



Alabama Woodturners Association

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AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209
Web Site: www.alabamawoodturners.com

Coming Events

September 13—Joe Ruminski
October 11—TBA
November 8—Round Robin
December 13—Party
January 10—??
February 14—??

September Program: Joe Ruminski

My first experience of woodturning was at the age of 13 when my dad brought home a used lathe. The only turning tools we had were scrapers made from old files. Living in the country with my father's auto body shop next to the house, all three of his boys learned to work with their hands at a very early age. I never dreamed that some of these skills would lead to a second career.

After 18 years of experiencing many different types of turning and enjoying and learning from all of them, it is time to settle down and focus. For the past year I have been spending a lot of time making and experimenting with wooden jewelry and small turned wooden boxes to keep the jewelry in. There are several factors that have led me to this particular focus. The size of the pieces are easier to work with and the design possibilities are never ending. Most important of all is that it is simply fun for me to do.

I consider myself more of a craftsman than an artist. I enjoy figuring how to do things in ways that are reasonably easy and safely done. These methods should have an end product that is pleasing to the eye with flawless craftsmanship. Some may even call it art. My primary goal in turning is to be able to teach others how to have the tool control and skills to make what their mind can envision with a workmanship quality that does not distract from the design of the piece.

With thirty years of working in the field of education, I find it very rewarding to be able to teach woodturning to others in an atmosphere that is very encouraging and enjoyable. It is exciting for me to help people expand their abilities of working with their hands to complete a project and be able to say, "I made it myself!"

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Welcome to New Members:

James Hipp
Tom, Denise and Graham Megow

Jim Chatfield

April 25, 1940—August 14, 2014

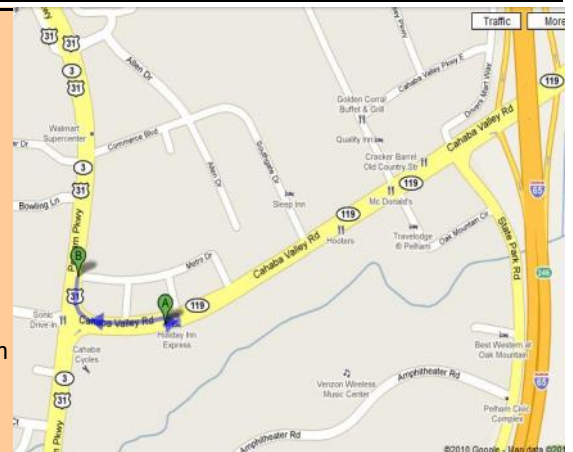
Notice

How many Christmas ornaments have you made and turned in? As of our September meeting, there are only 103 days until Christmas but, more importantly, 49 days until we decorate the Christmas tree at Children's Hospital.

Do you have an October birthday? If so, please see Jean or Amy at the sign in table.



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Warren Carpenter-August Meeting Demonstrator



Are you interested in Warren's 'secret' finish and his application method? See page 5.



Saturday afternoon mentoring:

Phil Fortmeyer is our mentor chairman. Classes are scheduled that are of interest to a wide range of experience with preference being 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 Homewood Senior Center.

Phil's project for the September class will be chosen by our guest demonstrator, Joe Ruminski. If you are interested in participating, please sign up by contacting Phil at (205) 612-7496.

The Georgia Association of Woodturners

invites you to join us at our Symposium-

Turning Southern Style XX

September 19-21, 2014

Come join everyone at the Georgia Association of Woodturners' annual symposium, "Turning Southern Style XX". This year's event will again be held at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center, in the delightful town of Dalton, Georgia, on September 19-21.

Please don't wait to register... the Early Registration discount ends August 15th!

We have a truly impressive slate of Demonstrators from England, Canada, Arizona, Florida and Georgia and a host of quality Vendors, selected to provide you a wide variety of tools, products and wood. Our great facility provides 4 large, sound-controlled demonstration rooms, and an enormous Vendor Area, with 40-50 booth spaces. This location and venue was a real hit with our attendees and Vendors last year. Our symposium is designed for all levels of interest in woodturning and wood art. Whether you are an experienced turner wanting to be inspired by internationally famous demonstrators, or you're looking for demonstrations which showcase fundamental turning skills, or you are a wood art collector interested in identifying new artists, you will find plenty to enjoy and learn at "Turning Southern Style". This is sure to be our most enjoyable and informative symposium in our 20 year history.

