

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

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Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am
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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Happy New Year! (And good riddance to 2020)

I hope this newsletter finds each of you doing well and looking forward to getting back to a new normal in 2021, which would hopefully include in-person meetings once again.

Please remember to pay your 2021 dues, which have been reduced to \$30/person or \$35/family. There is a link on the website that allows you to quickly pay your dues, or if you prefer to mail in a check, reply back to this newsletter email and Carl will send you his address. Also, remember that our club is now eligible for the Amazon Smile program and currently we only have 12 folks signed up so that a portion of their Amazon purchases benefit the AWA.

This month's demo is by Dennis Belcher from Hampstead, North Carolina. John Sowell and myself had the opportunity to watch this demo for the Central Ohio Woodturners club and I have to say, Dennis is pretty energetic. He REALLY enjoys working with cracked wood! (Not sure if maybe he doesn't prefer that to a piece that stays whole). You'll find his agenda for the demo in the newsletter and if you see one or two methods you've always wanted to try, I encourage you to ask questions and pick his brain. He motivated me to try my first bow tie last night and I'm already planning to do several more.

Also, the emails we received for our club elections were unanimous in their support of our current roster of Officers and Board Members. There were no new nominations. Lastly, if you run across someone who you think might be interested in trying woodturning, please invite them to attend one of our demos and share their contact information with us. We'll be glad to send them the links to the meeting and make sure we admit them when they arrive in the Zoom lobby.

Safe Turning!
Scott



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The
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Here!

When Good Wood Cracks – Demonstration # 1



It's a curse and an opportunity when wood cracks. The demonstration presents a series of techniques that take the curse of a crack and turn it into an artistic opportunity. This presentation flows from the article I wrote for the AAW's American Woodturner in the August 2015 edition. The article was a survey of techniques used by woodturners across the country to deal with a crack.

This demonstration appeals to woodturners of all skill levels.

There are two key themes in the demonstration. The first theme is to demonstrate a safe way to use each technique. The second is unleashing the creativity of each turner to resolve cracks in their own unique way.

Topics:

Art Theory - How you can use a repair to make your pieces look more appealing. The point of turning a flaw into a design element is illustrated with actual examples.

Dutchman and Butterflies – How to safely create a butterfly patch in a bowl. Stabilizing the wall with the repair, and the use of contrasting colors are discussed.

Splines - This is a repair technique suitable for wider flaws than the Dutchman technique. The creation of a custom spline with matching slot across the flaw will be shown.

Lacing – It sounds simple, but it is not. I will discuss the technical issues and how to solve walking drill bits, misaligned holes and other problems. The key decisions in lacing will be illustrated with a sample board that shows a variety of lacing materials and patterns.

Staples – An alternative to lacing is the use of staples. I will create a staple and insert it into the wood so that it is secure. A hand forged staple will also be created and used to “fasten” a crack.

Cut it Out – This is the third choice for flaws. We can leave it, highlight it, or cut it out. I will show how to create a mountain range rim, a wave rim and the wrapped vase. The idea of using common a item, such as a zipper, as an insert will be demonstrated.

Brass Plating – Demonstration will include making the template, cutting the plate, and forming the plate to the curved surface, and creating hand formed rivets. Generally there is insufficient time to cover this topic in a typical club meeting. It is included in a clinic.

Dealing with a Torn Nub – Several methods to turn a torn nub into an artistic statement will be shown.

Drying Techniques – A short description of how to dry blanks.

Rope it Up – This technique uses actual rope to bind the crack in a unique way.

Cable it Together - Holding things together with steel cable and springs.

Group Discussion – The demonstration concludes with a group discussion of how to repair flaws on actual pieces. Each individual’s creativity is encouraged.

This presentation in its entirety will run approximately 2 hours of speaking time. The length can be shortened by removing topics or lengthened by adding techniques.

Handouts for the demonstration are under the “Demonstrations” Tab on my website. Step by step instructions for each of the techniques, the specifics of the materials and tools used during the demo and a copy of my article “When Good Wood Cracks” from the American Woodturner, August 2015 can be downloaded from the site.



AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

We have registered our club to the Amazon Smile program. This will allow us to receive a .05% monetary donation of anything purchased with our club specified as the recipient. (We still need you Amazon shoppers to specify us as your not-for-profit of choice!)



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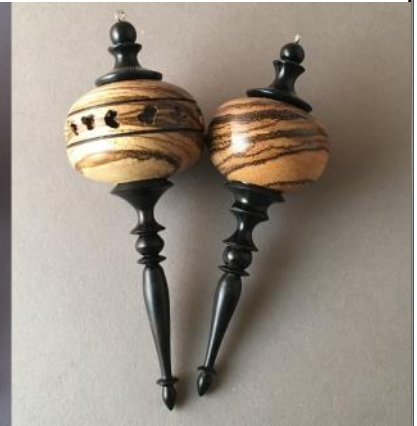
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WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



JEFF WYATT



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Hope Christmas went well.... busy Coring bowls, making pens with pen boxes & finished my hand tool cabinet....
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SUSAN MCCALLA

I was asked to make bowls from wood from family properties.

January Birthdays

<i>Richard Serviss</i>	<i>1-02</i>
<i>Terry White</i>	<i>1-06</i>
<i>Bill Hubbard</i>	<i>1-08</i>
<i>Justin Payne</i>	<i>1-08</i>
<i>Jane Rabey</i>	<i>1-09</i>
<i>Bill Bradshaw</i>	<i>1-11</i>
<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>1-12</i>
<i>Eddy Jowers</i>	<i>1-13</i>
<i>Dwight Hostetter</i>	<i>1-14</i>
<i>Jerry Conway</i>	<i>1-22</i>
<i>John Sowell</i>	<i>1-22</i>
<i>Nancy Deason</i>	<i>1-29</i>

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!

Blind Veteran Wood Turner



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

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!'

We will resume this challenge once we start meeting in person again.

Opportunities To Help Others

If you would be interested in coordinating the club's Turn for Troops effort, please contact Scott.

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.

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