

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

June 2018

A member of the American Association of Woodturners
Meeting location: Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Rd., Homewood, AL 35209
Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am
www.alabamawoodturners.com

June Demo ~ Carl Cummins

Last year I demonstrated multi-axis turning without special chucks. This time will be *with* special chucks. I will demonstrate the Sorby Wobble Chuck and the Escoulen Eccentric Chuck. If we have enough time I could also show the Escoulen Multi-axis Chuck #3 and the Richard Joyner Off-Center Jig.



Early this year I showed some eccentric spoons that I had made using the Sorby and Escoulen chucks. I received several requests to demonstrate how they were made, so that is what I will do.

For information about myself and how I got interested in multi-axis turning, see the February 2017 newsletter available on the AWA website, alabamawoodturners.org.

- Carl



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Hey! Wanna learn more about turning? Or help someone else learn more about turning?

Mentoring is available Saturday afternoons in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center. Sessions start one hour after the demonstration ends or 1 pm.

AWA owns lathes, chucks and tools to use in class, but you may also bring your own.

If you are interested in participating either as a student or a mentor, Phil would love to talk to you and sign you up!

Phil Fortmeyer - (205) 612-7496

REMINDER: Lathe Demo Cleanup Volunteers for June/July/August:
David Duncan & Bill Calderwood
Please plan accordingly!



Welcome to our new members!

Eric Oller

John Ryhmes

Howard Tutwiler

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

For June our challenge is a “salad bowl” which is familiar territory for some of us, but not all. I'm thinking of a bowl with a straight rim (not natural edge) and a stable base. It could be open-form or closed-form. It could be a large bowl ,or a small individual-size, or a set! I know many of us have rough-turned bowls which have been sitting on shelves for a long time, so now is an excuse to go ahead and finish one.

As I mentioned before, in case you missed any previous months' challenges, please feel free to do those too. I will count them toward the annual total as well. Remember we'll award a prize based on participation.

Have fun and stay safe!

– Carl

UPCOMING PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

March - Platter, plate, etc.

April - Calabash bowl or other curved bottom, no foot

May - Hollow form, any size

June - Salad bowl, small or large

July - Art, non-functional piece

August - Scoop

September - Ornaments, two or more in different styles

October - TBA

November - TBA

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE—MAY

Hollow form, any size



Carl Cummins



Jerry Hanchey



Howard King



Pete Marken



Maurice Clabaugh



Bill Hubbard



Jerry Hanchey



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John Jackman



Myra Harper



Maurice Clabaugh

May Meeting Recap

Thank you Howard King for providing the Finials turning demo!



May Turn and Tell Highlights



Bethany Alexander



Bill Hubbard



Gary Hales



Gary Hales



Gary Hales



Howard King



Howard King



Howard King



Jerry & Judy Osmundson



John Jackman



John Jackman



Lynn Baswell



Maurice Clabaugh



Ronny Perkins



Sandy Bishop



Sandy Bishop



Ronny Perkins



Sandy Bishop



Sandy Bishop



Sandy Bishop



Brent Clayton



Brent Clayton



Myra Harper



Pete Marken

AWA June Birthdays

Staten Tate - 6/8	Donna Dill - 6/19	Greg Faulkner - 6/24
Allen Smith - 6/13	Phil Duffy - 6/19	Pete Marken - 6/27
Lynn Baswell - 6/14		Jim Priest - 6/29

Congratulations to **Gary Hales** for winning the birthday door prize for the month of May, a block of maple!

Birthday Door Prize News

AWA gives a birthday gift door prize to a turner who has a birthday during the month of that meeting. Here are the 'rules' for this year:

- 1) This is a door prize so, yes, you need to be at the meeting and stay for the drawing to win.
- 2) You need to make sure Jean and/or Amy have your correct birth date. No fair changing your birth date in the middle of the year! You're stuck with the one they originally gave you!

Congratulations to our raffle and door prize winners for the May meeting!

Justin Miller (x 2), Scott Arnold (x 3), Darby Whitman (x 2), Allen Smith (x 2), John Jackman, Ron Griffin (x 2), Myra Harper, Clyde Hoover (x 2), Carl Cummins, John Ryhmes, Gary Garris (x 2), Richard Graham, Brent Clayton and Sandy Bishop!