GAW is dedicated to providing education, information and organization to anyone interested in woodturning and we're excited about bringing new people into our craft. We are particularly proud of our work with Wounded Warriors, and we will once again be awarding full symposium scholarships to a number of these great beginning woodturners.

Visit the 'Turning Southern Style XX' website for Symposium information and registration, demonstrator information and their websites, confirmed vendors and their websites, demonstrations descriptions and special lodging rates or email Jim Hardy, Symposium Chairman at symposium@gawoodturner.org.

Alabama Woodturners 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 for much more about our club.

August Turn and Tell



Dwight Hostetter



Bill Hubbard



Nevin Newton



Carl Cummins



Royal Ritchey



Please tell us who you are!



Howard King



How'd They Do That?



Warren Carpenter's Finish and Technique:

There are thousands of different finishes and methods of finishing your completed bowl. The finish that I describe here is the easiest I have found. My goal is to protect the bowl while allowing the natural beauty of the wood to show. With the piece off the lathe and completely sanded, I apply a coat of Liberon Finishing Oil with a small piece of Liberon "0000" steel wool. I allow the oil to soak in for 2 or 3 minutes and wipe off the excess with a clean rag. I immediately apply a light coat of paste wax to the piece and allow it to dry overnight.

Liberon Finishing Oil is Tung Oil with a

drying agent. The paste wax will keep the oils in the pores of the wood. The paste wax I use is Renaissance Wax. The next day I will buff the entire piece using Liberon "0000". For me, the pieces are generally complete at this time.

If another coat is needed another coat of Liberon oil can be applied, wipe off the excess, no wax is needed this time. Allow the piece to dry overnight, steel wool and buff with a soft rag.

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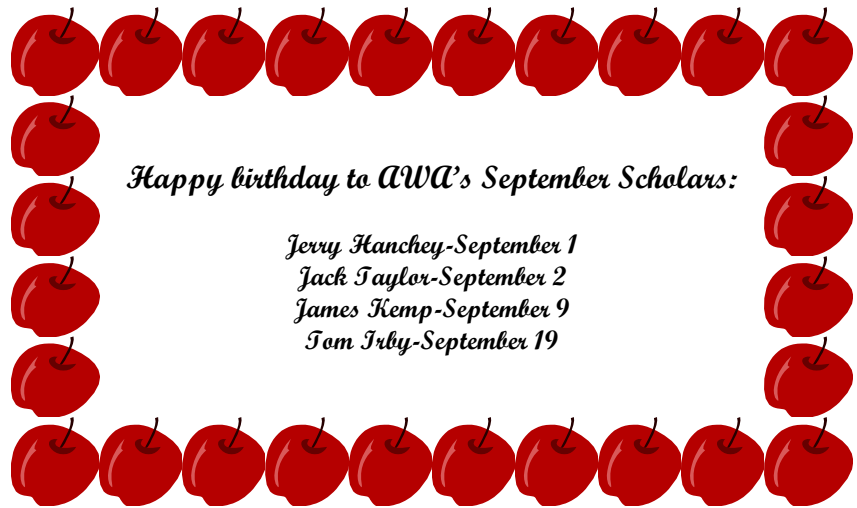
If you have anything you'd like to buy, sell, trade, give away, donate, etc. Please contact Jean Cline (clineclan1@gmail.com) or Amy Benefield (leobenefield@gmail.com).

Raffle News

September's raffle will be a Ruth Niles Offset Jig! Check out the Off-Center Jig gallery page at nilesbottlestoppers.com for some projects people have made.



Stay tuned as we will be changing up the raffle a little bit!



Happy birthday to AWA's September Scholars:

*Jerry Hanchey-September 1
Jack Taylor-September 2
James Kemp-September 9
Tom Irby-September 19*

The North Alabama Woodturners

News From Our Good Neighbors to the North!
www.northalabamawoodturners.org



There's a New Sheriff in Town (and she has a deputy!)

