

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

October 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



FRANK BOWERS

I am a full time woodturning instructor and demonstrator. From an early age I have worked making things from wood along with numerous remodeling projects but never introduced to woodturning. After moving to Georgia I had an opportunity to see a wooden pen demonstration and was hooked on turning. From that point I took lessons from noted turners in Atlanta and professional turners from around the world who came through the area. I enjoy using the lathe to transform recycled woods into useful items and artistic objects. The thing I like most about woodturning is the instant gratification, you can spend an hour or two and complete a project, as opposed to regular woodworking where months later you're still working on that weekend project. Over the past 15 to 20 years I have taught over 800 classes of 6 to 8 students and an untold number of individual one day sessions. I enjoy teaching and demonstrating almost as much as turning itself. My goal is to keep learning and pass this knowledge on to others. Frank began his turning career in 1992 by turning over 2,000 pens on his old Shopsmith. Since then he has instructed over 800 woodturning classes at Highland Woodworking. He has instructed or assisted woodturning classes at John C. Campbell Folk School 7 times. Frank has demonstrated at the Southern States and Turning Southern Style Symposiums. He has demonstrated and held hands-on workshops at many woodturning clubs throughout the Southeast. His beautifully turned wood art is sold through art galleries, by commission and at the Georgia State Fair. Frank will be doing a lidded (jewelry) box.



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Here!

October AWA meeting and afternoon training class.

Well, it's another woodturning weekend!!! At least one of the teams has a "bye" so no excuses for those fans... This month's demonstration and class will be presented by **Frank Bowers** another professional from the Atlanta Georgia area. For the newer turner's, I invite you to go online and see some of the turning work that he does and demonstrates. The morning demonstration on efficient bowl/box turning techniques as well as the application of flocking to the interior surface. This will dovetail into the afternoon's class where each participant can **do your own**. The afternoon class will again be set up for all level of experience. Beginners will gain insight, skill, and tool handling technique in turning with 1:1 assistance; and the more experienced turner can learn flocking application as another enhancement technique for wood turning.

Again, sign up early by texting your name to 205-612-7496 to let me know you want to be in the class. We'll will have 6 lathes and Frank will bring some supplies, at nominal expense! So, all we need to help you, is for you to be in the class. Looking forward to a full class and great fun.

September—Peggy Schmid



President's Challenge 2019

The October challenge, an ornament, is especially important now that we need to have enough to decorate a tree very soon. Also note the challenge for November.

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.

If you missed a previous month. You may bring in an item for a previous month's challenge at any time, and it still counts for that previous month.

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

President's Challenge 2019 continued

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/icle, 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

Turn a bowl 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. The sooner you start, the better we'll see how it moves.

December: CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

GET TO KNOW THE MEMBERS



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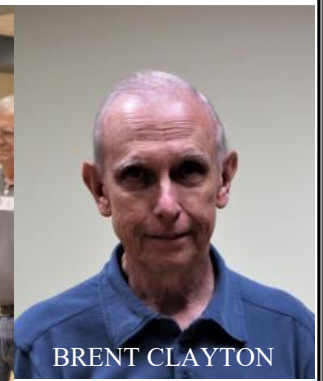
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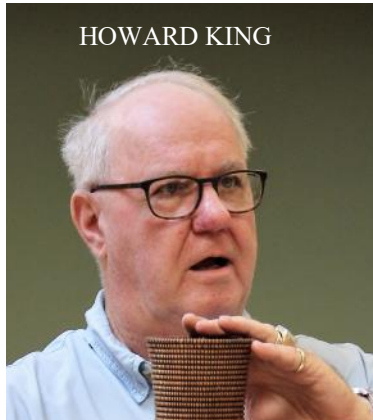
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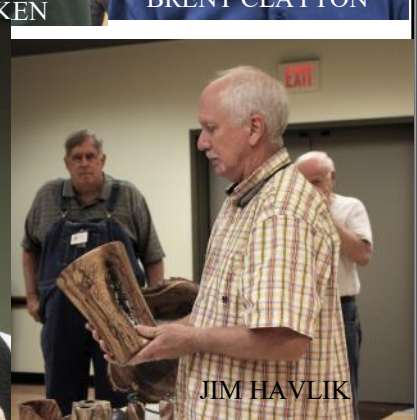
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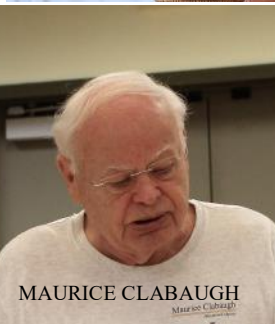
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We're in the 4th Quarter

