



Alabama Woodturners Association

AWA Newsletter

June 2010



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

June: Moody Davis—Duck Calls
July: Dave Barriger-Natural Edge Bowls & Workshop
August: Jess Walls—TBA
September –TBA
October—Craig Jackson
November—Round Robin
December— Christmas Party
January 2011—TBA

Dixie Biggs!

Dixie Biggs, a premier turner and relief carver, spent three days with AWA with two hands on workshops on Thursday and Friday and a demo on Saturday May 8. There was an “up close” session Saturday afternoon for those who wanted to ask more questions and see more of Dixie’s techniques. Those who partici-



ipated in the workshops learned the techniques for producing awesome carved vessels with other interesting surface decorations as well. We tried something new with an afternoon session for those wanting to return after lunch and learn more.. About a dozen folks hung around to spent time learning more from Dixie.

We met after lunch in the training room where Dixie explained in detail some of her surface treatments such as lime wax treatment and burning designs. She answered a lot of questions and spent more time on relief carving techniques. A good day at AWA!



AWA Officers

President—Jerry Osmundson
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Secretary—Richard Service
Treasurer—Phil Duffy
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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



Ronnie Perkins

Intermediate



John Carpenter

ENHANCED OR SEGMENTED



Jess Walls, 1st

ADVANCED



Kevin Felderhoff, 1st



Bill Hubbard, 2nd



Bob Henry, 3rd



Shaun McCurley, 2nd



Hands-on Workshop



Tops for hurting children!



AWA is going to Alabaster Cityfest
Cityfest is a big deal! It is on June 5th and features live entertainment including Travis Tritt... and it's FREE! We will have two booths to demonstrate wood turning and sell our stuff. Please turn out and support this effort and participate. For more details on Cityfest and directions, go to www.alabastercityfest.com.

Featured Turner for May—Will Pate



Will showed us a glimpse of his wide variety of skills in woodworking and creative design as the featured turner in May. An amazing talent and major force in the AWA. Thanks for sharing with us Will.





Presidents Message:

As I write this I am still suffering from lifting a large log 4 weeks ago. I apparently did not pay close enough attention to Dr. Fortmeyer's discussion at our January meeting on the proper way to lift. That being said I have decided not to do anymore "stupid" things for the rest of my life. I have learned my lesson!!

Thanks to Dixie Biggs for presenting a very interesting program at our last meeting and for offering many tips and techniques that we can all use. Her hands on classes were very informative and those who attended learned many new skills. She is very passionate about woodturning and enjoys teaching others. The embellishments she adds into her pieces certainly enhance them and make them stand out. She has donated a couple of pieces to the club to either auction off or give as door prizes. As I look back on the turners we have had demonstrate at our meetings and the line up yet to come I would like to thank Worth and Dave for their efforts in bringing in quality turners and I can not go without saying that they include many of our own members.

Thanks to Will Pate for volunteering to be our Featured Turner in May. He likes to constantly challenge himself and think of new projects to turn and different ways to do them. One only needs to visit his shop and see all the jigs he has made to help him either turn or cut something up in order to make it unique.

The Alabaster City Festival is scheduled for Saturday June 5 and we will have 2 booths where we will be turning and promoting the club. If you are interested in turning some throughout the day please let me know. Admission is free and Travis Tritt is the headliner for the evening concert.

We are in need of as many tops as you can turn! During the summer months we would like to collect about 100 at each meeting. Dr. Killen gives these tops to his pediatric patients who are undergoing surgery and it helps to allay their fears. This is a great humanitarian effort that the club can do and thanks to Dr. Killen for caring so much for his patients. He has made a substantial donation to the club for the tops we turn in. Thanks to all who turned in the tops last meeting and for those who are bringing them in the future.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Mrs. Jane Cleage, wife of Bill Cleage. She passed away on May 17, 2010 at the age of 90. The Cleage's were married for 65 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and We will have a raffle for another box of exotic turning blanks and we are planning on having lunch. So come hungry and don't eat too many of the doughnuts Richard Serviss brings.



More Biggs workshop images...



Editors Comments:



Wooden Tops– We had a very good response from our members making **wooden tops** for the kids at **Children's Hospital**. Over **70 tops** were turned in! 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.
(100 tops X 5 months = 500 tops: let's get busy!)

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 for much more about our club.