



Alabama Woodturners Association

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

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November 2012

Officers:

Phil Duffy, President

Jess Walls, Vice President

Jennifer Smith, Treasurer

Laura Reeder, Secretary

Directors:

Bill West

Staten Tate

Jeff Hicks

Sean McCurley

Demo Schedule:

Jan: Jess Walls, Bowls

Feb: Phil Morris - Pens

Mar: Andy Woodard, Tenn.

Apr: Staten Tate

May: John Jordan

June: Phil Duffy

July: Dwight Hostetter

Aug: Bruce Gibson

Sept: Pat Johnson

Oct: Frank Bowers

Nov: Round Robin

Dec: Christmas party

Training Classes:

(Saturday afternoon after meeting)

Feb: Bill Hubbard

Mar: Mark Couto

Apr: Staten Tate

May: TBA

June: TBA

July: TBA

Aug: Bill Hubbard

Sept: TBA

Oct: TBA

Nov: TBA

Dec: Christmas Party

First, I need to express our appreciation to Frank Bower for his outstanding demonstration on hollow form turning. It seems every turner who enjoys hollow form turning has his own unique way of doing what is essentially the same thing. What is true is that every one of us has accumulated every tool available, has tried every tool available and inevitably settles on the first hollowing tool we learned to use. I don't know why that is but it is consistently true. I talked with Frank and like me he has a drawer full of tools he's tried yet still returns to a choice few. I love to buy and try new toys but when I have a project on the lathe I will always reach for the tool I am comfortable with and know will help me achieve the result I want.

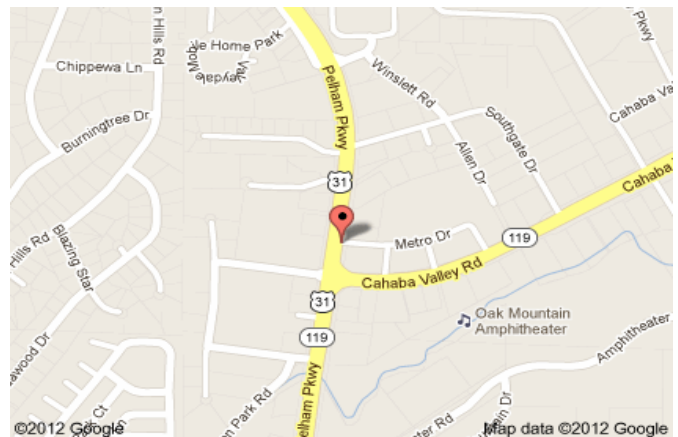
This month we will be returning to a club favorite - the round robin. There will be six lathes set up with different demos at each lathe. I'm not sure what every demonstrator will be doing but the variety will insure that just about all interests will be covered. Several months ago I was asked about thread chasing and I thought this would be a good demo to include. I have the tools, know how it's done and will share what I know. It's really easy and not nearly as intimidating as people think. Ideally dense hard woods such as boxwood or African blackwood are the materials of choice. In our days, fake ivory or corian are choice materials but almost any good tight grained hardwood will work. I learned a trick from Mark St Leger that works great for practicing - Schedule 40 PVC. I'll show you what I know and bring enough for material for everyone to give it a try. I'm not sure what else will be available but suspect pens, tops, ornaments and or finials may be on the agenda. In past years, members sometimes brought stuff they wanted to sell or trade so that's also a possibility. This is a members' day event and I hope everyone will come and have a good time. Sean Mc Curley is organizing the event and feel sure he has selected and interesting variety of demos.



2012 is AWA's fifteenth year in operation and we've come a long way since our days in the back of Birmingham Saw Works warehouse where Nelson Brooks would threaten to sing if people didn't settle down so the meeting could get started. We've grown from the forty or so charter members to over one hundred twenty five or so members and represent every level of achievement from beginner to professional. Hopefully, we will continue to attract new members from newby to pro and will continue to grow. Every member, old or new, has the potential to make the club better. The current Boards' term is coming to an end and a new group of members will be stepping up to take over. I have asked Will Pate to chair a committee to select a new Board. Please step up and participate to make the club grow and prosper.



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Frank Bower



October Demo

Christmas Tree Ornaments:



Show your work





Meeting schedule: Monthly meeting is the second Saturday of each month. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 am and the meeting starts at 9:00 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 for much more about our club.