



Alabama Woodturners Association



AWA Newsletter

A member of the American Association of Woodturners
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September 2016

Coming Events

September 10-**Jim Sebastian/Jean Cline**
October 8-**Dean Black**~Turning Large'
November 12-**TBD**
December 10-**Christmas Luncheon**

2016 Officers of AWA

President-John Sowell
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Christmas Is Coming!

How many ornaments have you made and turned in?

September~Jim Sebastian and Jean Cline (Mostly Jim!)



August Demonstrator-Keith Rueckert



August Turn and Tell



Howard King~Sourwood and Blackwood Vase
 Myra Harper~River Birch Bowl; Cherry Bowl; Bradford Pear Vessel; Mesquite Vase
 Bill Hubbard~Bloodwood and Cocobolo Mallet; Ash Vessel
 Gary Hales~Magnolia Bowl
 John Sowell~Hickory Vessel
 Pete Marken~Maple and Walnut Open Segmented Vase



How'd They Do That?



Saturday Afternoon Mentoring (Starts about 1 hour after the morning session ends or about 1:00)

AWA owns lathes, chucks and tools necessary to use in classes but you may also bring your own tools. Training is held in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center.

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.

Maurice Clabaugh designed and turned the June piece for the Karl Harper Perpetual Challenge. James Files's name was drawn as the recipient of Maurice's piece and will design and turn the next piece.



Welcome to New Members:

Johnnie Adams~Mount Olive, AL
Terry Tingle~Gardendale, AL

Raffle Prize News

We're changing the raffle once again!
Bring an item to donate and buy raffle tickets. We'll raffle the items donated but the last ticket drawn will split the pot 50/50! Needless to say, you have to be there to win!

So-o-o-o, what do you donate? How about a tool, jig, turned item, wood blank etc. If you've been to any of the meetings since November, you probably saw some of the items that were donated for the AAW Symposium ticket 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 an additional raffle ticket!

\$1 each~~~~~\$5 for 6 tickets~~~~~\$10 for 13 tickets.
Ask Amy for ticket numbers for higher dollar amounts!

The success of this raffle and the amount of the final prize will depend on your willingness to donate nice items and also to buy raffle tickets.

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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 probably *ARE* 'good enough'.

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 2016 as they stand now:

- 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 birthdate. No fair changing your birthdate in the middle of the year! You're stuck with the one they originally gave you!

Clyde Hoover, whose birthday was August 11, won the birthday prize.

Who will take home the September birthday prize of a piece of Red Mallee?

Check out the list of contenders below.



AWA BIRTHDAYS

JERRY HANCHEY~SEPTEMBER 1
JOHNNIE ADAMS (NEW MEMBER)~SEPTEMBER 2
MARK CUOTO~SEPTEMBER 4
JAMES ELDER~SEPTEMBER 9
JAMES KEMP~SEPTEMBER 9
TOM IRBY~SEPTEMBER 19
CHRISTINA LEI~SEPTEMBER 28

President's Challenge-August 2016

Pepper Mill In Memory of Karl Harper's Birthday



President's Challenges For 2016

February-Done!

Tops

March-Done!

Jigs, Tools and Contraptions you have made

April-Done!

Square Bowl-7" x 7" x 2" or larger

May-Done!

A natural edge piece incorporating a major flaw in the wood

June

No Challenge due to the AAW Symposium

July-Done!

Matched or complimentary pair of candle sticks, one at least 6" high

August

Pepper mill in memory of Karl's Harper's birthday

September

Thin-walled bowl-4" or more in diameter by 1/8" or less thick

October

Christmas Ornaments

November

Lidded box with 'pop' top-1" or more in diameter

FINISHING LACQUER

By Keith Rueckert

- Sand turned piece to 400 grit
- Apply Sanding Sealer. Allow to dry.
- Sand again to 400 grit.
- Spray numerous coats of lacquer over a period of at least 4 days.
- Allow lacquer to cure (48 hours). Wet sand with water with 320 and 400 grit to remove all 'orange peel' and any runs. If during sanding, you go through the lacquer, repeat Steps 4 and 5.
- Wipe mineral oil on piece by hand. Using mineral oil and pumice (#2 medium coarse), apply and buff with sheepskin pads. Wipe piece clean with mineral oil on a paper towel.
- Repeat Step 6 using pumice (#4 fine).
- Repeat Step 6 using rottenstone. Wipe piece clean with a paper towel; then wipe with damp (denatured alcohol) paper towel. Polish with dry paper towel.
- Apply 3 drops Finesse-It II (3M product) to designated sheepskin pad and buff piece to a high luster. Wipe clean with paper towel or, preferably, an old t-shirt.

Note:

Use a different designated pad for each procedure-4 pads total.

These steps may be done with piece on the lathe and turning slowly. Sheepskin pads should be rotating so as to eliminate radial marking of the turned piece.

Use some degree of pressure when applying Finesse-It II. Use similar to car wax, buffing till white film disappears. Use a toothbrush and water to remove any white residue from cracks or holes.

Material Sources:

Pumice, Rottenstone and Oil
(Kit cost \$36.95)

Klingspor's
www.woodworkingshop.com
(800) 228-0000

3" Sheepskin/Velcro pads
(\$7.00 each pad)

Gary Gardner
P.O. Box 181

3" Hook & Loop Arbor Pads
(\$9.95 each)

Morganton, GA 30560
(706) 455-5770

Finesse-It II-Finishing Material
(Product #05928 3M)
(\$50 per quart)

NAPA-Jasper, GA or Walmart.com
(706) 692-2491