

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

September 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



Peggy E. Schmid (taken from her website)

These are some of my latest works. The two platters are broadleaf Maple burl slabs with a textural embellishment and the use of metal painted dry brush technique. They are 12 to 16 inches at their largest points. Each is finished with a satin polyurethane.

The hollow form is created from maple burl cap. The burl surface is preserved on the bottom of each piece and the hollow vessel that is made is sealed with a threaded insert and finial.



These images represent several of my new works using polymer resin clay. The boxes are made from kiln dried hard maple which works well with the process of baking the clay to form a ceramic-like coating on the wood. They are threaded and will securely hold a variety of precious items. Perfect for an engagement ring or jewelry but are an exceptional gift on their own. Several workshops and demonstrations are scheduled this year to help you learn the secrets of the box.



Setup for her demo will be the Vicmarc, and she will be bringing her mini lathe to demo machine threading, she will also be doing hand threading. Peggy will be turning a small box with threaded lid, and then will apply polymer clay enhancing.

As a sculptor, Peggy produced work for the movie "Freejack", created the Pinwheel Project at Tula Art Foundation in Buckhead, Was a featured artist on the program Artage for the City of Atlanta, and had work featured at ABC No Rio in New York. Several of her bowls were featured in the HGTV Green Home in 2012.

She has won awards both as an artist, sculptor, and woodturner and her works are in private and corporate collections throughout the country.

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Here!

September is here and brings another opportunity to join the fun and comradery of the Alabama Woodturner's Association on Saturday, September 14th! This month's program is a demo by **Peggy Schmid** turning small boxes with chased treads lids. As has been our custom, our afternoon training class will dovetail on the morning demo. We will not be able to do the polymer clay in the hands on.

The afternoon class will again be set up for beginners as well as more experienced turners. Beginners will make a press-fit lidded box. More experienced turners can get assistance with doing thread chasing and making threaded boxes. So again call Dr. Phil at 205-612-7496 or send a text with your name, saying you want to be in the class. We will have 6 lathes with tools and supplies! So, all we need to help you, is for you to be in the class. Looking forward to a full class and great fun.

August - Lyle Jamison Video Conference



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 — AUGUST



JOHN SOWELL

JOHN RHYMES

RON HERBSTER

RON HERBSTER
CLOSEUP OF TOP



RON HERBSTER (past challenge)

CARL CUMMINS

MYRA HARPER

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CLOSEUP OF TOP



**WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION
FOR THE
PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE.**

AWA September Birthdays

JERRY HANCHEY	9-1
CHARLES MOORE	9-4
JW BAKER	9-12
DAVID DUNCAN	9-25



August Turn and Tell Highlights



MAURICE CLABAUGH



JOHN SOWELL



MYRA HARPER



MYRA HARPER



MAURICE CLABAUGH



JOHN JACKMAN



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MYRA HARPER



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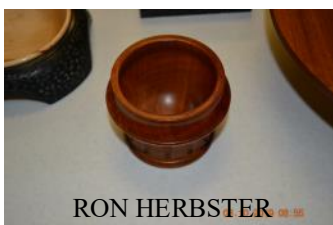
ALLEN SMITH



RON HERBSTER



BILL CALDERWELL



RON HERBSTER



ALLEN SMITH

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



PETE MARKEN

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!

AUGUSTURN & TELL (CONTINUED)



JOHN RHYMES



JOHN RHYMES



RON HERBSTER



RON HERBSTER



HOWARD KING



HOWARD KING



BILL HUBBARD



ALLEN SMITH



RON HERBSTER



JOHN RHYMES



FORREST CARPENTER



LYNN BASWELL

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS.
WE NEED THEM BEFORE NOVEMBER!**



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!'

August challenger was Bill Calderwood, a small bowl. The challenger for September is Staten Tate.

Opportunities To Help Others

In our Turn For Troops effort we have over 200 pens turned in, exceeding our goal! More pens will be welcome, especially if you have not turned one in as yet.

We are very far from our goal for Christmas ornaments with only a little more than a month to go. Please bring in what you have made so far so we can update our count. The October meeting will be the last meeting to contribute ornaments before the tree is decorated in early November.

AWA Library

We are starting a new procedure for checking items out of the library. Soon the list of books and DVD's will be posted on our website. To check out an item simply email our librarian Wayne Bagwell at wbagwell@gmail.com and he will bring it to you at the next meeting. If you have any items to return, please give those to Wayne (or Carl Cummins - President).

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO DONATE FOR THE COFFEE AND DONUTS.

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

October : Frank Bowers

November : TBD

December : Christmas Party

