

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

January 2019

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

January-Jerry Osmundson



Buddy Finch

Member since 1997

AWA members we have
lost since mid-November.

Bryan McFee

Member since 2016

Bill West

Member since 1997

Moody Davis

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Lee Michaels

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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

Closure of I-20 / I-59

The section of I-20/I-59 near the Civic Center will be closed for construction during 2019. If you are coming to an AWA meeting from the east (such as Leeds, Pell City, etc.) be sure to plan an alternate route and allow extra time.



Note from the President:

Happy New Year! And welcome to another year of woodturning!

I hope you will join me in saying Thank You to fellow officers, board members, and other volunteers for both last year and this coming year for handling all the duties, responsibilities, jobs, and tasks which make this club function. Also a special Thank You to **Jean Cline** and **Amy Benefield** who together served jointly as both Secretary and Newsletter Editors since 2016, but ending their terms now.

Thinking back to December I thought our party was a big success: good attendance, good food, good times. The auction turned out very well, raising over \$1250 which I hope we can apply to bringing guest demonstrators. Many thanks to the generous members and demonstrators who donated items for the auction (in random order): **Maurice Clabaugh, John Sowell, Allen Smith, Ron Herbster, Howard King, Gary Hales, John Killian, Ron Griffin, Jared Bruckner, Jess Walls, Terry Thurmond, and myself.** Sorry if I missed anyone (please let me know). Thanks also to you for bidding and buying to make it a success.

I announced the winners of the Ornament Prize and the President's Challenge. To be eligible for the Ornament Prize you need to donate at least one ornament. The winner for 2018 was **Myra Harper.** We will repeat this campaign again in 2019. The winner of the President's Challenge was **John Sowell.** See a separate article for the 2019 Challenge.

We drew the tickets for the lucky winners of the raffle grand prizes. **Terry Tingle** won the first grand prize, the large set of Thompson Lathe Tools; **Howard King** won the 2nd and 3rd place drawings: a CBN sharpening wheel, and a deluxe sanding kit.

Phil Fortmeyer revealed the new Jet variable-speed midi-lathe which will be an upgrade to our classroom.

We held election of officers with these results:

President – **Carl Cummins**

Vice President – **Gary Hales**

Treasurer – **Jennifer Smith**

Secretary – vacant (no nominations)

Board – **Bruce Gibson, John Sowell, Scott Arnold, Tom Corbett**

The vacancy at Secretary is a significant issue to resolve soon. We also need a new librarian. As before we have numerous opportunities for helping with club activities. Please send an email or see me at the next meeting to participate.

Thank you **Michelle Marken** for volunteering to be Newsletter Editor! Everyone should feel free to give her your items of interest which she might be able to include in upcoming newsletters.

I am continuing as webmaster. By the time you read this you should see the new version at alabamawoodturners.org (and ...com). If you can provide nice photos of your woodturnings I would like to add a page for you to display them.

Looking forward to interesting meetings with you in attendance!

Carl Cummins

AWA January Birthdays

Richard Serviss-January 2
Bill Hubbard-January 8
Pat Johnson-January 12
Dwight Hostetter-January 14
Jerry Conway-January 22
Debbie Lazenby-January 25
Harold Hall-January 26
Randy Myrick-January 27
Ellen Scheirer-March 28

Terry White-January 6
Bill Bradshaw-January 11
Eddy Jowers-January 13
Alan Stanton-January 15
John Sowell-January 22
Carol McFee-January 25
Willie Dielen-January 27
Steve Warren-January 28
Larry Dye-January 30

Born in January

Ambitious and powerful. Born leader. Stubborn nature. You always stand out in the crowd. You love to live the good life. Romantic at heart. Deep thinker. Loyal to friends. Ever ready to learn and try out new things. Serious about life. Like to make others happy. Not too introvert, not too extrovert. Smart and well dressed.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2019

I am starting a new series designed to encourage everyone to have some fun at the lathe. The projects may seem easy or difficult, but you don't need to worry about creating a great piece; you only need to try. At the end of the year I'll award a prize to the one who participates most consistently.

January: egg

We have less than two weeks before our first meeting of the year, so I'll start with a quick project. Turning an egg shape is a good exercise in tool control, cutting a continuously changing curve, and in creating a desired shape. This is not easy at first, but practice in the long run will pay dividends in all your turning. As your skill improves you could create a collection in various interesting woods.

For this challenge you only need to give it a try and show the result. If this sounds too trivial you could also make an egg cup to display it (...and a saucer (...and a spoon (wink))).

February: funnel

Most of us have turned a bowl with a hole in the bottom (oops!), but that's not what I'm looking for. A funnel should have a spout on the bottom. Note that the spout can be small or large. You can challenge yourself by making it with a thin wall.

March: loose-lid covered box

As opposed to a friction-fit lid or a threaded lid, one should be able to open the box with one hand simply by lifting the lid. I suggest a box with the diameter larger than the height. This could be turned from face-grain blanks or end-grain, but I suggest dry wood so it will retain its shape. The lid could be in matching or contrasting wood.

April-November: TBA

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!'

We didn't do the Challenge drawing at the December meeting so the January challenger is Jack Capps.

AWA Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand 10/01/2018: (checking account plus \$250.00 cash on hand with Jennifer)		\$9,187.05
Expenditures since 07/24/18 report:		
Flip Chart	\$36.50	
August/September donuts	\$83.40	
Coffee Supplies	<u>\$29.88</u>	\$149.78
Income since 07/24/18 report:		
August/September dues	\$125.00	
August coffee	\$28.00	
August raffle	\$151.00	
September coffee	\$28.00	\$568.00



SOMETHING
NEW
IS ON
ITS WAY...

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

February-TBD

March-TBD

April-TBD

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

- 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.

AWA's Tiniest Turner!

Eva Jean Benefield

Born December 4, 2018



Mom and Dad-Amy and Andy Benefield
Nana and Grandpa-Jean and Dick Cline