

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

September 2018

A member of the American Association of Woodturners
Meeting location: Homewood Senior Center, 816 Oak Grove Rd., Homewood, AL 35209
Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am
www.alabamawoodturners.com

September Demo ~ Phil Duffy Platter and Decorations/Embellishments

How did I get started turning? Simple, I have a real bad tool buying habit and got a good deal on a Jet 1236! I started 20 years ago and heard there was a new woodturning club in Birmingham. I came down to the meeting, liked it joined (thanks to Pat Johnson and Maurice Clabaugh). I've been here ever since!

My favorite turners are Mike Mahoney, Glenn Lucas, Nick Agar and Liam Flynn. When I'm not turning (I'm old and possess a serious lack of real talent), I like to read, attend woodturning symposiums and talk to other turners. My favorite non-wood thing to turn is Corian.

I would like to see AWA help keep an interest in woodturning. We need to always emphasize the importance of sharp tools and safety first.

In my previous life, I was a military lifer.



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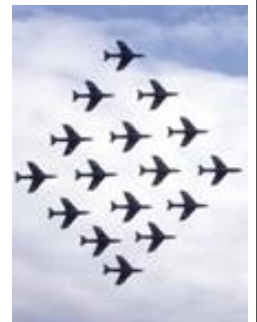
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Hey! Wanna learn more about turning? Or help someone else learn more about turning?

Mentoring is available Saturday afternoons in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center. Sessions start one hour after the demonstration ends or 1 pm.

AWA owns lathes, chucks and tools to use in class, but you may also bring your own.

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

REMINDER: Lathe Demo Cleanup Volunteers for September, October and November:

Lynn Baswell

David Fancher (Oct./Nov.)

Please plan accordingly!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER!

TIM WILLIAMS

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

We are getting down to the last few challenge projects for this year. Nevertheless I would still welcome any items on topics for previous months.

For September the challenge is "Two or more ornaments in different styles" The best ideas would be new ones that you design yourself, however I plan to do designs created by others. There is no shortage of possibilities, starting with the six different designs at our last meeting, or our Christmas Tree galleries from previous years, or searching the internet...

Restating the topic for October: "Something Old, Something New". Do you still have the first bowl you turned or other very early turned item? How would you do it differently now? Bring in your old item along with a new version of the same thing. What if you don't still have or can't find your early pieces? In this case just look around for an old item (bowl, candle-holder, vase, pen, etc.) then see if you can turn a copy or improve on it.

Finally for November the topic is "Newly turned gift." Here you may do any project you like with the stipulation that you do something intended as a gift, or at least nice enough to be a gift. Just in time for the gift-giving season!

And I'll state again, in case you missed any previous months' challenges, please feel free to do those too. They will count toward the annual total as well. We will award a prize based on participation.

Have fun and stay safe!

– Carl

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE - AUGUST

Scoop



Bill Calderwood



Carl Cummins



Ron Herbster



John Sowell

August Meeting Recap - Justin Miller



August Turn and Tell Highlights



Bill Hubbard



John Rhymes



John Rhymes



Gary Hales



Carl Cummins



Pete Marken



Pete Marken



John Rhymes



Pete Marken



Pete Marken



Dwight Hostetter



Maurice Clabaugh



Pete Marken



Ronny Perkins



Perry Andrews - 50th Anniversary Gift for His Wife



Justin Miller - Topper for Children's Hospital Christmas Tree

AWA September Birthdays

Jerry Hanchey - September 1
Mark Cuoto - September 4
Steve Mills - September 5
Wally Bromberg - September 9
James Elder - September 9
James Kemp - September 9
Hale Wilson - September 15
Tom Irby - September 19
David Duncan - September 25

Jonnie Adams - September 2
Charles Moore - September 4



Congratulations to **Lee Beadles** for winning the birthday door prize for the month of August, a chunk of cherry!

Birthday Door Prize News

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 this year:

- 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 the Secretary and/or Newsletter Editor(s) have your correct birth date. No fair changing your birth date in the middle of the year! You're stuck with the one they originally gave you!

Congratulations to our raffle and door prize winners for the August meeting!
**David Duncan, Clyde Hoover (x2), James Vaughn, Bill Calderwood,
John Sowell (x2), Ron Griffin (x2), Carl Cummins**

Raffle Ticket Prize News

Bring an item to donate and buy raffle tickets. We'll raffle the items donated and all of the tickets will go into the pot for a **BIG** prize to be given away at the Christmas party in December! The **BIG** prize for 2017 was a Scholarship to attend a class at Arrowmont! Smaller prizes were a set of tools and a chuck.

Soooo...what do you donate? How about a tool, jig, turned item, wood blank, etc. If you've been to the last several meetings, you probably saw some of the items that were donated for the 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 one additional raffle ticket for each item!

The success of this raffle depends on your willingness to donate nice items and also to buy raffle tickets.

\$1 each~~~~~\$5 for 6 tickets~~~~~\$10 for 13 tickets
More money = more (free) tickets!!! See the front table for details!

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 **ARE** 'good enough'!

The Karl Harper Perpetual Challenge

AWA has established a perpetual turning challenge in memory of Karl Harper. This challenge is an excellent remembrance of Karl as he continuously expressed a 'try anything' spirit and was an inspiration to us all.

This is how it works: A piece will be turned by a member to be presented at the next meeting. A name will be drawn from the sign-in sheet at that meeting. If the person whose name is drawn accepts, they will take that piece to keep and will bring a piece the following month. If they decline, then another name will be drawn until someone accepts the challenge.

If you question your skill level, don't! Karl never did! You are good enough at whatever level you are! Karl would want us to put a bag over our heads before we turned because he thought 'Lights are for people with disabilities!'

At right is the piece brought by the August challenger, **Ron Herbster**. Our September challenger is **Phil Duffy**.



AWA Treasurer's Report July 24, 2018

Balance on hand 07/24/18: (checking account plus \$250.00 cash on hand with Jennifer)		\$9,004.83
Expenditures since 07/13/18 report:		
Homewood Sr. Center (rent-July-December)	\$600.00	
July donuts	\$43.85	
July cook-out	<u>\$182.74</u>	\$826.59
Income since 07/13/18 report:		
July dues	\$130.00	
July coffee	\$39.00	
July raffle	\$157.00	
Tool sale income	\$242.00	\$568.00



UPCOMING MEETINGS!

October - John Jackman

November - Jerry Osmundson

December - Christmas Party!

The following positions are coming available effective with the January 2019 meeting:



- Newsletter Editor
- Meeting Greeter
- Attendance Keeper
- Raffle Ticket Sellers/Handlers
- Membership List Coordinators
- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer when Treasurer is not available
- Other tasks as requested to make AWA run smoothly

If one or more of these sound interesting to you, please talk to Carl or one of the other AWA Board Members.