



Alabama Woodturners Association

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

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October 2012

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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

As usual, our resident 'Pro from Wetumpka' – Pat Johnson found something new to tickle our imaginations. I doubt however that many of us would have guessed an antique foot warmer stool would immediately come to mind. What's in the water down there? Pat did provide an outstanding demonstration on a subject many of us tend to avoid – spindle turning. With the exception of an occasional candle stick or pepper mill, most of us fancy ourselves bowl turners or wood artists or some other supercilious affectation. Too often we forget that most professional production turners are spindle turners. Recently I saw Stuart Batty and he mentioned that he probably turned thousands of newels for stairs before he ever made a bowl. Pat reminded us that there is a whole world of turning that we are missing by not practicing between centers. He's right of course but I still have trouble making the second spindle turning look like the first one and that does make producing a set of chair legs problematical. I guess the old adage about practicing what you can't do is more important than practicing what you can if you really want to improve your skills. Thanks again Pat for a job well done.

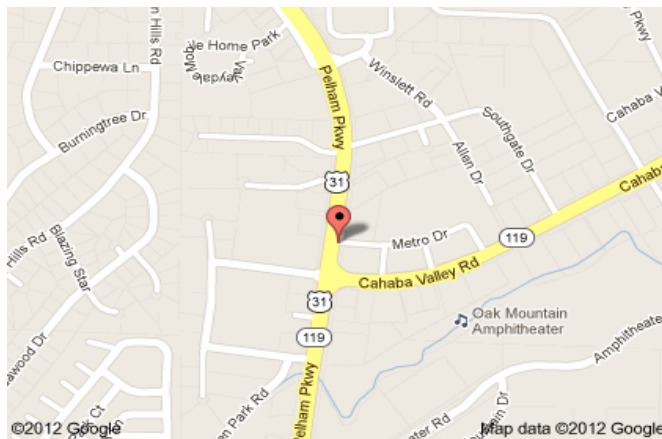


I attended the recent "Turning Georgia Style" symposium at Unicoi State Park and was glad to see several of our members also attended. Unicoi is a neat place to visit but damned near impossible to get to (the short cut from Decatur is through North Carolina – go figure). In any case, I really enjoyed watching Stuart Batty, Binh Pho, Dale Larson and John Jordan demonstrate why they are among the very best. While I got a lot out of the trip, our own Wild Bill West enjoyed it more than the rest of us. He won a full scholarship to John C. Campbell Folk School. Next year both the Turning Georgia Style and the Southern States symposiums will be moving to new locations. Both will be closer and easier to get to for those of us from Alabama. Both will be along I-75 in Dalton (TGS) and north of Marietta (SS). We in Alabama are lucky to have three outstanding regional symposia relatively close by – Turning Georgia Style and Southern States in Georgia and the Tennessee Assn. of Woodturners symposium in Nashville.

Our demonstrator for October will be Frank Bauer from Atlanta. Frank has demonstrated for us in the past and when I saw him at Unicoi he thought he would be demonstrating hollow form turning using a captured tool hollowing jig. There are a number of different units available and I'm not sure which one Frank favors but each has its' advantages. Using captured systems can take a lot of stress out of hollow form turning and that's a good thing for us gray haired turners.



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The Hardwood Center in Scottsboro, Alabama is closing.

They hope to have all wood sold by the end of October. Check the website out for items and info. www.hardwoodcenter.com or E/M Address is 157 Dick Hayes Rd, Scottsboro, Al which is off Hwy 72, two miles west of red-light and next to Agape Church and across from the radio station. Telephone number is 256-259-9648. I was told the exotic lumber is 35-50% off regular price (which is expensive). Molding and domestic lumber 35% off. They normally have 1" and 2" thick, wide boards (some up to 18") of exotics and short pieces also. They are also manufactures of hardwood flooring which is also on sale. Sending this if you want to send it to the group.

Christmas Tree Ornaments:



**Special Thanks
to Carl Cummins
for the Christmas
Tree Ornament
photos.**





Jimmy Clewes will be at Woodcraft Oct. 6th, 7th and 8th. Sat the 6th will be an all day demo for 25 people cost is \$75.00. Sun. the 7th will be a hands on for 6 people cost \$200.00. Mon. the 8th will be another hands on if needed. A minimum of 4 people needed with a limit of 6 people. The cost is \$200.00. Jimmy is the most popular turner on the circuit now and this is a great chance to see him.

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.