

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

MARCH 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

March Demonstrator - Howard King



In the early 1970s, my hobby was making wooden furniture. Eventually this led me to buy a lathe to do spindle turnings for furniture such as bed posts, fern stands, candle holders and stools. Later I got into turning segmented bowls as well as weed pots which lead me to turning bowls from solid wood. I gave up woodturning in the early 1990s and didn't turn much of anything until 2009 when my interest returned. I took a bowl turning class with Frank Bowers one weekend at Highland Woodworking in Atlanta. I had taken some bowl gouges which Frank looked at sadly and told me he would sharpen them for me with the "Irish Grind". Amazingly, he did it free hand. Later, Nick Cook came to Cullman to demonstrate and I watched him turn about 15 different things in one day. So, I was hooked again. I have been amazed at the advancements and the progress woodturning has achieved over the past twenty years. I have really learned a lot from the members of AWA and the programs that are offered every month as well as those at the North Alabama Woodturners. It is amazing how many great woodturners there are in the Birmingham group as well as in the Boaz group who freely share their expertise with us. It is very inspiring to see all the fantastic pieces that are brought to the meetings. I've made a lot of good friends and I'm very happy to be a member of both groups.

Copied from last years newsletter.



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President's Note

This month's presenter is our own Howard King. We all know how lucky Howard is and about his incredible talent as a woodturner. What many folks don't know is how willing he is to help new and intermediate turners. Howard has had a lot of visitors to his shop in Good Hope in the last couple of years, with folks (including me) looking for Howard's guidance and instruction on pieces that may seem quite difficult to us, but are a walk in the park for Howard. He is always giving of his time and energy and throws in a good dose of humor for good measure. (BTW, his wife makes an outstanding BLT!)

I mention this because we have a quite a few 'Howards' in the club. They are long time members who are always willing to share their experience and knowledge, as well as their shops, with those who are looking to learn by doing. They don't do it for recognition, they do it simply to share their passion for woodturning with others. To put it simply, they are our greatest asset and without them we would not have a club.

If you are a new turner, you are in exactly the right place no matter what particular genre of woodturning you may be interested in. From simple bowls to segmenting or hollow forms to resin casting, someone in this club does it and probably does it quite well. If you haven't had an opportunity to find someone who shares the same area of interest you do, please talk to a club officer. We will be glad to make introductions.

If you're a long-time club member who hasn't tried Mentoring before, what are you waiting on? What better way to make a new friend and brighten up your shop? It may provide the spark to jumpstart your interest in trying something new and increase the enjoyment you already get out of turning. If you're willing to give it a try, contact myself or another club officer and we'll add you to the list.

My mentor, Bill Payton, told me he had hit a brick wall with his turning ability and then he found a woodturning club in Birmingham that helped him soar. It's because of that kind of recommendation that I joined the AWA. And guess what; he was right.

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

FEBRUARY RECAP — SAMMY LONG



Training class for March 2020
CLASS IS FULL WITH A WAITING LIST!

The afternoon training session for this month will be designing and turning an 8" pepper mill. For those of you who have been in the club for several years you have seen many of the pepper mills that Karl and Myra Harper have turned. Myra has graciously agreed to assist in the class, so it should be a wonderful learning experience for all.

Since we are limited to six lathes, I am suggesting that everyone wanting to turn a pepper mill contact me directly so that I can assure you a spot in the class. You can send me a text message with your name and telephone number indicating your desire to be in the class. I will call or text you back to confirm your placement in the class. The class is free to AWA members. The pepper mill mechanisms will be available at a discounted price of \$10, and the club has purchased enough mechanisms so that each participant will walk away with a completed pepper mill.

Because we have found that the time between the morning program and the afternoon class has frequently been encroached on ... Myra and I have agreed to try something new for this class. She will bring the pork barbecue sandwiches and chips, so that those in the class will not have to leave. Instead we will enjoy some fellowship, eat at the Senior Center, and be ready to begin. If you're signing up for the class and have an idea relative to this or have any questions, please call me.

Thanks, see you Saturday, March 14.
 Doc Phil 205-612-7496.

PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE FEBRUARY



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TURKEY, SQUIRREL, ECT.

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May Team Turning Event

Our May meeting will feature a Team Turning Challenge designed to include all levels of turners. We will have our six classroom lathes set up in the Auditorium, one for each of our six teams. Ideally, we will have a more experienced turner paired with one or two beginning to intermediate members to assist with any questions or design challenges. This is not a competition, simply a challenge.

While we did a version of this several years ago with two teams, this will be our first attempt with six teams. More details will be shared in next month's newsletter, but it's not too early to volunteer as teams are already forming. If you're new to the club, this is the perfect opportunity to make some new friends and learn some new techniques at the same time. Contact any club officer to put your name in the hat.

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PETE MARKEN



RON HERBSTER



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MAURICE CLABAUGH



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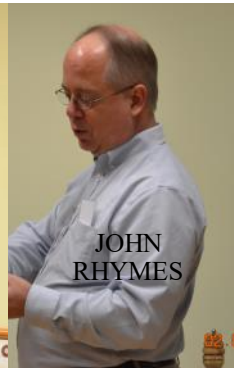


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Estate Inventory and Assessment

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.

Birthday Door Prize News

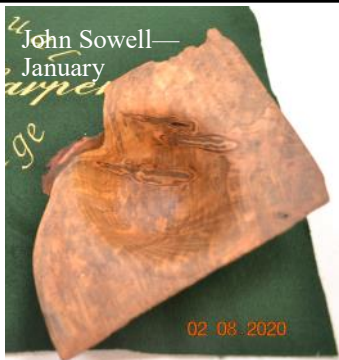
AWA gives a birthday gift door prize to a turner who has a birthday during the month of that meeting. Here are the 'rules' for this year:

- 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 MARCH BIRTHDAYS



HAROLD DEASON	3-1
JOHNNY CARPENTER	3-9
DAVID FANCHER	3-10
JIM RABEY	3-15
ROBERT MOOR	3-21
BRENT CLAYTON	3-31
JOHN RHYMES	3-31



John Sowell—
January

Susan McCalla—February

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. The challenger for March is John Jackman.

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.

New Procedure for Library

The AWA Library is open for business with a new procedure. The list of all books and DVDs is on the website. Go to the "LEARNING" page and click on the link to display the list. When you see an item that you would like, send an email to our Librarian Wayne Bagwell at wbagwell@gmail.com. Wayne will give it to you at the next meeting. An item checked out will be due back at the following meeting (one month). Limit three items per member at one time. Note that if an item is currently checked out it is fine to request it, because it is due back at the next meeting.



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.

April Mike Mahoney - Topics ranging from Oak Platters and Peppermills to Bowl Coring and Finishes (Videoconference)

May Team Turning Challenge (Volunteers Needed, No Experience Necessary)

June Pete Wiens (Bowls Embellished with Texturing and Milk Paint)

July Round Robin and Cookout

COMING SOON