



Alabama Woodturners Association

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

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September 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

President's Message:

A few weeks ago I had the good fortune of spending a week at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. It was my third trip to the Folk School and I enjoyed every minute of the experience. I spent the week with Don Russell and five other turners as we attempted to produce a sample of Dons' famous Polychromic Urns. To say it was a hectic week would be a mild understatement. It would have been impossible to cut, glue and turn a complete urn in a week so we were able to start with precut and glued up rings. Even starting with the premade rings, it was a hassle to get each layer glued, turned and added to the next layer which was glued, turned and added to the next layer, which was glued, turned and added to the next layer, etc. I think you are beginning to get the picture. Unlike the other students, I had done three of these urns before. As a matter of fact, the first course Don ever conducted away from his home was for the Alabama Woodturners in 2003. It was a lot of fun then and it still is and when I finish sanding and deciding on the top feature on the three urns I started in the class I'll bring them to Show and Tell. If you have not had an opportunity to take a class at the Folk School, I highly recommend you give it a try. They offer a wide variety of instructors (including our own Pat Johnson) and the facilities are outstanding.



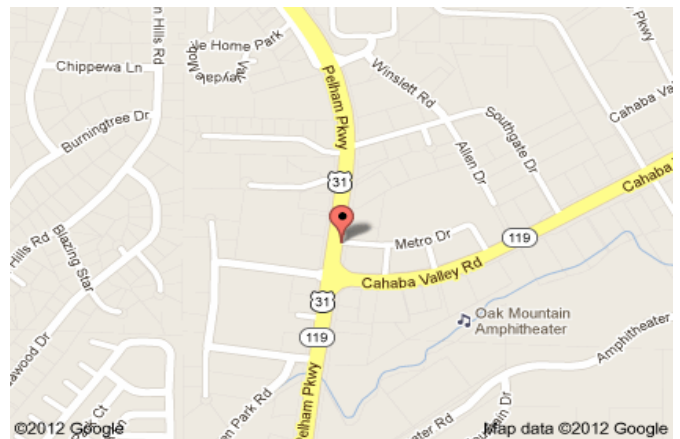
Kudos to Bruce Gibson for his presentation on stool making. I had great faith that he would have some kind of jig incorporated into the presentation and I wasn't disappointed. His method for drilling holes at an angle was novel, fast and relatively easy. The last time I tried to drill holes at an angle involved clamping the piece to the drill press table and adjusting the table angle in an attempt to get the splay right. As I recall, it didn't work, but I think Bruce's method obviously does. Good show.

This month the pro from Wetumpka will be our guest demonstrator. Pat Johnson (our first Vice President) is not only a very accomplished woodturner but a great teacher as well. I understand he will be demonstrating spindle turning techniques and I'm sure we will all come away with a wealth of information and helpful hints. This is a demonstration you will not want to miss.

Hope to see you all next week.



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August demonstrator: Bruce Gibson, four legged stool



Saturday afternoon mentoring:

Phil Fortmeyer is our mentor chairman. Phil schedules classes that are of interest to a wide range of experience, Preference will be given to turners with limited experience. There is a nominal fee for these classes to cover the cost of the material used in the class. Bring your own tools or use the tools provided by the club. The club owns six Rikon Lathes, chucks and tools necessary to use in the classes. The training is held in the Craft Room at the Home-wood Senior Center. Bill Hubbard will teach a class on Christmas ornaments this month.

Show your work : Members and guests bring their turnings to the meeting for all to see. We take a break during the demo and review each turning. We discuss type of wood, finishes, and design changes that occurred during the turning process.





Nick Cook will be at Woodcraft Sept 1 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm to demo and talk about the new Powermatic lathe. Nick was instrumental in the development of the lathe. This is a free demo.

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.