

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

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



Slade LeCroy is our demo turner for January. Slade is a 14-year-old 8th grader from Gadsden, AL. He found an interest in wood turning when he was 11 years old. He plays drums in the school band and at his church and at that time he wanted to learn how to make his own drumsticks. His grandfather bought him a small wood lathe to learn how to use it. He soon after bought him a bigger wood lathe to learn how to make larger items.



His father and grandfather have played a large role in teaching him how to work with different tools and how to use them safely. However much of his wood turning skills was learned by trial and error or watching YouTube. His mom encouraged him one day to try and make a bowl and he fell in love with the art of making wooden bowls and has been making them ever since. When he was 12 years old he entered a few of his bowls into the 4-H County Roundup In the freestyle showcase and won first place in Etowah County. We went on to compete in the regional level where he also won first place. At that time he was too young to compete at the state level but he hopes to try for that again this year now that he is a couple years older.

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**Happy 2020 Woodturners!
Scott Arnold**

First, let me thank all of you for your friendship and support since I've been a member of the club. I have been turning now for around five years and have benefitted greatly from the AWA. I first noticed a bark-edge bowl at the Children's Harbor Art Show on Lake Martin in Bill Payton's booth. It sparked a curiosity that drove me to find out more about Woodturning and with Bill as my initial mentor, it quickly became a fulfilling obsession. I am forever indebted to Bill Payton for introducing me to this wonderful pastime.

I have observed the club dynamics as I ran the AV these past few years and hopefully, I can build on what I've seen. I'd like to concentrate on two key areas for 2020:

The first is increasing the number of beginning and intermediate turners in the club. As someone not far removed from the beginning stage of turning, I can say that the AWA and you are critical to developing entry-level woodturners. Your encouragement and willingness to mentor these newcomers is essential for helping the club thrive and grow.

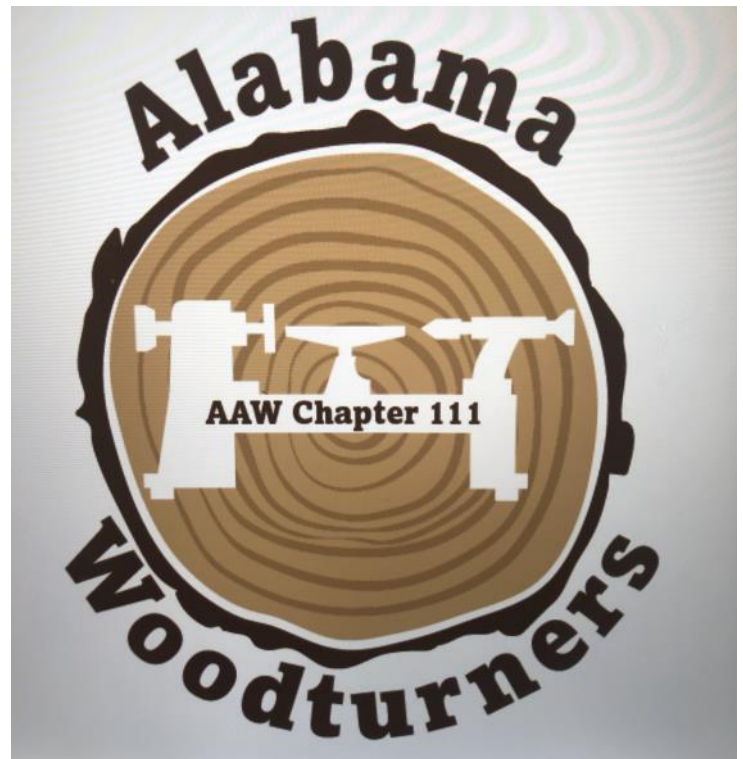
The second area is involvement from our advanced turners. You are the club's most valuable resource, and without your knowledge and experience we might as well shut the doors. As I know firsthand, what you consider routine can be an eye-opening revelation to a new turner. A simple discussion about the way you dry your green-turned items can lead to a beginner's first bowl that doesn't crack.

We'll be trying some new things this year with the goal of increasing both of the areas above. I hope you'll participate in these and give me your honest feedback, both good and bad. Hopefully, with your help, we can extend the club outside the walls of the Senior Center and encourage more group get-togethers at member's shops. I've found that those moments are when I really begin to enjoy woodturning.

As part of our 2020 goals to attract beginning/intermediate turners and increase involvement for our advanced turners, the Board has unanimously voted to propose a new logo for the club. While the current logo has served us well since 1998, this new logo is more distinct and recognizable to woodturners. The new logo features a log cross-section with a lathe in front of the growth rings. The club name is wrapped around the log slice with our AAW chapter information on the lathe bed.

