

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

February 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

Jack Capps will be doing our demo this month. He will be making several small quick turn items and then showing the process of adding color using the Hydro Dip method. The photo's from our November meeting show an item that has been Hydro Dipped.



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.



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Here!

Well...ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, young and old, come one, come all it's another opportunity to join the fun and comradery of the Alabama Wood Turner's Association on Saturday, February 9! Our very own quiet and reserved Jack Capps has agreed to demonstrate a form of finishing called Hydro Dip. He will show us how to make the finish he has used on some pieces he has brought to Show & Tell. The technique uses several different colors applied in such a way as to create a unique swirling pattern. For those who have followed and seen his projects through the years, you know this is not just your everyday finish. He will demonstrate on several different pieces during the morning demonstration and the afternoon training session will allow class participants to turn and finish a number of different pieces such as refrigerator magnets, bottle stoppers, tea lights, weed pots, and... So PLAN AHEAD!!! ... Reserve your space in the afternoon class by calling
Phil Fortmeyer - (205) 612-7496

January - Jerry Osmundson



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

We continue this series designed to encourage everyone to have some fun at the lathe and perhaps try something different from your usual projects. These topics may seem easy or difficult, but you don't need to worry about creating a great piece; you only need to try. I'll specify an additional requirement that pieces submitted must be turned within this year 2019. At the end of the year I'll award a prize to the one who participates most consistently.

January: egg

Last month's challenge participants brought in an interesting variety, different woods, one hollowed, one segmented. Jack Capps' composition of egg with bird in nest was a big surprise!

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: ogee

This classic shape can be a challenge to get looking nice. You can choose any type of project to include an ogee, for example a bowl, or candleholder, ornament, vase, platter, etc.

May-November: TBA

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE—JANUARY



Jack Capps



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Royal Ritchey



Bill Calderwood



Jerry Hanchey



Dwight Hostetter



Dwight Hostetter



Howard King



Robert Jones



Carl Cummins

The Symposium Experience

by Carl Cummins

I have just concluded my visit to the TAW Symposium. The event is always well-organized and features top-flight turners from around the country. It is an excellent opportunity to meet the turners we often read about, to see them work, ask questions, and learn from the best.

Congratulations to Pete Marken for "Best in Show"! His Vortex Bowl continues to stand out.

A symposium is an inspiring and energizing experience. I often get new ideas from seeing works of others. Some presentations provide specific guidance for finding and developing new ideas. Being around several hundred other people sharing the same interest reinforces my own.

It is an opportunity to see more than a dozen vendors side-by-side, to try tools hands-on, to compare with another side by side, and often get a discount. Acquiring new tools which will surely make my work so much better ;) Some vendors sell wood, occasionally types we don't see here.

It's an opportunity to get re-acquainted with friends made at previous symposiums. At least eight from AWA were there this time, so I could always find home-town friends.

Coming in September the GAW will host its symposium in Dalton, GA. It should be very similar to prior events, so you'll know what to expect. No doubt a good number from our club will be there.

The national symposium put on by American Association of Woodturners will be something else! Basically it will offer the same features as I mentioned above, but on a much larger scale. This year it will meet in Raleigh, NC in July. If we can get a group of 10 from our club to register then all will get a \$25 discount. Let me know if you are considering it.

FOR SALE

I have a 1979 5/8 inch bench top drill press for sale at \$100. Contact Maurice Clabaugh at 205-553-6977 or maurice@clabaugh.org



CBN Wheel 8", 80 grit, Radius edge
Woodturners Wonders, retail value \$150
<https://woodturnerswonders.com/collections/cbn-wheels/products/cbn-wheel-80-grit>
Offered to any club member for \$100.

I bought this new at the TAW symposium in January, but back in my shop I saw that I already had one!

This one was used only one time.

See me, Carl Cummins, at the meeting or write to cjcummins@gmail.com

January Turn and Tell Highlights



Pete Marken



Pete Marken



Pete Marken



John Jackman



Staton Tate



Bill Calderwood



Ron Herbster



Ron Herbster



Ron Herbster



Ron Herbster



Jerry & Judy Osmundson



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Jig for the piece to the right.



Gary Hanes



John Rhymes



John Jackman



John Jackman



John Jackman



Charles Smelley



Charles Smelley



Sandy Bishop



Sandy Bishop



Sandy Bishop

January Turn and Tell Highlights cont.



Howard King



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Dwight Hostetter



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Staton Tate



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AWA February Birthdays

Joby Dobbs 2/2
Myra Harper 2/3
Tommy Hartline 2/15
John Jackman 2/20
Sally Street 2/20
Jeffrey Hicks 2/22
Randall Lazenby 2/24



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 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!



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 left is the piece brought by the November challenger, Jack Capps. Our January challenger is Howard King.

Opportunities To Help Others

This year we will repeat our projects to help others in the form of Christmas Ornaments to benefit Children's Hospital and also pens for U.S. Military personnel. Jennifer Smith will collect the ornaments, and Ron Herbstler will collect the pens. We'll have more details about these efforts at meetings and future newsletters. Meanwhile you could go ahead and start making these and bring them to a meeting.

AWA Library

Wayne Bagwell and Lester Daw have volunteered to manage our library, so Thanks to them! Thanks much to Greg and Pat Faulkner who have done this for the past several years!

Items checked out are normally due back the next month, a "renewal" after two months. After that it is simply overdue. Please check for books or DVDs you may have checked out and bring them back at our next meeting. At this point we don't charge over-due fines. I hope we don't have to go there. Thanks!



UPCOMING MEETINGS!

March-TBD

April - TBD

May - Nick Cook

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.