

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

May 2018

A member of the American Association of Woodturners
Meeting location: Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Rd., Homewood, AL 35209
Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am
www.alabamawoodturners.com

May Demo ~ Howard King - Turning Finials



In the early 1970s, my hobby was making wooden furniture. Eventually this led me to buy a lathe to do spindle turnings for furniture such as bed posts, fern stands, candle holders and stools. Later I got into turning segmented bowls as well as weed pots which lead me to turning bowls from solid wood. I gave up woodturning in the early 1990s and didn't turn much of anything until 2009 when my interest returned. I took a bowl turning class with Frank Bowers one weekend at Highland Woodworking in Atlanta. I had taken some bowl gouges which Frank looked at sadly and told me he would resharpen them for me with the "Irish Grind". Amazingly, he did it free hand. Later, Nick Cook came to Cullman to demonstrate and I watched him turn about 15 different things in one day. So I was hooked again. I have been

amazed at the advancements and the progress woodturning has achieved over the past twenty years. I have really learned a lot from the members of AWA and the programs that are offered every month as well as those at the North Alabama Woodturners. It is amazing how many great woodturners there are in the Birmingham group as well as in the Boaz group who freely share their expertise with us. It is very inspiring to see all the fantastic pieces that are brought to the meetings. I've made a lot of good friends and I'm very happy to be a member of both groups.

Editor's Note: Howard will be leading our training class in the afternoon, with a focus on turning finials. If you are interested in attending, please contact Doc Phil at (205) 612-7496.

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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

For May, our challenge is a “hollow form”. Most commonly, this refers to a form like a vase with a small opening. As usual, you may interpret “hollow form” in many ways. For example, a Christmas ornament with a hollow body would qualify. Also, if you saw Tommy Hartline demonstrate the hollow form made from a board, you’ll know you don’t have to hollow through a narrow opening. If you are new to this, I suggest you start small. In case you missed any previous month’s challenges, please feel free to do those too. I will count them toward the annual total as well. Remember, we’ll award a prize based on participation.

Have fun and stay safe!

– *Carl*

UPCOMING PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

March - Platter, plate, etc.

April - Calabash bowl or other curved bottom, no foot

May - Hollow form, any size

June - Salad bowl, small or large

July - Art, non-functional piece

August - Scoop

September - Ornaments, two or more in different styles

October - TBA

November - TBA

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE—APRIL

Calabash bowl or other curved bottom, no foot



Gary Hales



John Sowell



Charles Moore



Charles Moore



Carl Cummins



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Carl Cummins



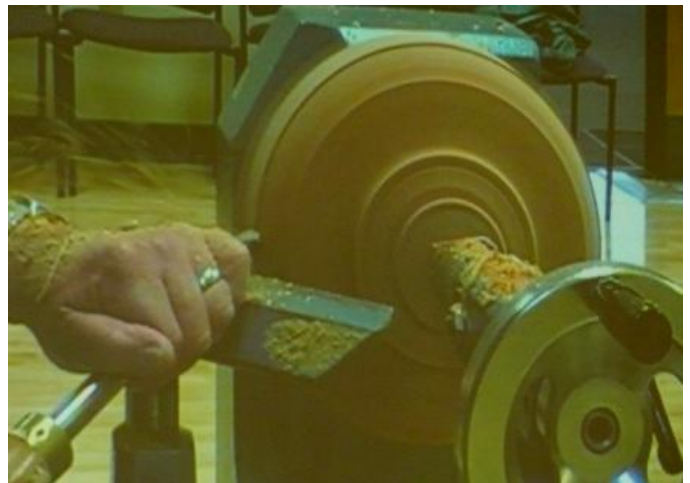
Carl Cummins



Myra Harper

April Meeting Recap

Thank you Jess Walls for providing the From Log to Bowl turning demo!



April Turn and Tell Highlights



Phil Duffy



Carl Cummins



Lynn Baswell



Lynn Baswell



Phil Duffy



Bruce Alexander



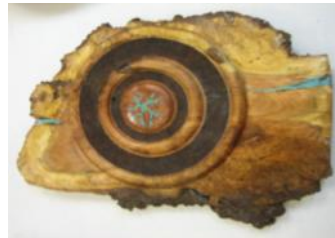
Howard King



Howard King



Gary Hales



Bill Hubbard



Bill Hubbard



Howard King



Gary Hales



Bob Dill



Sandy Bishop



Sandy Bishop



Maurice Clabaugh



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Hey! Wanna learn more about turning? Or help someone else learn more about turning?

Mentoring is available Saturday afternoons in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center. Sessions start one hour after the demonstration ends or 1 pm.

AWA owns lathes, chucks and tools to use in class, but you may also bring your own.

If you are interested in participating either as a student or a mentor, Phil would love to talk to you and sign you up!

Phil Fortmeyer - (205) 612-7496

April Turn and Tell Highlights, cont.



