

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

JUNE 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

June Demonstrator is CINDY DROZDA



Our June demonstrator will be Cindy Drozda from Boulder, Colorado. Many of us have seen Cindy's presentations at regional and national symposiums, but reading her bio, it's obvious she's had an interesting path to where she currently finds herself.

At the age of 19, she took a job in a player piano factory owned by a California attorney who loved collecting steam-driven machinery. During her five years there, she was encouraged to learn all the equipment (antique and modern). She especially enjoyed the yearly startup of the working steam engine and putting the antique equipment through its paces. In that one position she learned woodworking, metal machining, brazing, plastics, adhesives, fasteners, engineering, and manufacturing. From there she worked in various small cabinet shops up until 1992 when she became self-employed.

Cindy is also ranked as the #1 IRD (Interactive Remote Demonstration) Presenter in the nation. That informal honor comes from a consensus of woodturners who specialize in IRD's. Cindy has invested heavily, both monetarily and with sweat equity, in perfecting the art of remote demonstrations. Many folks have commented that her remote, multi-camera demos are better than actual in-person presentations as they are able to see every detail she's working on.

For our June meeting, Cindy will be demonstrating her signature style of Box with a finial, an in-fitting lid, and an inlaid decorative ring and foot made from contrasting wood. The Finial Box is an intricate and interesting project, with a lot of tips and techniques. This presentation includes: box making, turning a finial, design, material selection, and jam chucking.

The AWA meeting will begin this Saturday, June 13th, at 9:00 am as usual. Cindy has indicated she will start the Zoom meeting up to an hour early so members can socialize ahead of the presentation. The Zoom invitation will be sent out this Friday via email.

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Here!

President's Note

I hope that this newsletter finds each of you physically healthy and perhaps starting to venture back out of house. I ate at a restaurant (on the patio) for the first time since March last week, and it was extremely surreal.

Almost every American Association of Woodturners (AAW) chapter had a decision to make during the month of March. Depending on the club's schedule, I believe that a large percentage cancelled that month's meeting. That includes the AWA. From that point on, it became necessary to meet virtually if a meeting was to be held.

We were fortunate to have tried that type of meeting last year, so we knew the requirements and had the ability to adapt quickly. A large portion of the credit for that ability goes to you as the membership. You embraced what was a new technology to most of the club. As I tested with most of you, the comment I heard time and again was, "I don't know much about computers, but I'll try it." That attitude helped us become one of the first in the nation to conduct a virtual club meeting. I believe we were one of the first five AAW clubs to adopt and implement this new meeting type where all members were remote.

But now that restrictions are beginning to lift, it's time to examine when and how we return to a new normal. That question will be discussed and debated later this week at our Board of Director's meeting. While I believe each of us wants to get back together for monthly meetings with fellow turners, we want to make sure we do it in a safe and thoughtful manner. Ultimately, each member's health remains our primary concern.

While we have started a list of questions and concerns, we will discuss, there are most certainly things we have yet to consider. To that end, if you have a thought regarding holding club meetings going forward, please email myself or any Board member. We welcome your suggestions and need them now more than ever.

Safe Turning!
Scott



The President's Challenge for July is turning any type of jewelry container. Whether it's a ring holder, a necklace stand, or earring rack, nothing is off the table. If you can dream it up and turn it, we'd like to see it. Remember, the President's Challenge is designed to make you expand your turning talents with an easy project that you wouldn't normally attempt. As a bonus, this challenge will also do double duty as a nice gift for a loved one.

You are welcome! :-)

MAY RECAP — TRENT BOSCH

Trent gave an excellent demonstration, providing information ranging from beginner to very experienced.

Using a 10"x5" maple blank mounted on a screw chuck he started with basic bowl turning technique. He made the tenon to fit his scroll chuck jaws, then turned the foot and outside shape. Next he used a point tool to form beads around the outside which framed an area to be decorated later.

With the workpiece mounted on the scroll chuck, Trent turned the inside, leaving a bit of a flare at the rim which provides a nice feel when the bowl is held by the rim. After completing the inside turning, he transferred the bowl (still on chuck) to a carving stand. He demonstrated a variety of carving and texturing tools, powered by compressed air, adding decorative grooves, shapes, and figures. These can be accented with slight char from a small torch, or having a milk-paint background.

Trent recommends decorations as a way to set the bowl apart from just another wooden bowl.

The Zoom program worked well, and we had good participation. Our next Zoom program should be even easier.



Showing the rim.



Demonstrating carving.

SHOP TOURS

On the evening of May 15th, several woodturners (including myself) shared a virtual tour of their shops with 20 or so AWA members via a Zoom videoconference. We had a great time and for those of you looking to clean your shops, I can guarantee that if you'll volunteer for the next one, your turning area will be spotless. As John Sowell, Howard King and myself can attest, that's because you'll spend the week before cleaning it sunrise to sunset! Special thanks to Howard and John for being the guinea pigs! Scott



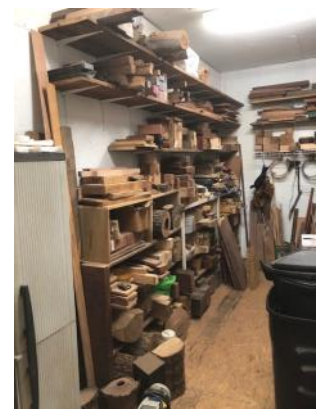
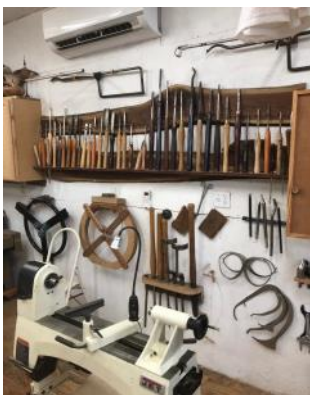
JOHN SOWELL'S SHOP



SCOTT ARNOLD'S SHOP



HOWARD KING'S SHOP



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WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



CARL CUMMINS



JERRY HANCHEY



PETE MARKEN



RON HERBSTER



SUSAN McCALLA &
BILL HUBBARD



MAURICE CLABAUGH

Ambrosia Blossom (Commissioned)
18" w X 8.5 "h. Ambrosia Maple with
pistil made from errant Ambrosia Maple
(Hollowed) and seven stamens
turned from Padauk wood mounted on
green verde copper wire. Raw wood
blank weighed 54 pounds and the finished
vessel weighs 12 pounds.



MAURICE CLABAUGH

Through and Through II-
Dogwood Hollow Form.
15" W X 12" H. Made
from whole dogwood
log, which had the center
removed by nature. Dog-
wood blank weighed 22
pounds raw wood. Fin-
ished hollow form
weighs 8 pounds.



RON HERBSTER

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



HOWARD KING



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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



PETE MARKEN
PHIL DUFFY

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6-19

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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. 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.

June - Cindy Drozda

July - To Be Determined

COMING SOON