



# Alabama Woodturners Association

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# AWA Newsletter



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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com)

## Coming Events

**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—Craig Jackson  
November—Round Robin  
December—Christmas Party  
January 2011—TBA

## President's Message

Will Pate once again did not disappoint us with his demonstration in April. He truly enjoys teaching and showing us new techniques. I was at his shop several weeks prior to our meeting and he was showing me some of his fish turnings. I thought - what a long way he has come from the first time I met him. Many years ago his wife gave him a trip to Utah to take a class on woodturning and when he returned he learned about our club. He was in need of wood so we drove to a new development near my house and cut up some cherry for him. Now when you ask him if he wants some wood he looks at you like you are nuts. Will is truly a valued member of our club and is always willing to help anyone. He even got Nelson Brooks to come to a meeting!!!



Thanks to Maurice Claubaugh for being our Featured Turner for April. We all know what an outstanding and innovative turner he is and it was good to see so much of his work at one time. It clearly demonstrates what a true artist he is. A few months ago I gave him an old holly stump that my neighbor had dug up from his front yard and to see what he did with it was amazing. I was going to ask him if I could have it back, but somehow I knew what the answer would be.

The Alabaster City Fest will be Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am. It will be a great day of music, arts, crafts, food and children's activities with Travis Tritt being the featured singer. We are planning on having 2 booths and will need people to demonstrate throughout the day. The booths are 10' x 10' and if you have a tarp we can borrow, please let me know.

Don't forget about the collaborative event: there are no restrictions on size, theme, type of wood/s or the number of people to work on a piece. Now is also a great time to begin turning Christmas ornaments for the Children's Hospital tree. So much going on and so many opportunities to get involved ... keep turning and see you at the next meeting.

## AWA Officers

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## \*\*Notice\*\*

**Join the AAW!**  
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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. Nice work folks!*

## BEGINNER



**Barron Bartlett 1st & 3rd, Paul Genereaux 2nd**

## Intermediate



**Roger Walters**

**Tom Rippel**

## ADVANCED



**David Tucker, 1st**



**Mark Cauto, 2nd**



**Bob Henry, 3rd**

## ENHANCED OR SEGMENTED



**John Taylor, 1st**



**Shaun McCurley, 2&3**



**The Larry & Jerry Show!**



**Lady Killers!**



**The BOSS... and Jerry**

Will Pate's presentation on improving skills, Raymond Henry's pre-meeting presentation, and raffle for exotic wood highlighted the meeting in April.



## Featured Turner for April—Maurice Clabaugh

Maurice is known for his unique designs. He has an exceptional eye for creating interesting designs from what he calls "firewood"



### Editors Comments:

**Wooden Tops-** We mentioned in the last meeting that we are asking members to make **wooden tops** for the kids at **Children's Hospital**. Dr. John Killian gives these tops to children who are being treated at the hospital. John has offered to give a substantial donation the club for our making the tops for him to give out at the hospital. Please turn some tops to brighten the day for some very sick children!

Thanks to Phil Fortmeyer, we will have a wagon load of cherry to give away at the next meeting!

**AAW Membership:** As many of you know, our club is affiliated with the national organization, American Association of Woodturners or **AAW**. I joined the AAW shortly after I joined AWA. Frankly I didn't get a whole lot out of it and didn't care for the magazine, American Woodturner. Most of the stuff in there was either over my head or were things that looked to me like they never saw a lathe. I liked the Woodturning Design magazine better. I wrote letters to the editor complaining that the average turner found no value in the magazine. Well, in the last two years, the American Woodturner has been getting better and better. (Somebody else must have written too!) This year I think it is much better than the Woodturning Design magazine. They still have some far-out stuff in there but there is a broad coverage of all skill levels in the articles.

If you like to see what others are doing and get ideas from publications, I now recommend membership in the AAW if only for the American Woodturner. Membership is \$50 per year. An added benefit is insurance coverage when you are involved in AWA activities. For more information about AAW benefits visit the web site at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

### From the Program Chairman:

We have a professional workshop in May with **Dixie Biggs**, the top relief carver in the woodturning field. It will be held in Homewood down the street about a block from the Senior Center at the Oakmont Methodist Church youth building on Thursday May 6th and Friday May 7th. We have had two drop-outs so there is room for a couple more in the workshops. Dixie will be the program on Saturday May 8th and will hold an informal workshop open to all in the afternoon. That will be held in our training room at the Senior Center. In June, Moody Davis will show us how to make duck calls and maybe how to call ducks too! We are not allowed to shoot ducks in Homewood so leave the artillery at home!

**Dave Barriger** is coming in July to teach the fine points of natural edge bowls and other wood turning skills. Dave has been President of AAW and is a long time and popular teacher and demonstrator. If you are interested in his workshop **please sign up**. We need to fill up one class to justify a workshop. Only two people have signed up so far so we need about 5 more people.

*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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com) for much more about our club.