



# Alabama Woodturners Association

July 2010

# 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

**July: Dave Barriger-Natural Edge Bowls & Workshop  
Pre Meeting :Tops by Bill West**

August: Jess Walls—TBA  
Pre Meeting: Mel Brown  
September –TBA  
Pre Meeting: Wilford Bickel  
October—Craig Jackson  
Pre Meeting: Dave Chanslor  
November—Round Robin  
December– Christmas Party  
January 2011—TBA



## Duck Calls by the "Clock Doc"!



Our own Moody Davis, now famous for his skills as a clock repairman is also known for his duck calls. He says he started out making "fake" duck calls for friends who wanted to mount their duck trophies with a duck call. Is it fair for a guy to be famous, talented AND good looking? Why not spread it around?

Moody had a challenge keeping our attention for an hour and a half talking about duck calls but he definitely held our attention and answered many questions during and after the program. Moody kept telling us how simple it was but I guess if you can repair a clock, many things seem simple. The "Doc" also demonstrated his skill at calling ducks and we all expected a duck to land any minute. A funny thing is that Moody doesn't even hunt ducks!



Moody's fame soared recently with an article in the May 7th issue of the Birmingham News about his clock repair hobby/ business. Moody has been repairing clocks for over 35 years according to the article and repaired 147 clocks last year. He is retired from NASA where he worked with a space shuttle task team. Go Doc! See our web site for more.

## 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

## Inside this issue:

Turning Competition Pics—  
p. 2  
Alabaster Cityfest

**\*\*Notice\*\*  
Make tops and  
ornaments!**



**WOODCRAFT**  
Helping You Make Wood Work

2215B Pelham Pkwy N (US 31)  
Pelham, AL 35124  
Phone: (205) 988-3600  
Web Site: [www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)  
Email: [Woodcraft511@bellsouth.net](mailto:Woodcraft511@bellsouth.net)  
Manager: Jay MacDougall  
Store Hours:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 am – 7 pm  
Thursday: 9 am – 9 pm  
Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm  
Sunday: noon – 5 pm

# Turning Competition

*AWA has a display of work done by members each month and these items are judged and ribbons awarded. Nice work folks!*

## BEGINNER



**David Tucker**



**John Carpenter, 1st**

## INTERMEDIATE



**Troy Stroud, 2nd & 3rd**

## ADVANCED



**Sean McCurley, 1st**



**Bob Henry, 2nd**

## ENHANCED OR SEGMENTED



**Bill Hubbard, 1st**



**It's time for Christmas Ornaments!  
We have over 300 to make!**



**Tommy Hartline, 3rd**



**Will Pate, 2nd**



## Featured Turner for May—Jess Walls



Jess is a talented and creative woodworker. As you can see from his work, he has the imagination and skill to make most anything out of wood.



**Lot-o-tops**



**The ladies who filled our tummies after the meeting!**



### **Presidents Message:**

Now that the year is officially half over I thought it might be worth reflecting on what the club has done so far. The January meeting had a panel of members in which various subjects were discussed and among the topics was proper lifting by Dr. Phil Fortmeyer (which I did not pay enough attention to). Phil Duffy demonstrated for us in February and despite the bad weather had a good turnout. March was everyone's favorite the Round Robin and the lunch wasn't too bad either. Will Pate demonstrated his techniques in April

and May found Dixie Biggs from Gainesville, Fl. conducting a workshop and also demonstrated her texturing skills. Moody Davis turned duck calls in June and despite me cutting him off early did a fantastic job and generated a lot of interest in many members. Each month a Featured Turner displayed their works for all of us to admire and learn from.

We undertook a project of turning tops for Dr. Killen's pediatric patients and the interest has been outstanding. The tops are a good way to use the small scraps you have laying around and they go for a great cause. We have turned close to 200 tops with more to come since all of Dave's blanks were taken the last meeting. With the purpose of generating interest in woodturning we had 2 booths at the Alabaster City Fest on June 5<sup>th</sup> and it was exciting to see how excited the people were when they saw us turning. A few said it reminded them of their fathers and grandfathers and 1 asked to have a top turned so she could place it on her mantel to remind her of her grandfather.

So why join our club? Many benefits come from being a member of our club beginning with the donuts, coffee, pre meeting demos, lunches, listening to Buddy call us to order, etc. But seriously I had a member tell me several years ago that he wished he had joined our club much sooner because he would be a more advanced turner than what he was. We learn from each other, share our thoughts (some are pretty far out there), share our wood and in general socialize among friends. Our yearly Christmas tree is for a very worthy cause and one only needs to see the quality and variety of ornaments turned now vs the days when we met in Bo's shop in Birmingham to realize that the Alabama Woodturners are a great group of people. Please join us at our next meeting and see what we are all about.





## AWA at Alabaster Cityfest

AWA had two booths at Cityfest in Alabaster and nine AWA members participating in demos and sale of turned pieces.



### Editors Comments:



**Wooden Tops**— We had a very good response from our members making **wooden tops** for the kids at **Children's Hospital**. Over **140tops** were turned in in June and 70 in May! Dr. John Killian gives these tops to children who are being treated at the hospital. John has given a substantial donation (**\$1,000**)the club for our making the tops for him to give out at the hospital. John says that his group will do over **100 operations a month** in the five months of summer, his busiest time of year. Please turn some tops to brighten the day for some very sick children!

Thanks. Also— don't forget to turn some Christmas ornaments too!

## *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—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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com) for much more about our club.