

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

December 2018

A member of the American Association of Woodturners
Meeting location: Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Rd., Homewood, AL 35209
Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am
www.alabamawoodturners.com

December ~ Christmas Party

December 8
9AM until the party is over!
Homewood Senior Center
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Turn
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Here!

Hey! Wanna learn more about turning? Or help someone else learn more about turning?

Mentoring is available Saturday afternoons in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center. Sessions start one hour after the demonstration ends or 1 pm.

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

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

About the Party:

On December 8th, we will hold our traditional holiday luncheon/party. The club will provide meats and drinks. Members are encouraged to bring side dishes or desserts.

We will continue another tradition: a gift exchange (but this time without the "Dirty Santa" part). Bring a gift (hopefully, something you have made) and get a gift. If you want to bring more than one gift, then that's fine too.

New for us this year we will hold an auction where you may bid on pieces donated by members and guest demonstrators. All members are invited to donate pieces for this event. All proceeds will go toward bringing out-of-town demonstrators next year.

In addition to the turned items, we will offer two Rikon mini lathes which have been replaced in our classroom. These hold a workpiece up to 12"x16". They have a 1/2 horsepower motor and 6 speed settings. Phil Fortmeyer has gone over the Rikons to ensure that are in fine working order. If you have room in your shop for a second lathe, then *you should have a second lathe!* ~Carl Cummins

November Meeting Revisited

by Carl Cummins

Our guest was Terry Thurmond discussing and demonstrating use of carbide tools. He provided much information about the tools and how they compare to traditional gouges and chisels. He showed versions by different manufacturers and used Easy Wood Tools to demonstrate spindle turning and bowl turning. Rather quickly he hollowed a steep-sided bowl using only the EWT full-size finisher. Terry also lead the afternoon class.



For the Karl Harper Challenge I challenged myself making a box with a hand-chased threaded insert. Jack Capps accepted the challenge for next time.



Only two besides myself brought in items for the President's Challenge: Dwight Hostetter with a segmented rolling pin, and Ron Herbster showed trays for pins held by magnets.



We also had the usual Instant Gallery and prize drawings.

November Turn and Tell Highlights



'Lost To Ashley'
By Stuart Batty

Pete Marken



Pete Marken



Jack Capps



Jack Capps



Gary Hales



Ron Griffin



James Vaughn



James Vaughn



Jean Cline



Myra Harper



Myra Harper



Myra Harper

More November Turn and Tell Highlights



Sandy Bishop



John Sowell



John Sowell



John Sowell

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE—NOVEMBER



Carl Cummins



Carl Cummins



Ron Herbster



Dwight Hostetter

AWA December Birthdays

Judy Osmundson-December 1
Jennifer Smith-December 1
Maurice Clabaugh-December 9
Lee McDonald-December 14
James Armstrong-December 16
Chris Herren-December 19
Mary Vaughn-December 25
Jim Johnson-December 28
Don Freriks-December 30

Ronny Perkins-December 1
Phil Porter-December 3
Amy Benefield-December 13
TBD Benefield-December ?
John Killian-December 18
Lester Daw-December 20
Carl Cummins-December 28
Cliff Daniels-December 30
James Gilbert-December 30



Congratulations to Gregg Oliver for winning the birthday door prize for the month of November.

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 this year:

- 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 the Secretary and/or Newsletter Editor 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!

Congratulations to our raffle winners for the November meeting!

Howard Tutwiler, James Vaughn, Gregg Oliver, Myra Harper

I Won!



Raffle Ticket Prize News

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 **BIG** prize to be given away at the Christmas party in December! The **BIG** prize for 2017 was a Scholarship to attend a class at Arrowmont! Smaller prizes were a set of tools and a chuck.

Soooo...what do you donate? How about a tool, jig, turned item, wood blank, etc. If you've been to the last several meetings, you probably saw some of the items that were donated for the 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 depends on your willingness to donate nice items and also to buy raffle tickets.

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

More money = more tickets!!! See Amy for details!

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'.

The Karl Harper Perpetual Challenge

AWA has established a perpetual turning challenge in memory of Karl Harper. This challenge is an excellent remembrance of Karl as he continuously expressed a 'try anything' spirit and was an inspiration to us all.

This is how it works: A piece will be turned by a member to be presented at the next meeting. A name will be drawn from the sign-in sheet at that meeting. If the person whose name is drawn accepts, they will take that piece to keep and will bring a piece the following month. If they decline, then another name will be drawn until someone accepts the challenge.

If you question your skill level, don't! Karl never did! You are good enough at whatever level you are! Karl would want us to put a bag over our heads before we turned because he thought 'Lights are for people with disabilities!'

At right is the piece brought by the November challenger, Carl Cummins. Our December challenger is Jack Capps.



AWA Treasurer's Report July 24, 2018

Balance on hand 07/24/18: (checking account plus \$250.00 cash on hand with Jennifer)		\$9,004.83
Expenditures since 07/13/18 report:		
Homewood Sr. Center (rent-July-December)	\$600.00	
July donuts	\$43.85	
July cook-out	<u>\$182.74</u>	\$826.59
Income since 07/13/18 report:		
July dues	\$130.00	
July coffee	\$39.00	
July raffle	\$157.00	
Tool sale income	\$242.00	\$568.00



COMING SOON

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

January-TBD

February-TBD

March-TBD

The following positions are coming available effective with the January 2019 meeting:



- Newsletter Editor
- Meeting Greeter
- Attendance Keeper
- Raffle Ticket Sellers/Handlers
- Membership List Coordinators
- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer when Treasurer is not available
- Other tasks as requested to make AWA run smoothly

If one or more of these sound interesting to you, please talk to Carl or one of the other AWA Board Members.

December Meeting Auction

by Carl Cummins

At our upcoming meeting we will offer an auction of woodturnings by our guest demonstrators and by other generous club members. In addition we'll offer two Rikon mini-lathes, two sphere-cutting jigs, and more. The purpose is to raise funds for bringing in guest demonstrators next year. Please bring your checkbook or plenty of cash. This will benefit all of us!

Some of the items to be available:

Jared Bruckner: Emerging Bowl, Leopardwood, 3.75"L x 3.75"W x 1.75"H



Jess Walls: Natural Edge Bowl, Cherry, 8"L x 6.75"W x 3.25"H



Jess Walls: Cherry Bowl, 8.5"D x 2.5"H



Terry Thurmond: Ambrosia Maple Bowl, 5.5"H x 4"D



Maurice Clabaugh: "KST Braided Knot", Chinaberry, 18"L x 4"W x 4"H, Retail value \$200



Ron Griffin: Large Sea Urchin Ornament, 16"L x 5"D



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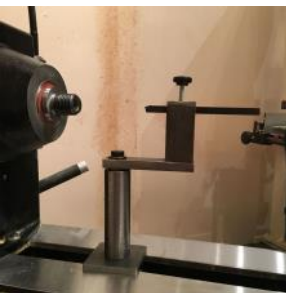
Gary Hales: Bowl, Flame Box Elder, 7.25"D x 2"H



Carl Cummins: Eccentric Spoon Cherry 6"L, Maple Burl Pendant 2"D, Figured Maple Box with Boxwood threaded insert 5"H x 2"D



Sphere cutting jig donated by **John Killian**, adjustable for spindle heights from 9" to 12" (two available)



The two Rikon lathes are model 70-100, 12" swing x 16" turn-able length, ½ hp motor, 6 speed settings 430-3900. A new one costs \$499 at Woodcraft. These have been used in our training classes for several years, but only one day per month, so relatively little mileage!