Raffle Ticket Prize News

Bring an item to donate and buy raffle tickets. We'll raffle the items donated and all of the tickets will go into the pot for a **BIG** prize to be given away at the Christmas party in December! The **BIG** prize for 2017 was a Scholarship to attend a class at Arrowmont! Smaller prizes were a set of tools and a chuck.

Soooo...what do you donate? How about a tool, jig, turned item, wood blank, etc. If you've been to the last several meetings, you probably saw some of the items that were donated for the raffle. That should give you a pretty good idea. Use your imagination ...within reason, of course! As a bonus, if you bring donations, you'll get one additional raffle ticket for each item!

The success of this raffle depends on your willingness to donate nice items and also to buy raffle tickets.

\$1 each~~~~~\$5 for 6 tickets~~~~~\$10 for 13 tickets

More money = more tickets!!! See Amy for details!

If you don't think you are an expert turner, look at any of the newsletters from other clubs. You will see that your turnings are equal to anything out there. Your turned items **ARE** 'good enough'.

The Karl Harper Perpetual Challenge

AWA has established a perpetual turning challenge in memory of Karl Harper. This challenge is an excellent remembrance of Karl as he continuously expressed a 'try anything' spirit and was an inspiration to us all.

This is how it works: A piece will be turned by a member to be presented at the next meeting. A name will be drawn from the sign-in sheet at that meeting. If the person whose name is drawn accepts, they will take that piece to keep and will bring a piece the following month. If they decline, then another name will be drawn until someone accepts the challenge.

If you question your skill level, don't! Karl never did! You are good enough at whatever level you are! Karl would want us to put a bag over our heads before we turned because he thought 'Lights are for people with disabilities!'

At right is the piece brought by the April challenger, **Myra Harper**. Our May challenger is **Jack Capps**.



**July Demo - Christmas in July
(Round Robin showcasing Christmas ornaments)
Please join us after the meeting for a cookout!**

August Demo - Justin Miller, Hollow form utilizing a visualizer

September - Phil Duffy, Platter and decorations/embellishments

October - Jerry Osmundson

Tool and Materials Sale

The AWA will hold a Tool and Materials Sale at the July meeting. This meeting also features the Round Robin demonstrations of Christmas ornaments. So after you have toured the Round-Robin demos you may browse the items for sale. The sale will be conducted as a silent auction.

This is how the sale will work: Any member may bring in items they wish to sell. For each item, the member must prepare a bid sheet providing a Description, an optional Minimum Bid, an optional Minimum Raise and the percentage to go to AWA. The choices for percentage are 25%, 50% or 100%. A sample bid sheet is provided at the end of this newsletter and will also be sent separately in an email. Sellers should print one sheet per sale item and fill it out prior to the July meeting.

The silent auction will run from 9:30 to 11:30. When the auction closes at 11:30, those bidders with winning bids take the bid sheets to the cashier and pay with cash or check. The AWA Treasurer will subtract the selected percentage and pay the seller with cash (if available) or check.

Guidelines to sellers: Only members are permitted to bring items for sale. You may bring in any number of items (please be reasonable in consideration of space) and you must prepare a separate bid sheet for each item. The Minimum Bid is optional and a Minimum Raise is optional. For items valued over \$50, a Minimum Raise of \$5 might be appropriate. For items valued over \$100, a Minimum Raise of \$5 or \$10 might be preferred. The club will keep a percentage of the highest bid. The seller may choose 25% to go to the club, or if feeling more generous, may choose 50% or 100% to go the club.

Guidelines to bidders: Bidding is open to visitors as well as members. When you want to bid you enter your bid amount and write your name on the bid sheet. Check back later to see if anyone else has bid higher and you may bid again as high as you like. When the auction ends at 11:30, you check all the items where you bid and, if your bid is highest, take the bid sheet to the cashier. Please be prepared to pay with cash or check.

Payments to sellers: We will try to pay sellers the same day if possible. Small amounts may be paid in cash and large amounts will be paid by check. If time does not permit making payments during the meeting, then checks will be sent later via USPS mail.

