

# Alabama Woodturners Association



# Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2020

A member of the American Association of Woodturners  
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Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am  
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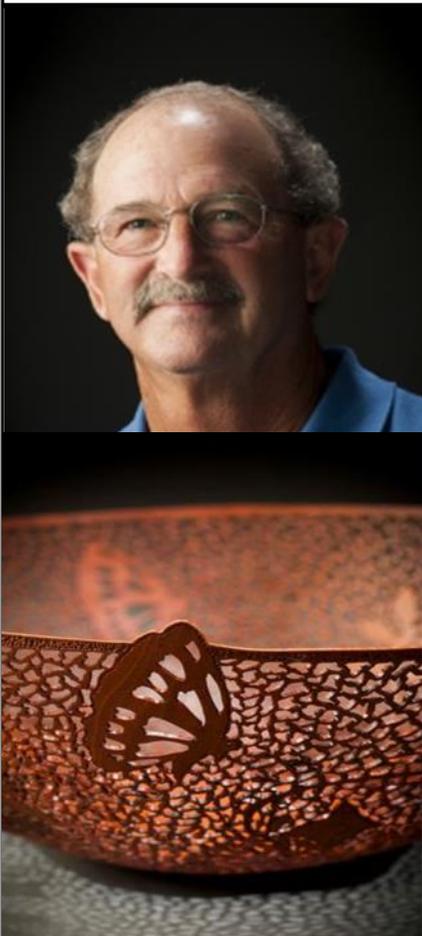
## AWA February Presenter: Wood Piercing with Sammy Long

To call our February presenter, Sammy Long, simply a 'woodturner' would simply be an understatement. He is best known for his award-winning, gorgeous leaf carvings that illustrate the depth of his artistic nature as it applies to wood. He began his adventure in turning by making candle sticks, weed pots, and baby rattles in his free time.

Sammy has been an avid student of the art for the past 16 years and has spent numerous summers at The Appalachian Center for Crafts in Cookeville, Tennessee. When he returns from a class, symposium, or demonstration, he continues to study and practice what he has learned. Those who have directly influenced Sammy's work have been John Jordon, Binh Pho and Dixie Biggs.

Sammy is a native of Greenville, Mississippi, a resident of Brandon, Mississippi and is happily retired from many years of work in the gas pipeline industry. Together, Sammy and his wife, Maureen, are the parents of 3 daughters and 3 sons.

To read more about Sammy and view his portfolio, please visit his website at: <http://www.sammylong.com/about>



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## President's Note

I recently attended the Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium beginning Friday, January 24th, in Franklin. It was a great event with talented presenters, and I was pleased to represent the AAW along with around a dozen of your fellow members. I believe they had close to 400 attendees and 20 vendors, including our own Pete and Michelle Marken.

As part of the Symposium, AAW Executive Director Phil McDonald was in attendance to encourage folks to sign up for AAW membership. He also held a Chapter Officer discussion where he brought up the following points:

- The AAW has a new website with more functionality.
- New (or former members) can have a free three-month trial AAW membership.
- The AAW 2020 Symposium is set for June 4th-7th in Louisville, Kentucky. If the club can get 10 members to pay by check before April 1, each member will receive a \$25 discount off the normal \$325 advance registration fee. If you are interested, please see me or another officer so we can add your name to the list.

After Phil shared AAW news, he held an informal discussion with the handful of officers in attendance. A few of the points made by the attendees included:

- AAW should provide more support to clubs in areas like promotional materials, logo items, and basically provide access to any specialty items needed to promote the chapter on a local level.
- AAW's new website should allow creating a user-specific experience (i.e., you log in and see all the upcoming events for clubs in adjoining states).
- AAW should investigate certifying selected YouTube videos as AAW Approved if all safety concerns and practices have been met.

If you've never attended a symposium, please consider it. There's no better way to immerse yourself in woodturning for a couple of days and I've yet to find anyone who doesn't come back with at least one or two new tricks, tools, or techniques to try. The other benefit is spending a couple of days with other folks from the club as well as meeting members of other clubs. I can guarantee you'll arrive back home reenergized to turn something; be it a totally new item or just turning the same items better!

Safe Turning,  
Scott

## **Volunteers Keep the Club Alive!**

We can always use help with the positions below:

