

# Alabama Woodturners Association



# Newsletter

APRIL-MAY 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](http://www.alabamawoodturners.com)



## May Demonstrator is TRENT BOSCH

*Our guest demonstrator this month is Trent Bosch from Fort Collins, Colorado. Trent has been teaching/demonstrating woodturning techniques and form for more than two decades. From his background in Sculpture and Photography he focuses on the sculptural aspect of turning. He is best known for artistic works which have taken many forms, and each form is developed into a series exploring many variations. He demonstrates across the US and world-wide. He has served on faculty at Arrowmont, John C*

*Campbell, and Anderson Ranch. He frequently gives Interactive Remote Demonstrations for clubs such as ours or for individual turners everywhere. For more information about Trent and a look at his works visit [trentbosch.com](http://trentbosch.com)*

*At our meeting, Trent will present **Decorative Utility Bowls***

*His description: "In this session I rough turn a bowl from green wood, discuss drying techniques including kiln drying and building your own kiln as well as very simple and basic techniques. Then I re-turn a dry bowl using specially ground tools to get as clean a cut as possible to cut down on sanding. I will then take that bowl and discuss and use lots of different decorative techniques including: carving techniques, bleaching, dying, painting, burning, sand blasting, and surface textures."*

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## President's Note

As we approach our third meeting in the midst of this global pandemic, everything we have taken as normal for years has been turned upside down. However, ever the resourceful creatures, we have begun adapting to our temporary 'new normal'. Shortly after everyone was told to maintain our social distance, videoconferencing applications like Zoom, GoToMeeting, Webex, Bluejeans, and Skype emerged to fill the void.

I remember several Board meetings last year where we debated the merits of a remote presentations and whether they were practical. We went back and forth, finally settling on attempting one after several meetings with the Homewood Senior Center staff as well as IT folks from the City of Homewood in order to get the connection speed where it needed to be.

We received mixed reviews from our attempt, but resolved to try it at least twice more this year. Little did we know that fate would force us to try it more quickly, and more often, than we had originally intended. As of today, we have successfully tested Zoom with almost 85% of the club members. That is an astounding statistic compared to other AAW chapters currently using videoconferencing, now renamed IRD (Interactive Remote Demonstration).

I have received nothing but positive comments regarding Mike Mahoney's IRD last month. Hopefully this month's demo with Trent Bosch will be received with the same enthusiasm. Also, just to hedge our bets, we have Cindy Drozda scheduled for an IRD in June. Should we be allowed to return to normal life by that point, we'll view it together at the Senior Center as we did last year. If not, we'll be well versed in this remote meeting technology by that point.

In conclusion, please let me offer my assistance if you are one of the members that have not yet tried Zoom. Please contact me and I'll work with you to try and get connected and proficient with the software. If you are one of the members already using it, why not try starting your own small group meeting with a few folks? The software is free and you can have up to 100 participants in a 40 minute meeting at no cost. It's a great way to share what you've been doing and better yet, a few laughs with your fellow turners.

Safe Turning!  
Scott



### FRIDAY NIGHT ZOOM MEETING

Special thanks to the 20 or so members who joined us last Friday night on Zoom for an hour-long, informal Show & Tell. From Staten Tate's color-enhanced, cracked bowls with string lacing to Howard King's burned vases and rotary-tool embellished hollow forms, it was a very interesting get together.

I'd like to thank everyone for sharing what they've been working on and answering the questions regarding their pieces. Also, it was a good opportunity to laugh a little in the middle of this unique situation and we certainly did a lot of that. Hopefully we can have a few more of these in the coming weeks and months.

Scott

# APRIL RECAP — MIKE MAHONEY

For our first videoconference of the year, it would be hard to imagine one packed with more information than April's meeting with Mike Mahoney. Mike focused on a couple of projects, primarily his quarter-sawn White Oak platter and his turned/carved drinking cup, but he touched on a wide range of topics. Some of those included cutting bowl blanks, the McNaughton blank coring system for bowls, sharpening gouges, sealing with PVA (white "Elmer's" glue) and finishes for woodturners. Beyond turning, he talked about his interest in "Champion" trees (largest of each species) and avoiding rattlesnakes on his property!

