



# Alabama Woodturners Association

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# 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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com)

## Coming Events

**Next Meeting:** "Woods to Lathe" Panel- See details on P. 3  
Pre-meeting Demo: Will Pate -"Turning an Egg"

Feb: Phil Duffy—Irish Boxes  
Mar: Spring Round Robin, Swap Meet & Market  
Apr: Will Pate: Learning New Skills  
May: Dixie Biggs Relief Carving & Workshop  
June: Moody Davis—Duck Calls  
July: Dave Barriger-Natural Edge Bowls & Workshop

## President's Message

As we begin the New Year I would like to reflect back on a member we lost last year. John Roth, a very talented turner and carver from Huntsville, left us last year. The exceptional quality of his turning and carvings made us proud to have him as one of our members. He will certainly be missed. A couple of our officers, Kevin Felderhoff and Treasurer Norris Jackson moved out of state and they too will be missed at our meetings. There are also several members that we have not seen in a while and we should all make an effort to contact them and invite them back to the meetings. Our meetings are not just about turning but also about meeting new friends and keeping up the old ones.



The decorating of the Christmas Tree at the Children's Hospital was once again a fun event for those who participated and for the patients, family and friends. We had in excess of 400 ornaments and our tree was, as always, outstanding. I am in awe of the quality of the ornaments this year and often think back to the ornaments of about 8 years ago. I don't recall any ornaments that were pierced, turned inside out, segmented or laser cut. Most were round with a few plain finials. We have truly improved as a club and can be proud of what we had turned and our commitment to the Children's Hospital. I would like to thank Chuck and Jennifer Smith for volunteering to head the ornament program this year.

I would like for the club to participate in the collaborative effort this year at the annual AAW convention. We have so many talented people in the club that I am sure we can design, turn and build a project that will reflect favorably on our club and have fun doing it. Please be thinking of ideas and be ready to discuss them at the January meeting.

I have always enjoyed seeing the items turned by the members of the club and am planning on asking a member to exhibit their turning on a separate table each meeting. Bill Hubbard has agreed to exhibit about 20 or more of his turning at the January meeting. (I have always accused him of bringing the same pieces over and over again to each meeting and now I will be able to call his bluff.)

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## AWA Officers

**President**—Jerry Osmundson  
**Vice President**—Dave Chanslor  
**Secretary**—Richard Service  
**Treasurer**—Phil Duffy  
**Directors**—Judy Osmundson, Donald Payne, Jess Walls, Brian Simmons, Moody Davis, Laura Reder, Tom Corbett  
**Web Master**—Robert Scheitlin  
**Training**—Phil Fortmeyer  
**Newsletter Editor**—Dave Chanslor

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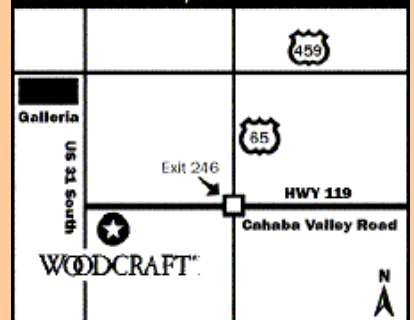
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**\*\*Notice\*\***  
**Directors meeting**  
**after January 9th**  
**meeting.**  
**Dues are Due!**



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Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm  
Sunday: noon – 5 pm

## BIRMINGHAM, AL



# PARTY TIME!

*AWA held it's annual Christmas Party in December.*



Incoming President Jerry makes comments to the club after the vote. Jerry talked about some of his ideas and plans for the coming year. It sounds like we will have a great year in 2010.



Judy, Jennifer and Shirley at work setting up! They have led the Christmas party planning and arrangements for several years. Thanks



Lots of hungry mouths to feed—and plenty of food to go around.



Buddy holds forth as Santa Claus—The right man for the job! We had many door prizes plus a gift exchange to make the occasion festive. Thanks to all who participated and made the party successful.

## President's Message Cont.

I would also like to see the club participate in community events this year in order to promote woodturning and our club. Opportunities for demos could be at Boy Scout meetings, Lowe's and Home Depot, Woodcraft, etc, and exhibits in such places as libraries, hospitals, etc. If anyone has any ideas or contacts please let me know.

If anyone has wood or any other items we can use as door prizes please bring them to the meetings. If the interest is there I would like to see more raffles, so please let me know if you are interested and also in items for raffles. Mini lathes and chucks have always been popular and we are always open for other suggestions. Is there any interest in a chain saw?

See you at the meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Editors Comments

I would like to thank outgoing editor **Jerry Hanchey** for the fine work he has done over the last four years developing our AWA Newsletter and getting it published without fail every month. It is no easy task gathering the information and photos and getting the Newsletter out in a timely fashion as Jerry did for those years. Thanks again for a great job Jerry!

This past year we had the misfortune to have our president move to North Carolina to a new job. However Kevin stuck with us as much as he could and we all appreciate the effort he made to fulfill his role as president during the year. We wish him well in his new situation in North Carolina.

Looking ahead to 2010, we expect great things from our new president for 2010. (Jerry served as president of AWA in 2004-2005) and with his past experience is well suited to lead the AWA.

**From the Program Chairman:** In January 2010, we have a different kind of program that we are excited about. We have a panel to talk and demo about getting your piece of wood from the tree in the woods or on the curb to your lathe ready to turn. If you are new to turning you will learn a lot and if you have been turning a long time I bet you will learn something new from our panel or from the audience. We will be showing and telling about different methods of harvesting wood, cutting pieces to turn, preparing wood for the lathe, preserving and storing wood and more! Our panel includes **Moody Davis, Bob Henry, Jerry Osmundson, Phil Fortmeyer Bill Hubbard** and your editor.

We plan to have some good programs, some excellent workshops and other interesting activities to keep your interest in AWA. We will continue Saturday training programs led by Phil Fortmeyer.

We will have another ever-popular Round-Robin program with some added features coming in March. We plan to have a swap meet where you can bring those tools you don't use to exchange for something "new". We are talking to a wood dealer about bring wood to sell and maybe other suppliers as well. It will be a good time to have a feed at lunch as well. It sounds like lot's of fun!

We have one professional workshop lined up in May with **Dixie Biggs**, the top relief carver in the woodturning field. **Dave Barriger** is coming in July to teach the fine points of natural edge bowls. Dave has been President of AAW and is a long time and popular teacher and demonstrator. We are talking to several **top turners** about programs this year and next to continue making programs available to those who want to continually improve their skills through these hands-on workshops. We will strive to balance between the pure wood turning skills demos and workshops to learn advanced techniques in design and enhancements.

*Come and See Us!*

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 showing up before 8:00 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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com) for much more about our club.