



Alabama Woodturners Association

AWA Newsletter

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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

Next Meeting: “
Spring Round Robin, Swap Meet & Market & lunch
Apr: Will Pate: Learning New Skills
May: Dixie Biggs Relief Carving & Workshop
June: Moody Davis—Duck Calls
July: Dave Barriger-Natural Edge Bowls & Workshop
August: Jess Walls—TBA
September –TBA
October—TBA
November—Round Robin

President’s Message

Once again we had a good turnout despite the weather. I would like to thank Phil Duffy for his demo and to Nevin Newton, the Featured Turner, for displaying his segmented turnings. One of our past presidents, Dave Chanslor, will be the Featured Turner in March and I am sure we can expect another outstanding exhibit of fine turnings.



Richard Serviss was the winner of the raffle for the Easy Rougher and in March we will have another raffle for the smaller Ci0 Easy Finisher. Please let me know your ideas for further raffles.

Dave Chanslor and I were discussing ideas for the club and came up with A Collaborative Contest. 2-3 people can work on a project and sometime around June or July we would have the judging. Everyone would get a vote and we would award prizes and a ribbon for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

I will see you at the meeting on March 13th and don’t forget we will be eating lunch at this meeting. Remember to bring your mallet you made.

AWA Officers

President—Jerry Osmundson
Vice President—Dave Chanslor
Secretary—Richard Service
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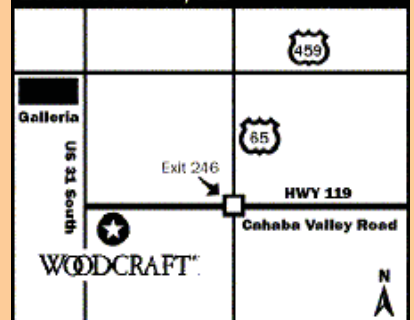
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****Notice****
Dues are Due!



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

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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!



Greg Faulkner



John Carpenter



Moody Davis



Moody Davis



Jerry Osmundson



Greg Faulkner



Featured Turner for February—Nevin Newton

Nevin specializes in segmented turnings and had won many awards for his work. He has his work on display at several galleries including a museum in London England. Look at this Awesome work!





Featured Turner for January—Bill Hubbard

Bill came to AWA from Texas a few years ago and we are glad to have his extraordinary turning skills in our club. Bill lives in the “boondocks” outside of Centerville on the Cahaba River.



**Bill's
Workshop**

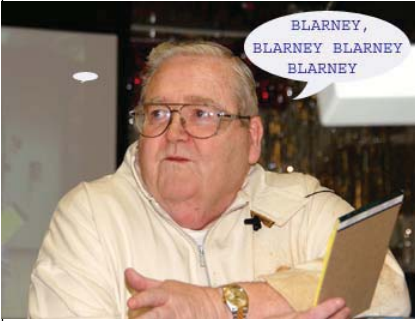
Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium – January 23-25, 2010

By Staten Tate

If you have never attended a wood turning symposium, either the Southern States or Tennessee Association of Woodturners (tnwoodturners.org) symposium is a good place to start. This past January, I attended the TAW symposium at the Opry Mills Radisson Hotel in Nashville, held the last weekend of January. Coming up next, April 23-25, is the Southern States Symposium in Gainesville GA .

This year the TAW symposium featured turners Trent Bosch, Frank Penta, Mark St. Ledger and a wood artist, Tania Radda. The general theme was half artistic (coloring, texturing, design, etc.) and half woodturning skills, methods and projects. There were also several tool vendors, including John Jordan and Lyle Jamison and a couple of wood vendors who all graciously helped me part with my dollars.

Trent Bosch demonstrated his signature “Vessels of Illusion” techniques and other decorative techniques for bowls and platters. Frank Penta demonstrated off center turning, finishing, and tool making, much as he did last year at our club. Mark St.Ledger demonstrated several box projects and skill building exercises. Tania Radda who has a Master of Fine Arts degree in wood sculpture from the U of Arizona, uses turning in her art and discussed design and material topics. (Cont. p4)



Editors Comments: Blarney is a hamlet in Ireland and the home of a most famous and endearing Irish quality. The term “blarney” is defined as “flattering or wheedling talk OR deceptive or misleading talk, nonsense or hooley”. We have an Irishman in our midst who fully lives up to this famous reputation. Not to mention any names but he gave an excellent demo of turning Irish boxes at our February meeting, and a fine demo of “blarney”. Your humble editor and program chairman is rumored to have been the object of some of this famous Irish past time! Our thanks to the February speaker who gave two outstanding demonstrations in one program!

From the Program Chairman:

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”. 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. The plan is to have two workshop sessions, one on Friday May 7th and one Sunday May 9th. On Saturday May 8th, Ms Biggs will demo for the club in the morning at our regular meeting. In the afternoon Dixie will get into more detail with those who are interested, back in our training room as we are required to vacate the main meeting room by 12:00 noon. The afternoon session will be from about 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. The workshops on Friday and Sunday will be held in my shop in Wilsonville.

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. Dave is willing to do a workshop if there is enough interest. 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.

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Most interesting was her discussion of compressed wood, a relatively new process for making wood extremely flexible. Check out flutedbeams.com for a full description and videos. According to Radda there are plans to make larger pieces available for woodturners. Compwood, as it is called, could be considered a new, little explored medium for woodturners with endless possibilities.

I've attended the last three TAW symposiums and have enjoyed the opportunity to watch and learn from the big and really big names in woodturning. It's like 8 to 12 club meetings and half a dozen trips to Woodcraft all in one weekend - if you can stand that much fun at one time. I recommend giving it a try.

Staten Tate

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.