Taking an unconventional approach, Mike didn't actually turn anything on camera, but ran through his extensive library of videos, photos, actual pieces to explain his turning methods. It was extraordinarily effective, informative, and entertaining. Several members asked afterwards if it had been recorded so they could jot down points they missed. Amazingly, Mike only touched on 1/3 of the topics he actually offers in this type demo. To round it out, he gave us a tour of his large timber-frame shop with hundreds of bowl/platter blanks stacked to dry, and the porch where he has his lathe in order to turn and sand outdoors. I think it's safe to say everyone who attended left with at least some bit of information they can use in their own turnings (Scott Arnold)



Zoom Meeting Attendance

MIKE MAHONEY





## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE FOR JUNE

This one is easy so everyone should be able to try it, but boy is it challenging. All you need is a green limb and a lot of patience. Simply turn it so the long stem and thin top are allowed to warp and move. After that, it's up to you: Long, short, burned, pierced, colored, embellished, etc. If you get industrious, make an entire garden. Can't wait to see your results!



## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE FOR MARCH



JOHN RYMES



SCOTT ARNOLD



JOHN SOWELL



CARL CUMMINS  
multi-axis threaded  
bottle-opener



HOWARD KING

# WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



BRENT CLAYTON  
HICKORY 11"

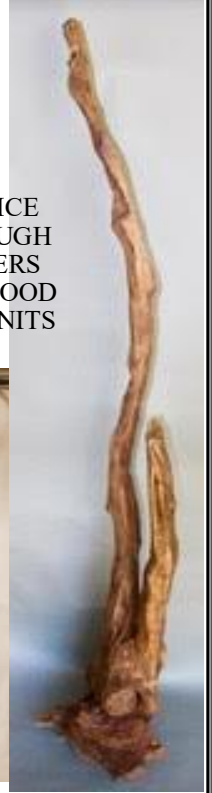


BRENT CLAYTON  
HICKORY 11" SIDE VIEW



MAURICE CLABAUGH  
CHAPEAU -  
RED OAK  
BURL

MAURICE  
CLABAUGH  
CRITTERS  
DRIFTWOOD  
MANZANITS



BRENT CLAYTON  
ORNAMENT 1



BRENT CLAYTON  
ORNAMENT 2



BRENT CLAYTON  
ORNAMENT 3



BRENT CLAYTON  
ORNAMENT 4



BRENT CLAYTON WHITE OAK 7"  
SIDE VIEW



BRENT CLAYTON  
WHITE OAK 7"



STATEN TATE  
EXPERIMENTING  
WITH COLOR & FINISH



FORREST CARPENTER  
WILLOW



MAURICE CLABAUGH  
SQUARE - WILLOW OAK

MAURICE  
CLABAUGH  
SCORPON  
MAPLE  
BURL





# WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



FORREST CARPENTER  
GUN CABINET  
OAK & BASSWOOD

Forrest provided this description of the gun cabinet with carving:

"While I am in the sharing mood, This is a Gun Cabinet with a Hand Carved Bird Dog that I made for Daughter and Son In Law who both enjoy Skeet Shooting.

Gun cabinet is made from Oak, dog is carved from Basswood stained with walnut oil stain and finished with Minwax Polyurethane and hand waxed."



FORREST CARPENTER  
DUCK CALLS  
OAK, CHERRY, TEAL, WALNUT



TERRY WHITE MAPLE 13X4  
CHAINSAW & CHARRED



LYNN BASWELL  
(FORK FOR SCALE)



LYNN BASWELL



MARTIN COGEN



FORREST CARPENTER



LYNN BASWELL  
(FORK FOR SCALE)

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COLLABORATION  
RON HERBSTER &  
BILL HUBBARD



## 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 APRIL BIRTHDAYS



TOM CROMER	4-4
WAYNE BAGWELL	4-4
JAMES VAUGHN	4-4
SUSAN McCALLA	4-6
PHIL FORTMEYER	4-6
STEVE BURGESS	4-7

### AWA MAY BIRTHDAYS



TERRY TINGLE	5-10
TIM TINGLE	5-10





### 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!'

### **Opportunities To Help Others**

In our Turn For Troops effort we have over 140 pens turned in. More pens will be welcome, especially if you have not turned one in as yet. Any questions see Ron Herbster.

### **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](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_XGRjlvMDk)

COPY & PASTE  
Also on the AWA website.

June - Cindy Drozda (TBD)

July - Round Robin and Cookout  
(or IRD if needed)

COMING SOON