by Carl Cummins, AWA President

Now it's October, in the last quarter of the year. In football, the 4th quarter reminds us that time is running out, time to stay focused on the goal, or if we're behind, then work harder to make up. But what does that mean for our club? We too have goals to reach this year.

Ornaments

Every year we donate 300 wood turned ornaments and decorate a tree for Children's Hospital for their charitable fund raiser. The tree will be decorated in early November. October 12 is the last time to bring your ornaments in to our meeting.

As of September, we had 110 turned in, leaving 190 to go! In addition to the dozen I turned in last month I've turned another two dozen. What about you? Even **one** ornament would help. This must be a team effort. Please join in now!

Note: There is a short overtime period until the end of October when you can take additional ornaments to Woodcraft.

Turn For Troops

In this project we turn pens to be donated to U.S. Military men and women on active duty and recovering in rehabilitation centers. Our goal this year was 180 pens, and we've already exceeded that goal! Additional pens are still welcome. The Woodcraft website has several articles describing previous years events, all much appreciated:
<https://www.woodcraft.com/pages/turn-for-troops>

Election of New Officers

We will vote at the December meeting for officers to serve in the year ahead. A nominating committee is working to name candidates. If you would like to nominate yourself or recommend someone, please contact me (Carl at cjcummins@gmail.com).

End-of-Year Auction

Once again, we will hold an auction at our December meeting. We will offer woodturnings by our demonstrators and other members, nice tools donated by members, and a Rikon 70-100 lathe formerly used in our classroom. I'll provide more information in the December newsletter. Meanwhile please think if you have a woodturning, or tools, or other item of interest to donate. Our auction last year was a big success, so I'm optimistic for this year.

All proceeds will go toward bringing out-of-town demonstrators next year. All members are invited to donate pieces for this event. If you can bring your donations to the November meeting, then I can include photos in the December newsletter.

Holiday Party

Our December meeting will feature our traditional luncheon/party. The club will provide meats and drinks. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert.

President's Challenge — SEPTEMBER



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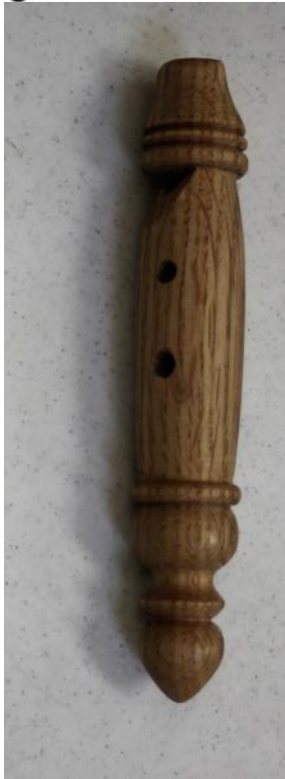
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FOR THE
PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE.

AWA October Birthdays

MARTY COGAN	10-6
ROBERT JONES	10-10
RON GRIFFIN	10-12
MICHELLE MARKEN	10-20
RON HERBSTER	10-23
HOWARD KING	10-26



September Turn and Tell Highlights



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PETE MARKEN



JUDY & JERRY OSMUNDSON

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!'

September challenger was Staten Tate, a faceted vase. The challenger for October is Phil Duffy.

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!

November : TBD

December : Christmas Party

A dark, atmospheric image featuring a glowing, ethereal arch or tunnel entrance. At the bottom, the words 'COMING SOON' are written in a light, sans-serif font.