



Alabama Woodturners Association

# AWA Newsletter

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A member of the American Association of Woodturners

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Web Site: [www.alabamawoodturners.com](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com)

## Coming Events

- May:** Dean Black
- June:** Rudy Lopez: "Natural Edged Winged Bowls"
- July:** TBA
- August:** Jerry Osmundson- Jigs & Things
- September:** Maurice Clabaugh -
- October:** Michael Mocho

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\*\*Notice\*\*

Make Tops and  
Ornaments!  
Ornaments are due  
in September.

## Presidents Message:

During the last month a lot of people in Alabama and other states have suffered as a result of extreme weather. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those that have suffered as a result of these storms.

Again, I would like to thank Sean for stepping up and filling in for Dean Black who had to cancel at the last minute. We had over 70 people at the meeting including guests and new members. We have 115 paid members as of the last meeting. Dean Black will be our demonstrator this month. He is the owner of Blackwood Galleries in Springville, AL. Dean turns bowls, porch pillars, gunstocks, and other unique items. I look forward to his demo. Dean will host the Woodworkers Guild on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. We are trying to arrange a workshop for our club at Dean's Gallery.



Plans are underway for Rudy Lopez will be our demonstrator in June. Dave sent out an announcement regarding the Hands On Classes on Friday and Sunday. We will have a signup sheet for these classes at the meeting. We will have a raffle for a \$100 Gift Card from Woodcraft. I will try to have a raffle each month. If you would like something other than a gift card, let me know.

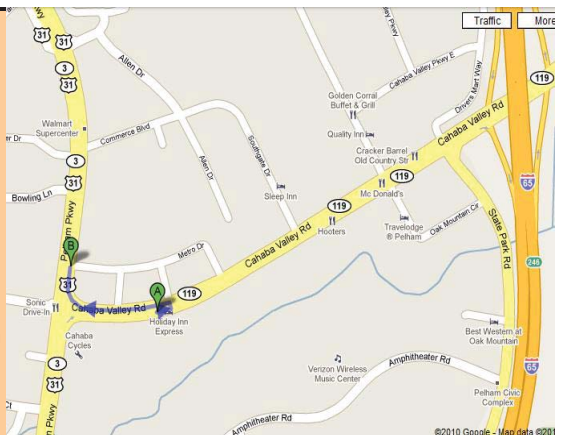
I apologize; this is an extremely short newsletter. As many of you are aware, I have been involved in the catastrophe insurance business for many years. I keep trying to retire, but I keep getting called back to work.

See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.



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Sunday: noon – 5 pm



# SHOW & TELL



Mus ua been sumthin' in the coffee!



If you just listen to the wood...



and I found this twig...



Why won't the salt come out?

## Judy Osmundson's class on Christmas ornaments



Pay attention class!



A little help from Jerry...



Look- forget what Jerry told



Phil, this is how you do it!



Will you show this to Phil?

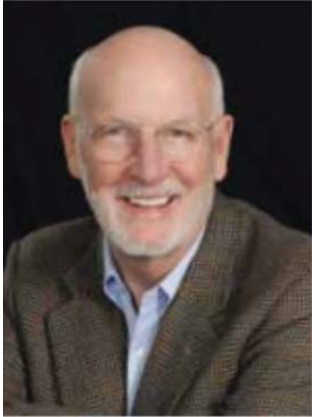


Detailed instruction.



Help me get my thumb loose!

From AWA President:



The AAW 25th Anniversary Symposium promises to be the biggest and best AAW celebration ever. All living Honorary Lifetime Members have been invited to participate. David Ellsworth (a founding member of the AAW and our first president), Dale Nish (a founding member), Bonnie Klein, Ray Key, Nick Cook, Alan Lacer, and Al Stirt have all accepted the invitation. Many other outstanding wood-turners will be in attendance such as Michael Hosaluk, John Jordan, Clay Foster, Hayley Smith, and Chris Stott.

Exhibitions will include "Roots" and a Retrospective on David Ellsworth. Collectors of Wood Art (CWA) will meet in Saint Paul in conjunction with the AAW symposium. For information on their events, visit the AAW website. Friday's Special Interest Night (SIN) sessions offer information for a wide range of interests. Session titles are: Ornamental Turners International, Principally Pens, Segmented

Turners, Antique and Reproduction Lathes, Gizmos and Gadgets, Bowls: Utilitarian and Artistic, First Aid for Woodturners, Collectors of Wood Art, and Why the Heck Should My Chapter Be a Nonprofit?

The Saturday evening banquet will feature the Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) auction. The Professional Outreach Program (POP) auction will be held on Sunday. Both auctions and the Instant Gallery offer excellent opportunities to acquire the world's very best wood-turned art.

If your spouse isn't a woodturner, she or he can visit the Spouse Craft Room and see demonstrations on jewelry making, cake decorating, quilting, kaleidoscope making, and a presentation on America's First Ladies. If you would like to demonstrate your craft, contact the AAW office.

If you love lathes and equipment, the tradeshow is for you! Every major manufacturer of lathes, tools, and accessories will be there to let you see, test, and purchase the latest offerings. Wood selection will be vast.

Consider submitting your own woodturnings to display in the Instant Gallery! When you visit the Instant Gallery, don't forget to vote for the best Chapter Collaborative Challenge, purchase a bowl from Return to the Community, or acquire a turning from the "25 for 25" exhibit. And stop by the AAW Corporate Office and take in the AAW Gallery of Wood Art in historic Landmark Center. Our gallery is beautiful!

Visit the AAW website at [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org) to register for the symposium, reserve your hotel room, and access the latest symposium information. While you are there, click on "25th Anniversary Symposium.

Video" to view an excellent video about the symposium

Tom Wirsing

#### News:

At the Gainesville symposium Don Blankenship won a full scholarship and Jerry Hanchey won a tuition only scholarship to John Campbell Folk School.

#### Hardwoods Inc. Sale:

Manager Billy Carroll says they are running a sale on turning stock for the next few weeks - check it out! Call: 205-664-0224

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

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

# COMING IN JUNE: RUDY LOPEZ

Sign up for hands-on workshops!



The hands-on workshops will be held at the Woodcraft store in Pelham on **Friday** and Sunday with a demo at our regular meeting on Saturday June 11. The Friday class will consist of making a natural edged winged bowl like the one below. We are limited to eight persons per class. The cost will be \$100 per person per day.



Rudy will do a demo at the Woodcraft store on Saturday afternoon following our meeting. The **Sunday** class will learn to make a natural edged end grain goblet like the one pictured below (more or less).

Will Pate will coordinate the classes so if you have questions or want to register for the class see Will.



We had a brief bio on Rudy in the April newsletter so we won't do that again except to say he is from the Tampa area and is president of the local AAW chapter. Rudy is also an accomplished photographer. You can learn more by visiting his web site at :

**[rudolphlopez.com](http://rudolphlopez.com)**.

The site has a gallery of his turnings and his photography.