

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

July 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

This is our July R.R. and cookout. The club will be furnishing hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, and drinks. Come enjoy our turners for the day, the food, and one on one help and chit-chat. New members, new turners don't be bashful this is the best time for your questions the older members will have more time to help today!

I am most grateful for the following members who volunteered to demo for our round robin, and for the numerous members who volunteered for setup and cooking.

Demonstrators for or July meeting will be.

Jack Capps - will be turning boxes

John Jackman - will be turning bowls

Dwight Hostetter - will be turning toothpick holder dispenser

John Sowell - will be turning bird house ornaments

Don't forget August meeting we will be having Lyle Jamison as our demonstrator.

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July AWA meeting and afternoon training class.

Well...ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, young and old, come one, come all it's another opportunity to join the fun and camaraderie of the Alabama Wood Turner's Association on Saturday, July 13th! This month we have another of our picnics and the opportunity of enjoying another "ROUND ROBIN OF TURNING" when we set up multiple lathes and have several members demonstrate different techniques, tools, and projects during the morning meeting time followed by a picnic.

This month's afternoon class will be an open format designed to give time for one on one assistance to any turner on any aspect of turning. As you know the club has 6 lathes for the classroom, so the only requirement to be in the class is to reserve your space for the afternoon class by calling Dr. Phil at 205-612-7496 and reserve your spot and telling me what YOU want to do! That way I can have the materials and teachers available to give you the hands on experience and help you want and need.

June - Nick Cook



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2019

This series is 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. One additional requirement is 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

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.

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: added color

You probably recall Jack Capps' demo of "hydro dipping" (aka "marbling"). This is just one of endless possibilities. You also have free choice of any item to turn, such as an ornament, bottle-stopper, box, bowl, hollow-form, etc.

June: jewelry

There are many possibilities here. Not long ago Jean Cline demonstrated making bracelets. Another possibility is earrings shaped like tiny Christmas ornaments. Pendants are popular. Ring core bands came on the market not long ago (see woodturnerscatalog.com).

July: one project made from three or more different types of wood

You can choose any project and any woods. Components may be glued together or loosely assembled. It's nice to see the woods identified if known.

August: wand (think "magic wand")

Magic optional

September: two Nick Cook projects

Nick turned 12 items in less than 2 hours. Surely you can do 2 in under 4 weeks! Choose 2 or more of the following: garden dibble, spurtle, honey dipper, snowman, snowman/icicle, spinning top, salt shaker, ring holder, lidded box, coffee scoop, bottle opener.

October: ornament

Our Christmas Tree decoration project deadline arrives in October, so let's all bring in one or more ornaments to show and donate to the project. But don't save everything for October! Please bring in ornaments all through the year so we don't have to worry about meeting the goal.

November: bowl turned from wet wood

I hope you will get a head start on this. Turn a bowl *now* from wet wood, going all the way to final shape and thickness in one session. Also make record of the date you turned it. When you bring it to the November meeting we can see how it did after drying.

December: Christmas Party!!!

President's Challenge — JUNE



CARL CUMMINS



DWIGHT HOSTETTER



RON HERBSTER

We need more participation for the Presidents Challenge!

AWA July Birthdays

BILL CALDERWOOD	7-15
GARY GARRIS	7-22
ROYAL RITCHEY	7-23



June Turn and Tell Highlights



JOHN JACKMAN



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MYRA HARPER



GARY GARRIS



RON HERBSTER



RON HERBSTER



PETE MARKEN



MYRA HARPER



MYRA HARPER



WORTH BARHAM



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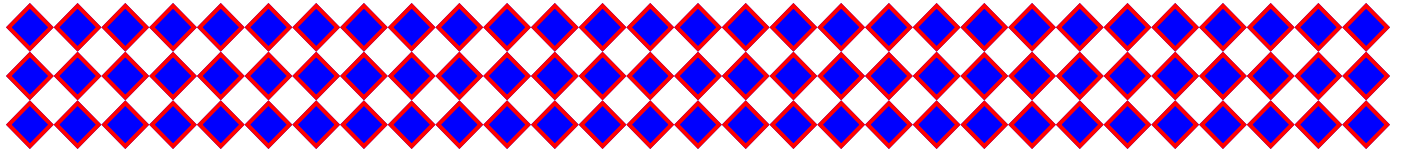
JOHN RHYMES

Bring in your projects! Even the OOPS. That's how we learn.

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!



Rikon Lathe Silent Auction

At the July meeting we will auction a Rikon mini lathe model 70-100. This was used in our training classes for several years, but only one day per month, so relatively little mileage! Phil has inspected and tuned it to be sure it is in fine working order. It was on display at our June meeting.

This model has a 12" swing x 16" turn-able length, one-half HP motor, and 6 speed settings 430-3900. A new one costs \$499 at Woodcraft. The minimum acceptable bid for this one is \$175.

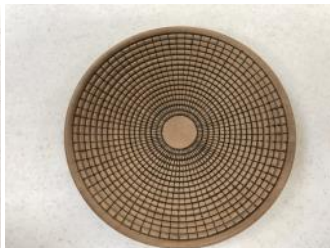
You may participate in the auction either by email or in person at the July meeting. This will be a silent auction, meaning that you submit your best bid in writing and the highest bid wins. Your bid may be submitted via email to alawoodturners@gmail.com no later than Thursday July 11. At the meeting bids may be submitted in writing there. At the end of the auction the highest bid will be selected and announced. The winner should be prepared to pay at that time.

Good luck!

JUNE TURN AND TELL CONTINUED



DWIGHT HOSTETTER



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MAURICE CLABAUGH



HOWARD KING



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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!'

May challenger was Howard King, a platter. The challenger for July is Jerry Hanchey

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 Herbster 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. *So far we have 98 finished pens turned in.* Keep turning them in.

AWA Library

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!

August: Lyle Jamison

September : Peggy Schmid

October : Frank Bowers

November : TBD

December : Christmas Party

