



Alabama Woodturners Association

Meeting Location: Homewood Senior Center 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209

www.alabamawoodturners.com

June 2012

Officers:

Phil Duffy, President

Jess Walls, Vice President

Jennifer Smith, Treasurer

Laura Reeder, Secretary

Directors:

Bill West

Staten Tate

Jeff Hicks

Sean McCurley

Demo Schedule:

Jan: Jess Walls, Bowls

Feb: Phil Morris - Pens

Mar: Andy Woodard, Tenn.

Apr: Staten Tate

May: John Jordan

June: Phil Duffy

July: Dwight Holtetter

Aug: TBA

Sept: Pat Johnson

Oct: Frank Bowers

Nov: Round Robin

Dec: Christmas party

Training Classes:

(Saturday afternoon after meeting)

Feb: Bill Hubbard

Mar: Mark Couto

Apr: Staten Tate

May: TBA

June: TBA

July: TBA

Aug: TBA

Sept: TBA

Oct: TBA

Have you paid
your 2012
dues?

President's Message:

I don't know about the rest of the membership but I was awed by our most recent demonstration. I have known John Jordan since I took a three day class with him in 1997, have watched him demo many times and always come away having learned something new. This session was no different. I have long known how he achieved the orange peel (or stippled) effect but was never able to match his result. This goes back to my long held belief that knowing how and being able to do is not the same thing. By the end of class on Sunday I was finally able to 'get it right'. The secret was a question of touch or finesse or however you choose to put it. For me the weekend was a complete success. I enjoyed watching a true master work his magic and I learned something new. It is why I joined the AWA and continue to attend the meetings. Many thanks to John for an outstanding demonstration. I just wish he didn't make it look so easy. By the way, John Jordan has just been selected for Honorary Lifetime Member recognition by the American Association of Woodturners and will be so honored at the National Symposium this month in San Jose, CA. Congratulations for an achievement well deserved.

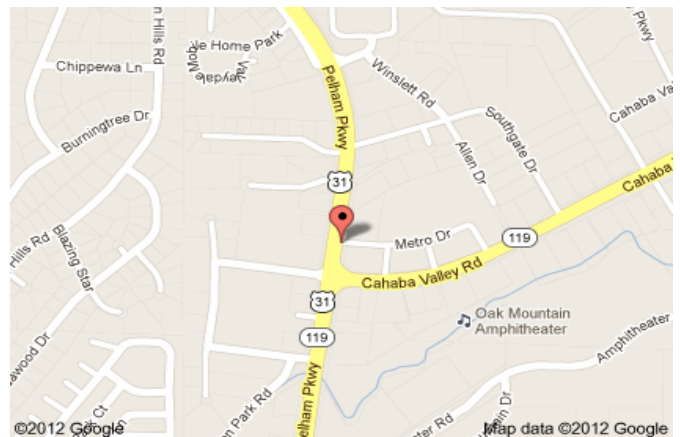


Jess advised me that we still did not have a demonstrator for the June meeting and that meant that the club was going to be subjected to one of us for the amusement of the membership. He flipped a coin and said that I won. I think it was one of those 'heads you win, tails I lose' deals and not being present for the coin toss I have to trust his integrity. Surely Jess wouldn't sandbag a friend of many years standing. Would he? Nah!

I will sharpen up some tools and bring the makings of two or three boxes and I will round up and bring every wood embellishing tool I can find and we can either turn some boxes or demo the embellishing tools or both. The choice will be yours. Box making is a great way to practice and perfect tool use and control and I'm sure that we can engender a lively discussion about decorating our work. As a matter of fact, letting members show how they use these tools to decorate their work may lead to an interesting meeting. We are there to learn, share and have fun. Shooting or otherwise mutilating the presenter is off the table, especially if the presenter is me. See you Saturday.



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May demo by John Jordan



Saturday afternoon mentoring:

Phil Fortmeyer is our mentor chairman. Phil schedules classes that are of interest to a wide range of experience, Preference will be given to turners with limited experience. There is a nominal fee for these classes to cover the cost of the material used in the class. Bring your own tools or use the tools provided by the club. The club owns six Rikon Lathes, chucks and tools necessary to use in the classes. The training is held in the Craft Room at the Home-wood Senior Center.

Show your work : Members and guests bring their turnings to the meeting for all to see. We take a break during the demo and review each turning. We discuss type of wood, finishes, and design changes that occurred during the turning process.



Pete & Michelle Marken —
Segmented vessel 566 pieces



Shan McCurley — closed vessel



Donald Payne — Pens



John Sowell — red oak & Canadian maple vessel



Tommy Hartline — basket bowl



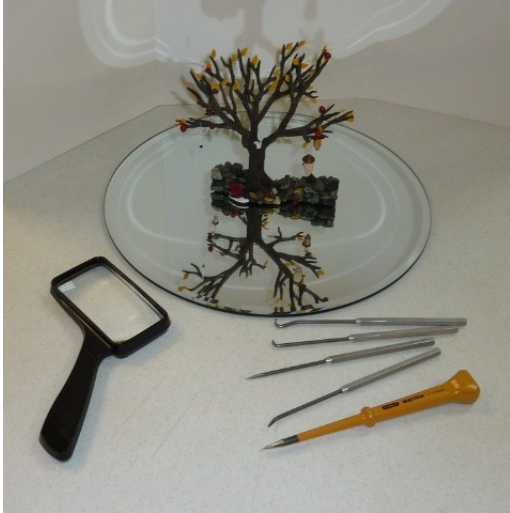
Tommy Hartline —
Inside-out ornament



Will Pate — brushes & dark vessel



Jerry Hanchey — tops for Dr.
Killian's patients



Donald Payne — Miniature bird houses

Meeting schedule: Monthly meeting is the second Saturday of each month. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 am and the meeting starts at 9:00 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.