Going forward, all materials and merchandise related to the club would be branded with the new logo. This includes new recognition items for members donating their time to the club (Officer shirts and volunteer logo items) and a new marketing tool (AWA bag at Woodcraft for new lathe owners). We would also be making logo shirts, caps, etc., available for members to purchase.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on the proposed logo with the Officers and Board.



New Officers:

President: Scott Arnold

VP (not including program chairman): John Sowell

Secretary: John Rhymes

Treasurer: Carl Cummins

Board: Tom Corbett, Bruce Gibson, Ron Herbster

Phil will continue as Training coordinator.

The current Program Committee includes Carl, Scott and Phil. Any and all club members wishing to participate are encouraged to join the committee. Please see any Officer for details.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

January - Pepper Mill or Salt Shaker

February - Bottle Stopper

MORE TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH.

Silent Auction of Lathe, Chucks, and Accessories

We have the following lathe, chucks and accessories which we will offer in a silent auction at the January meeting.

Record Power Chucks and Accessories

All the following Record Power items were generously donated by Woodcraft. The M33x3.5 female thread directly fits a One-Way lathe, but you can buy at Woodcraft a 1"x8 insert or 1-1/4"x8 insert for the SC4 for \$19.99. Adapters for the SC3 can be found on the internet.

For more information on any of these items you can look up the Model Number on the Woodcraft web site.

Note: Record Power chucks and jaws are fully compatible with Nova and Sorby Patriot chucks and jaws.

Model	Retail price	Description
62063	\$200	SC4 scroll chuck set plus M33x3.5 insert (inserts for 1"x8 or 1-1/4"x8 spindles can be purchased at Woodcraft for \$19.99)
61062	\$180	SC3 M33x3.5 RH dedicated scroll chuck set (Adapters for 1"x8 or 1-1/4"x8 spindles can be purchased on the internet at prices ranging from about \$20-\$80.)
62323	\$63	long nose jaw
62337	\$49	pen jaws
62327	\$55	pin jaw set
62322	\$70	75mm heavy bowl and gripper jaws
62378	\$20	plastic soft jaws
62376	\$90	remounting jaws mega
62329	\$58	100mm dovetail and deep power grip (PJSN)
62356	\$60	remounting jaws mini
62317	\$62	130mm dovetail jaws
62321	\$55	35mm standard jaw
62336	\$45	mini spigot jaw
62572	\$30	3.5-inch faceplate ring (87mm)
62574	\$40	5-inch faceplate ring (126mm)

Rikon Lathe Model 70-100

This Rikon mini lathe model 70-100 has been 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.

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.

Training class for January 2020

2020 is here and it's another year of opportunities to join the fun and comradery of the Alabama Wood Turner's Association on Saturday, 11th! This month's presenter is Slade LeCroy. To the best of my recollection, he will be the youngest presenter our club has had. His story is both interesting and inspiring and I'm sure all of us will be inspired to see how woodturning can be an avenue of learning, exploring and expressing that which lies within us all regardless of age.

Come and watch how this 14-year-old turns and finishes a bowl.

As has been our custom, our afternoon training class will dovetail on the morning demo. We'll have multiple blanks available and explore various ways to mount, secure, orient, and turn. We'll also be able to discuss aspects of sanding and finishing techniques and other ideas.

As always, we have our club turning tools to use or you can bring yours, particularly if you need help using yours. This is your opportunity to ask and learn, whether its turning, increasing your technique skills, or sharpening and maintaining your tools. This is what your Alabama Woodturners Association is about, come and enjoy the experience of being a participating member. As part of our club's commitment to training for all, I remind you our classroom has 6 lathes. Because someone may want help with something other than bowl turning ... I need to hear from you...what you want, so I can make sure we have the materials and lathes set to accommodate what **YOU WANT!!**

So, **PLAN AHEAD!!!** ... Reserve your space in the afternoon class by texting your name to me (Doc Phil) at: **205-612-7496**. I look forward to hearing from you before and seeing you at the meeting on Saturday January 11th.





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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!

AWA JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD SERVISS	1-2
TERRY WHITE	1-6
BILL HUBBARD	1-8
PAT JOHNSON	1-12
EDDY JOWERS	1-13
DWIGHT HOSTETTER	1-14
ALAN STATON	1-15
JOHN SOWELL	1-22
JERRY CONWAY	1-22
CAROLYN McFEE	1-25
STEVE SWARTZ	1-28
NANCY DEASON	1-29
LARRY DYE	1-30





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!'

The challenger for January is John Sowell. We look forward to honoring Karl for another year.

If you want to watch the video of Karl turning here is the link!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_XGRjlvMDk

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Also on the AWA website.

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.

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 Scott Arnold - President).

YEARLY DUES ARE DUE. SEE CARL CUMMINS.

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



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