Myra Harper



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Myra Harper



Bill Calderwood



Bill Calderwood



Pete Marken



John Sowell



Pete Marken



John Sowell



John Jackman

VULCAN FORGE BLACKSMITHING CLASS

Vulcan Forge would be happy to conduct a special class for our members on **May 5**, from 9 am to 4 pm at Tannehill Iron Works State Park near Bessemer. We will cover steel selection, heat treating, forging techniques and how to have an affordable forge and tools. This course is designed for wood workers to be able to make tools at a fraction of the cost with readily available tools and materials. Cost will include a one year membership in Vulcan Forge, additional classes at no charge, materials and tools furnished for the class, membership in Alabama Forge Council, newsletter (very good) and wood working tools you will have made. Lunch will be provided for an additional small charge. The charge should be around \$25 for the class and \$6 for lunch, plus the cost of admission to the park. Students will need to wear clothing made of natural material (cotton, linen, wool, leather) and have safety glasses. This class will be smaller than our last class to insure better personal instructions and more anvil time. Space is limited to 12 - that is two students per anvil, per instructor. Women are welcome and one of our smiths is a woman. Just as at our turning meetings, people may have items for sale. To register or if you have any questions, contact James Vaughn at (205) 608-0022 or email cahabatrad-ers@hotmail.com.



AWA Treasurer's Report February 27, 2018

Balance on hand 01/29/18	\$8,969.56
(Checking account plus \$250 cash on hand with Jennifer)	
Expenditures since 01/29/18:	
Food for January meeting	\$161.59
Gift Certificate for Ornament drawing	\$100.00
Lathe	\$756.01
Year end drawings-President's Challenge	\$337.59
Year end grand prize (Arrowmont)	\$595.00
Coffee Supplies	\$24.38
Total	\$1,974.57
Income	
Dues	\$2,120.00*
Coffee contributions-January	\$29.00
Coffee contributions-February	\$5.00
Raffle-January	\$213.00
Raffle-February	\$160.00
Total	\$2,527.00
Balance on hand 02/27/18	\$9,521.99**

*Dues comprised of 44 individual and 8 family memberships paid thus far for 2018.

**Balance reflects checking account and cash on hand with Jennifer of \$250.00 to be used for change those paying dues. Additional cash on hand held by Jean and Amy for change at their table is not included in the balance.

AWA May Birthdays

Rebecca Turner - 5/6	Winifred Duncan - 5/21	Jean Cline - 5/29
Sawyer Edwards - 5/10	Perry Andrews - 5/26	Pat Faulkner - 5/29
Terry Tingle - 5/10	Rick Lampkin - 5/28	James Files - 5/29
Gary Hales - 5/15	Will Pate - 5/28	Jim Black - 5/30

Congratulations to **Doc Phil** for winning the birthday door prize for the month of April, a block of maple!

Birthday Door Prize News

AWA gives a birthday gift door prize to a turner who has a birthday during the month of that meeting. Here are the 'rules' for this year:

- 1) This is a door prize so, yes, you need to be at the meeting and stay for the drawing to win.
- 2) You need to make sure Jean and/or Amy have your correct birth date. No fair changing your birth date in the middle of the year! You're stuck with the one they originally gave you!

Congratulations to our raffle and door prize winners for the April meeting!

Phil Duffy, Carl Cummins, Lynn Baswell, Bill Calderwood (x2), Myra Harper (x2), Brent Clayton (x2), Gregg Oliver, Richard Graham, David Duncan (x2), Clyde Hoover, Paul Shank, Gary Garris, James Vaughn (x2) and Ron Griffin!

Raffle Ticket Prize News

Bring an item to donate and buy raffle tickets. We'll raffle the items donated and all of the tickets will go into the pot for a **BIG** prize to be given away at the Christmas party in December! The **BIG** prize for 2017 was a Scholarship to attend a class at Arrowmont! Smaller prizes were a set of tools and a chuck.

Soooo...what do you donate? How about a tool, jig, turned item, wood blank, etc. If you've been to the last several meetings, you probably saw some of the items that were donated for the raffle. That should give you a pretty good idea. Use your imagination ...within reason, of course! As a bonus, if you bring donations, you'll get one additional raffle ticket for each item!

The success of this raffle depends on your willingness to donate nice items and also to buy raffle tickets.

\$1 each~~~~~\$5 for 6 tickets~~~~~\$10 for 13 tickets

More money = more tickets!!! See Amy for details!

If you don't think you are an expert turner, look at any of the newsletters from other clubs. You will see that your turnings are equal to anything out there. Your turned items **ARE** 'good enough'.

The Karl Harper Perpetual Challenge

AWA has established a perpetual turning challenge in memory of Karl Harper. This challenge is an excellent remembrance of Karl as he continuously expressed a 'try anything' spirit and was an inspiration to us all.

This is how it works: A piece will be turned by a member to be presented at the next meeting. A name will be drawn from the sign-in sheet at that meeting. If the person whose name is drawn accepts, they will take that piece to keep and will bring a piece the following month. If they decline, then another name will be drawn until someone accepts the challenge.

If you question your skill level, don't! Karl never did! You are good enough at whatever level you are! Karl would want us to put a bag over our heads before we turned because he thought 'Lights are for people with disabilities!'

At right is the piece brought by the April challenger, Gregg Oliver. Our May challenger is Myra Harper.



May Demo - Howard King

June Demo - Carl Cummins

**July Demo - Christmas in July
(Round Robin showcasing Christmas ornaments)
Please join us after the meeting for a cookout!**