In order to meet the Alabama Woodturners newsletter publication deadline, please send article information to Jean Cline (clineclan1@gmail.com) or Amy Benefield (leobenefield@gmail.com) within 2 weeks of the last meeting. This will allow time to get articles, pictures, etc. edited in time for the newsletter to be sent out BEFORE the next meeting.





An ash tree is most easily identified by:

1. It has an **opposite branching pattern** (two branches come off the main stem, one on each side and directly opposite each other)
2. It has **compound leaves** with 5-11 leaflets (depending on the species of ash). Leaflets are moderately toothed and may be stalked or sessile.



Are Our Baseball Bats In Danger?

The invasive beetle emerald ash borer (EAB) was recently discovered in Georgia. The following information details Georgia’s ash resources, the potential impact of their loss, and facts that will help landowners understand their options in dealing with this pest.

Status in Georgia

□ EAB was discovered in Georgia in July 2013 as part of a national detection survey and trapping program. In 2013, more than 400 traps were placed throughout the state. These traps targeted areas with an increased risk of introduction, such as campgrounds and cargo centers. Traps were also placed in stands with a high ash component. Annual monitoring has taken place in Georgia since 2005.

□ EAB has a high risk of being moved in firewood, primarily because EAB develops between the bark and wood of the tree. Most firewood is moved with bark intact, making it a high risk vector. A campaign to educate campers about the risk of spreading pests in this manner is currently underway throughout Georgia state and private parks. A 13-state campaign has been proposed to develop and disseminate the “Don’t Move Firewood” message.

Ash Resource at Risk in Georgia

□ White ash and green ash are the most common ash species found in Georgia. White ash occurs in moist upland or lowland forests, is found in the mountains and piedmont, and produces valuable wood used for furniture, veneer, interior finish, baseball bats, railroad ties, tool handles and fuel. Green ash is found throughout the state, mostly in lowland areas. Its wood is inferior to white ash because it is more brittle and less resilient. However, it is used for some of the same purposes as white ash. Carolina ash, pumpkin ash and blue ash are also found in Georgia, but in lower numbers. All species of North American ash appear to be susceptible to EAB.

□ Commercial timber – Georgia has 1.77 million acres of forest land with an ash component. On this acreage, the total stumpage value of ash in Georgia as of August 2013 exceeds \$400 million.

□ Urban Trees - About 2.9 million ash trees are found in Georgia’s urban and community forests and have a value of \$725 million.

EAB Basics

□ EAB attacks only ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.) and can take three to four years to kill the tree.

□ Adult beetles are metallic green, about one-half -inch long and are strong flyers.

□ Adults leave a D-shaped exit hole in the bark when they emerge in the spring.

□ Some larvae take two years to develop. Woodpeckers like EAB larvae; heavy woodpecker damage on ash trees may be a sign of infestation.

□ EAB likely came from Asia in wood packing material and was first discovered in Michigan.

□ Movement of infested firewood is likely the largest single vector for spreading the emerald ash borer. Quarantines have been established in states with confirmed infestations to stop the spread of the insect through infested wood products. Buy local firewood.

□ Infestations now exist in 21 states with Georgia being the southernmost.

□ Wildlife uses: seeds of ash are eaten by several species of birds. The bark is occasionally eaten by rabbits and beavers. Cavity excavating and nesting birds often use ash.

□ Additional information about the pest can be found at www.gainvasives.org/eab/; and for firewood movement at www.dontmovefirewood.org/.

EAB Prevention/Control

□ Certain insecticides can be used for prevention or control of EAB. The insecticide is applied as a protective cover spray, soil treatment, stem injection or bark spray, depending on the type of insecticide used.

□ In 2007, scientists introduced three species of parasitic wasps in an attempt to establish a biological control for EAB. This work is ongoing and success is still being evaluated.

<http://www.gatrees.org/forest-management/forest-health/alerts-and-updates/EAB-GAUpdate.pdf>

More Turn and Tell

