



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

March 14-Wayne Loveless
April 11-Frank Bowers
May 9-Team Challenge
June 13-???
July 11-???
August 8-Dennis Paullus

March 2015-Wayne Loveless "Featuring the Skew Chisels"

Wayne lives in Ringgold, GA where his studio is located. He began his career in cabinet and furniture making in the mid 80's. While he enjoys all phases of woodturning, his forte is spindle work such as custom legs, finials, and architectural turnings. He has duplicated spindles for individuals, as well as furniture restoration businesses. He is known for his competence in maneuvering the skew chisel.



His time and passion for the craft is shared in teaching the art of woodturning to various students across the country. Wayne began teaching woodturning at the local Woodcraft store. For the past few years, Wayne has taught and demonstrated wood-turning at local high schools, woodturning clubs, craft shows, and woodturning shows. (Editor's note-Wayne is Manager of the Woodcraft store in Chattanooga.)

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Welcome To Our New Members!

Norm Adams
Homewood
Justin Miller
Cullman
Foster Phillips
Homewood
Gary Sartin
Cullman

Randy Tyner
Birmingham
Wayne Bagwell
Vestavia Hills
Ray Dugas
Hoover

Notice

How many Christmas ornaments have you made and turned in? As of our March meeting, there are only 286 days until next Christmas but, more importantly, 232 days until we decorate the Christmas tree at Children's Hospital!



Do you have a birthday? If so, please see Jean or Amy at the sign in table or email us at clineclan1@gmail.com or leobenfield@gmail.com.



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



More About Wayne Loveless

Three years ago, Ringgold resident and woodturner Wayne Loveless noticed a cherry burl growth on a tree near his home on Cherokee Valley Road. The tree later fell as tornadoes ripped through the area last April, and Loveless was able to create something beautiful out of the devastation.

"I can take a tree that would otherwise be rubbish and turn it into a neat piece," he said, describing what attracts him to the hobby.

Loveless started teaching woodturning two years ago when Rodney Millen, owner of Woodcraft of Chattanooga, located in East Brainerd, started The School at Narrow Bridges inside the shop.

"As much as I enjoy turning, my love is in teaching," said Loveless. "When I see a student get the technique and see the look in their eyes, to me it's worth selling half a dozen bowls."

A furniture and cabinet maker for a quarter-century, Loveless started woodturning six years ago and became hooked. Woodturning is a form of woodworking in which a stationary tool, such as a lathe, is used to cut and shape a piece of wood.

"It's a great stress reliever," he said. "In most cases you can look back at the end of the day and have a finished piece."

When working with furniture, he said one can work for weeks just milling the pieces.

"Basically, it's instant gratification," Loveless said of woodturning as opposed to more time-consuming forms of woodworking.

He said he prefers turning between centers, the method of woodturning used to make table legs or lamps, as opposed to making objects admired simply for their beauty.

"With the economy the way it is I try to make things that are useful instead of something you put on a shelf to look at," he said.

At one point Loveless saw woodturning as a chore, but that changed when he decided to take a class.

"I didn't know how to sharpen the tools or the proper technique," he said, noting that made woodturning more laborious than it should have been. "Once I saw the proper ways to use the tools I saw how much fun it can be."

All one needs to begin the hobby is a lathe, a couple of chisels and a grinder, he said.

"One thing I try to stress to my students is you don't have to have every tool to be an accomplished turner," said Loveless. "You try to maximize the use of every tool that you have."

He said he finds one-on-one lessons to be the most successful, as they do away with the competitive atmosphere of a group setting.

"Most of my students are retired people who are looking for something to occupy their time," he said. "It's an inexpensive hobby to get into requiring little space."

A creative gift for dad on Father's Day, a full-day lesson costs \$125, or \$85 for a half day. Students choose the project they would like to complete, he said.

Loveless' pieces can be found at Ringgold Art and Frame Shop, Cutting Corners Framing and Gifts on Signal Mountain and the indoor Town Center Market to be located inside Eastgate beginning the first Saturday in July. A pastor at Standifer Gap Baptist Church, Loveless said he is excited there is now a market held on Saturdays in which he is able to participate.

Bert Workman-February Guest Demonstrator



President's Challenges For 2015

February

Something you'd use or find in the kitchen

March

Worst blowout or break you kept as a reminder

April

Spindle work turned +80% with a skew

May

Ball-Round as round can be but without using a jig!

June

Hollow form

July

Turning between centers on 3 or more axis but no eccentric chuck!

