



Alabama Woodturners Association

February 2011

AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209
Web Site: www.alabamawoodturners.com

Coming Events

Next Meeting: Staten Tate: "Basic Turning"
Mar: Mark Gardner
Apr: TBA
May: TBA
June: Rudy Lopez: "Natural Edged Winged Bowls"
July: TBA

Thanks to Jess Walls for the great demo during our January meeting. We had 77 people at the January meeting. Please see Phil Duffy to pay your dues.

Our demonstrator in February will be Staten Tate. His demo will be basic turning techniques.

During our February meeting we will raffle off a \$100 gift card from Woodcraft. Thanks to Jay at Woodcraft for giving us a discount on the gift card.

Vice-president Moody Davis and his committee are working hard to line up great demonstrators for future meetings:

Mark Gardner from North Carolina will be our demonstrator in March. Mark's specialty is carving, engraving, and texturing his turnings. Mark's website is MarkGardnerStudio.com. Mark is one of the featured turners at this year's Southern States Symposium. We will have a hands-on workshops Friday and Sunday. The workshops will be at Woodcraft. The cost for the workshops will be \$100 for each full day session. Signup sheets will be available at the February meeting.

Our March demonstrator will be Dean Black. Dean is the owner of Blackwood Gallery & Studio in Springville, AL. Dean is a jack-of-all-trades. He turns architectural columns on his 28' lathe. He also makes cabinets, furniture, finials, and bowls using common and exotic woods. He makes custom gun stocks. He also has metal lathes including one that has a 25' bed. Dean has invited our club to his gallery and studio for a meeting or workshop.

Our demonstrator in June will be Rudy Lopez from Tampa, FL. Rudy's website is RudolphLopez.com. More details about Rudy's visit in a later message.

Have you started on your Christmas tree ornaments? I will have donated popular and cherry wood that would make great ornaments. It will be available at the February meeting.

See you on February 12th at the Homewood Senior Center.



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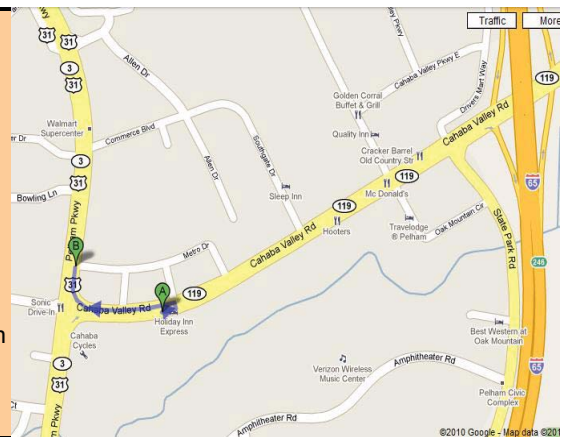
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Notice

Make Tops and Ornaments!



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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 am – 7 pm
Thursday: 9 am – 9 pm
Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm
Sunday: noon – 5 pm



January Meeting Highlights



Jess Walls Demoed Reverse Turned Vessels



Robert Scheitlin conducts the turning competition



Guest Demonstrator March 2011:
Mark Gardner



As long as I can remember I've enjoyed working with my hands. As a teenager I worked in clay and mixed media. Woodworking was my father's hobby and when I was sixteen I was enrolled in a Saturday woodworking class with him at the Ohio College of Applied Science. The class focused on the use of hand tools rather than machines in the building process. I found the use of chisels and planes (when they were sharp) calm and enjoyable. I remained in the class; slowly building Shaker inspired furniture until I graduated from college. I started turning on my father's lathe one day when I wanted a short 3-legged stool for my room. I was hooked.

In 1996 I received a scholarship to attend a class at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts with John Jordan.

By this time I had been turning with modest success throughout my years in col-



lege. The class changed my life. I hadn't had that much concentrated time at the lathe and in a couple of weeks I felt my abilities had greatly improved. Ever since this class turning is what I've wanted to do. I've been back to Arrowmont many times to assist John's classes as well as teach my own.

I turn primarily green wood due to its availability as well as its ease of use compared to dry wood. Lately my work only begins on the lathe. Now much of the time that goes into a piece is spent carving intricate surface patterns. Many things, besides the material, influence my work, including the simple lines of Shaker furniture as well as the carved and painted surfaces of African shields and the beautifully detailed ceremonial war clubs of the Oceanic cultures.



Anyone 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

Meeting Location—816 Oak Grove Rd. Homewood AL

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.