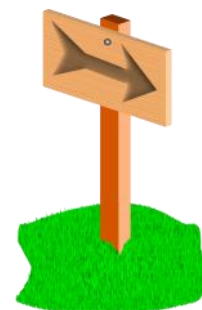
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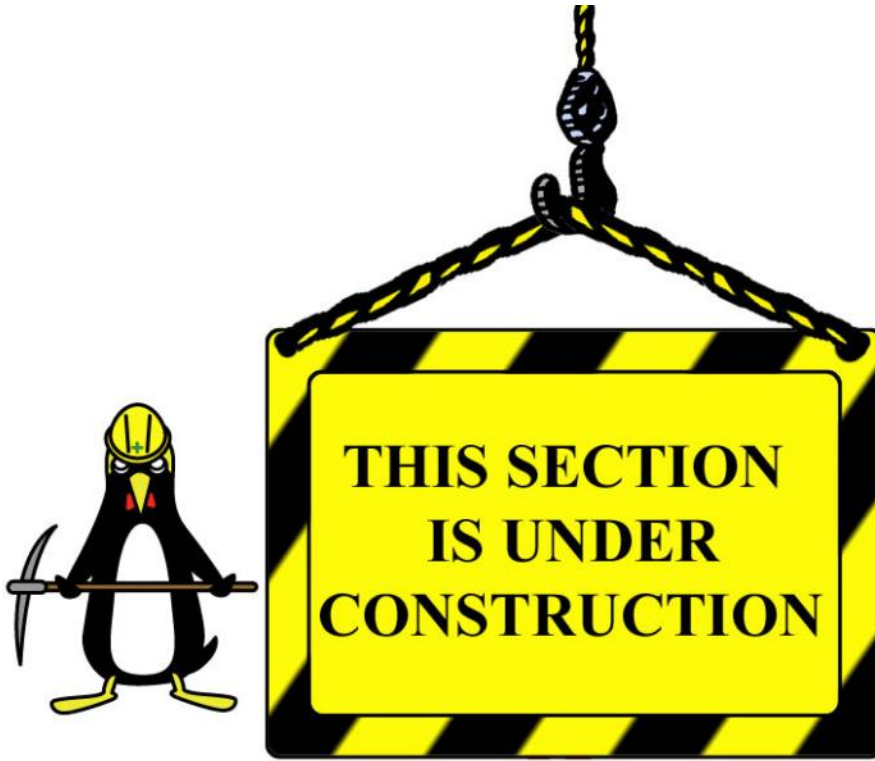
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**November Demonstrators-John Carpenter, Carl Cummins,
Phil Duffy, Bruce Gibson, Dwight Hostetter, Howard King**



Saturday Afternoon Mentoring

AWA owns lathes, chucks and tools to use in class, but you may also bring your own tools.

Training is held in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center.

Starts one hour after the morning session ends or 1:00.

If you are interested in participating either as a student or a mentor, Phil would *love* to talk to you and sign you up!

**Phil Fortmeyer
(205) 612-7496**

See page 4 for upcoming classes.

November Turn and Tell Highlights

COMING

SOON!



Upcoming Events

December 10

No Morning Demo
Christmas Party!

Afternoon Mentoring
No Class

January 14

Morning Demo
Jean Cline - Bracelets
Maurice Clabaugh - Angels

Afternoon Mentoring
TBD



Raffle Ticket Prize News

We're changing the raffle once again!

Bring an item to donate and buy raffle tickets. We'll raffle the items donated and all of the tickets will go into the pot for a new lathe!

Soooo...what do you donate? How about a tool, jig, turned item, wood blank, etc. If you've been to any of the meetings since

November, you probably saw some of the items that were donated for the AAW Symposium ticket raffle. That should give you a pretty good idea. Use your imagination ...within reason, of course! As a bonus, if you bring donations, you'll get one additional raffle ticket for each item!

The success of this raffle and when the drawing takes place will depend on your willingness to donate nice items and also to buy raffle tickets.

\$1 each~~~~~\$5 for 6 tickets~~~~~\$10 for 13 tickets

Ask Amy for ticket numbers for higher dollar amounts!

If you don't think you are an expert turner, look at any of the newsletters from other clubs. You will see that your turnings are equal to anything out there. Your turned items *ARE* 'good enough'.

Birthday Door Prize News

AWA gives a birthday gift door prize to a turner who has a birthday during the month of that meeting. Here are the 'rules' for 2016 as they stand now:

- 1) This is a door prize so, yes, you need to be at the meeting and stay for the drawing to win.
- 2) You need to make sure Jean and/or Amy have your correct birth date. No fair changing your birth date in the middle of the year! You're stuck with the one they originally gave you!



Howard King won the birthday drawing for October and Bruce Gibson won for November.

Who will take home the December birthday prize of a piece of Red Mallee?

Check out the list of contenders below.



AWA December Birthdays

Ronny Perkins~December 1
Maurice Clabaugh~December 9
Lee McDonald~December 14
John Killian~December 18
Carl Cummins~December 28
Cliff Daniels~December 30

Jennifer Smith~December 1
Amy Benefield~December 13
James Armstrong~December 16
Lester Daw~December 20
Jim Johnson~December 28
Don Freriks~December 30

James Gilbert~December 30

Blacksmithing Class for Turners

Vulcan Forge at Tannehill Ironworks near Bessemer is willing to conduct a blacksmithing class for woodturners. It is a one-day course on the first Saturday in March (03/04/17) with all of the tools and supplies provided. It will be conducted under the direction of award-winning and nationally recognized master blacksmith, James Whatley, and approximately five other smiths. The class will cover how to use tools that most of us have, construction of a simple forge from a propane torch, converting old tools and scrap steel with forging and heat-treating into woodworking tools.

The cost will be \$25, which includes a one-year membership in Vulcan Forge plus \$5 per person (total of \$30) for lunch on class day. A family membership is available for slightly more. There is an admission charge to enter Tannehill. Participation is limited to 15 people but spectators are permitted. There may be an opportunity to purchase items from the smiths just as at their meetings. Those who wish may attend additional blacksmithing classes for one year at Vulcan Forge at no additional charge.

This is a hands-on class where students will forge wood turning tools. Participants need to wear all natural (wool, cotton, linen, leather) clothing and bring safety glasses. Students will be able to take home the tools they make.

To register or if you have questions, contact James Vaughn at (205) 608-0022 or cahabatraers@hotmail.com.



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