August

Turning from 3 or more pieces glued together

September

Christmas ornament

October

Natural edge bowl (bark or not)

November

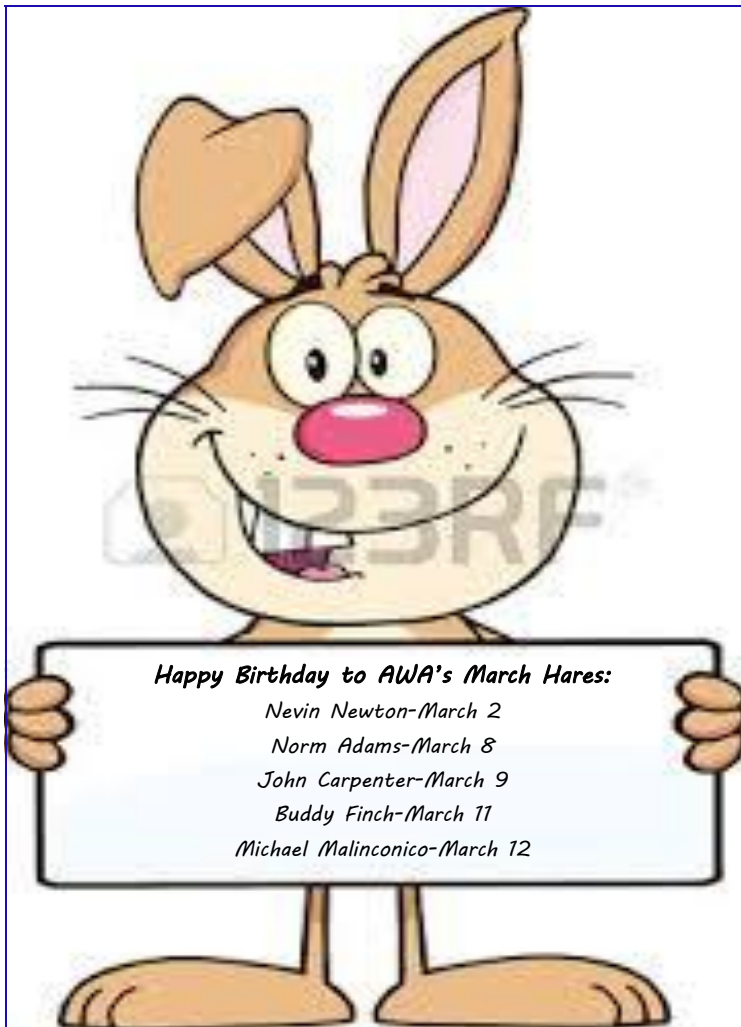
Mushrooms

Saturday Afternoon Mentoring (Starts about 1 hour after the morning session ends or about 1:00)

The March Saturday afternoon class on skew skills will be taught by the morning's demonstrator, Wayne Loveless. If you are interested in participating, contact Phil Fortmeyer at (205) 612-7496 to reserve your spot in the class.

And don't forget about Phil's Drop-In Skills Class in the Craft Room before the start of the meeting on Saturday!

The club owns six Rikon lathes, chucks and tools necessary to use in classes. The training is held in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center.



Raffle/ Birthday Gift Door Prize News

The 'regular' raffle for March will be a CBN 8" 220 grit 4-in-1 wheel from Wood Turners Wonders (<http://woodturnerswonders.com>)!

If you've been to the meetings for the last few months or actually read the newsletter, you've noticed that the AWA has been giving a birthday gift door prize to a turner who has a birthday during the month of that meeting.

Here are the 'rules' for 2015 as they stand now:

- 1) This is a door prize so, yes, you need to be at the meeting to win.
- 2) You need to make sure Jean and/or Amy have your correct birthdate. No fair changing your birthdate in the middle of the year! You're stuck with the one they originally gave you!
- 3) We have prizes for the entire year that we have been numbered. The prize winner for the current month (i.e. February) will draw the prize number for the next month (i.e. March) so Amy and I don't have to bring all of the prizes to all of the meetings. (We sometimes have a hard time just getting *us* to the meetings!)

If you have raffle ideas, please see Jean or Amy at the raffle/sign in table.

Alabama Woodturners Meeting Location—816 Oak Grove Rd. Homewood AL

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.

February Turn and Tell



PETE MARKEN



BILL HUBBARD



JUSTIN MILLER



TOMMY HARTLINE



MAURICE CLABAUGH

LARRY DYE



PHIL FORTMEYER



RONNY PERKINS



JEAN CLINE



How'd They Do That?





More How'd They Do That?



Hm-m-m! This is a

