



Alabama Woodturners Association AWA Newsletter

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

www.alabamawoodturners.com

March 2012

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Phil Duffy, President

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Demo Schedule:

Jan: Jess Walls, Bowls

Feb: Phil Morris - Pens

Mar: Andy Woodard, Tenn.

Apr: TBA

May: TBA

June: TBA

July: TBA

Aug: TBA

Sept: TBA

Oct: TBA

Nov: Round Robin

Dec: Christmas party

Training Classes:

(Saturday afternoon after meeting)

Feb: Bill Hubbard

Mar: Mark Couto

Apr: TBA

May: TBA

June: TBA

July: TBA

Aug: TBA

Sept: TBA

Oct: TBA

2012 Dues are due

President's Message

Hopefully we have solved all the problems we've been experiencing with the newsletter mailing system and are back on track. Being technologically challenged I really cannot explain the problem but as I understand it, the files were too big to transmit. I neither speak nor understand geek so I'm usually at a loss when someone is trying to explain the vagaries associated with what program does what and what program is compatible with another program. Fortunately, we do have some members conversant in geek and the future of our newsletter and web site look promising.

Let me again express my thanks to Jess Walls for stepping up and presenting an outstanding demonstration in January. He claimed he was still working on the subject and wasn't yet ready to demonstrate but he sure fooled me. I thought it was great. If I keep practicing maybe some day I'll be that smooth, comfortable and thorough in front of an audience. It could happen! Granted it isn't likely, but it could happen.

Thanks again Jess.

Our February demonstrator, Phil Morris, was a new presenter for the club. He claims to be a relatively new turner but after watching him and seeing the results he produces I find that hard to believe. His pens are exquisite. He also covered a number of topics such as casting acrylics and finishing with CA glue that I found especially interesting. I have a sneaking suspicion a number of us are going to be trying our luck at what we learned from Phil's demonstration. His creative ideas coupled with a high degree of execution produce truly beautiful pens. Another great demonstration deserving of our thanks.

Coming up this month we will have Andy Woodard from the Duck River Woodturners Club in Columbia, TN. Andy has demonstrated for us several years ago and was extremely well received. I think he will be covering a topic near and dear to me – goblets. I'm sure everyone will enjoy his presentation we can give him a big Alabama welcome.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.



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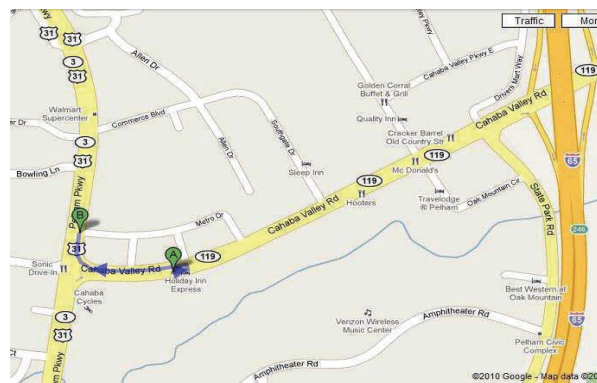
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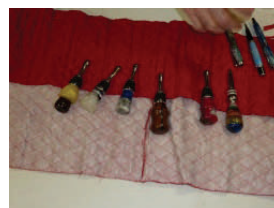
Thursday: 9 am – 9 pm

Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm

Sunday: noon – 5 pm



February Demo: Phil Morris, acrylic pens & wine bottle stoppers



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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 you 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 Homewood Senior Center.

If you have a particular subject you would like to see in the class schedule, contact Phil at 205-612-7496.

Our class after the march meeting will be Off Centered Goblets taught by Mark Couto. Slots are still open in the class. Contact Phil at 205-612-7496 to reserve a slot.

Scheduled Demos:

April—Staton Tate, details to follow.



May—John Jordan, www.johnjordanwoodturner.com

Our Demonstrator at our May meeting will be John Jordan. John is a well known turner, demonstrator and teacher. We will have an all day session. John will do hollow forms with texturing and decorating. Also, we are planning a hands on class on Friday and Sunday. We will start a sign-up sheet at our March meeting.

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.