Audiovisual Operation

Program Committee

Lathe Setup/Teardown

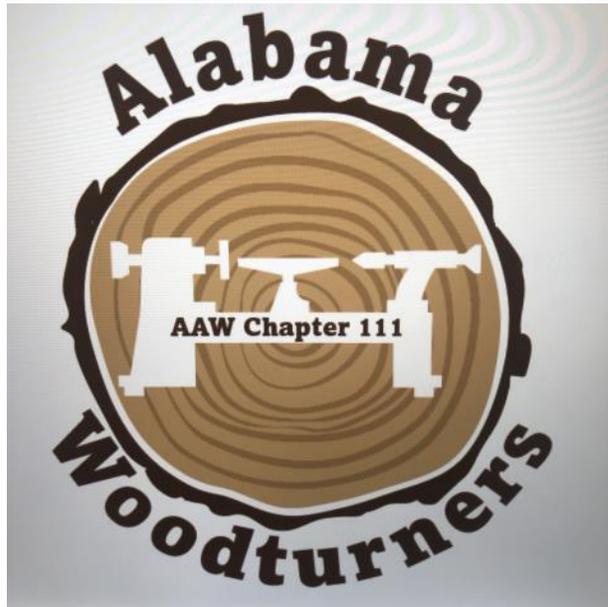
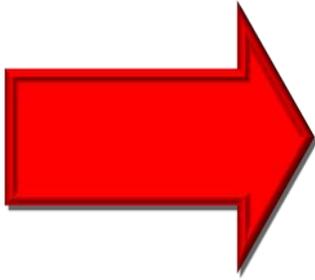
Clean Up

Mentoring

Refreshments

Classroom Setup

This is the NEW club logo, it was approved at the meeting last month.



We will be taking orders for long-sleeve denim shirts this Saturday at the meeting. Although pictured with brown thread, the new shirts will have white thread for the club name and your name, if desired.

The denim shirt is \$35. Embroidering the club logo is \$10 and your name is \$5. We will have several shirts for you to try on and each is 100% cotton, so it may shrink. Please pay when you order, and checks are preferred. (\$45 for shirt and club logo, \$50 for shirt, club logo and your name.)



We had 2 full (almost) tables at the TN Symposium! That is awesome! If you have never attended a symposium this is a good one to go to. The other one that is "close to home" is Turning Southern Style in Dalton, GA in September.



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### **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.

### **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 February meeting (rescheduled due to bad weather on day of our 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 also, adapters for other spindle sizes can be found on the internet (\$20-70). 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**

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**

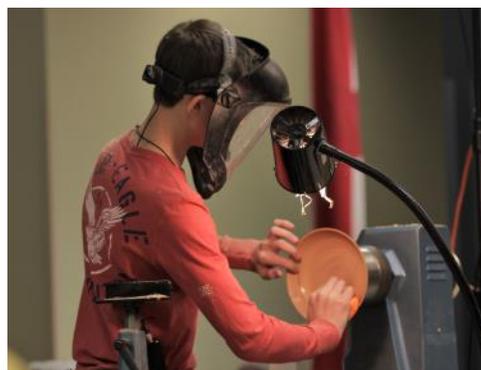
This Rikon mini lathe model 70-100 has been used in our training classes for several years, but only one day per month, so relatively little mileage! Phil has inspected and tuned it to be sure it is in fine working order. This model has a 12" swing x 16" turn-able length, one-half HP motor, and 6 speed settings 430-3900. A new one costs \$499 at Woodcraft.

# JANUARY RECAP — SLADE LeCROY

Slade LeCroy

14 Years Old  
8th Grader  
From Gadsden, AL

At 12, won 1st Place in:  
Etowah County 4-H Roundup  
&  
Regionals



## Training class for February 2020

February's class will be geared toward helping any turners with issues or questions. If you have a problem piece, bring it and we'll sort it out. Or, if you just want to practice turning and to ask questions on the fly, we're here to help.

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, February 8th.



BILL HUBBARD & RON HERBSTER



CARL CUMMINS



JOHN RHYMES



RON HERBSTER



STATEN TATE



STEVE BURGESS



AFTER THE DEMO

# SHOW and TURN FEBRUARY 2020



JOHN SOWELL



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LYNN BASWELL



SCOTT ARNOLD  
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CARL CUMMINS  
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HOWARD KING



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JIM HAVLIK



ROCKY KIMBLE



### Estate Inventory and Assessment

This new program is available to all club members. In the event of a member's inability to continue turning or their death, the member's family can request the club provide an inventory and assessment of the turner's shop. Three to four representatives from the club will visit the shop and provide a comprehensive inventory of machinery and tools and attach a fair market value to each. The committee would also attempt to inventory as much wood as possible but cannot guarantee to assess all of it. They would then present an inventory and price list to the family. There is no cost or obligation to the club for this service. Should the family desire the club's help in selling any shop items, we will again be glad to assist at no cost or obligation.

### PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE January - Pepper Mill or Salt Shaker



JIM RABEY



SCOTT ARNOLD



CARL CUMMINS



RON HERBSTER

### *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 FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*



JOBY DOBBS	2-2
MYRA HARPER	2-3
JOHN JACKMAN	2-20
JEFFREY HICKS	2-22
JIM HAVLIK	2-25

# BIRTHDAYS

## THIS MONTH



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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_XGRjlvMDk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_XGRjlvMDk)

COPY & PASTE  
Also on the AWA website.

## 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 February is Susan McCalla. We will have two pieces (January & February) for the challenge this month.

**President's Challenge for February is a BOTTLE STOPPER  
President's Challenge for March is BOTTLE OPENER**

### 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](mailto: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.**



**FEBRUARY 2020  
SAMMY LONG**