

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

MARCH 2022

A member of the American Association of Woodturners

MEETING IN PERSON THIS MONTH

Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am
www.alabamawoodturners.com

March AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Here we are into March of 2022, a couple of months into our new location at Hardware Park. Through the hard work of the folks of Red Mountain Makers, we are easing into our classes and getting used to working together. Our equipment is in our shared corner of the woodworking space; and our tables, lathes, and tools are available for a small or medium sized class. So, that part of Alabama Woodturning Association is progressing and providing our members more and more opportunities for us to teach and to learn woodturning skills. We have a group of folks attending the American Association of Woodturners June 23-26th.

Having said that, we still have positions open, and are in need of board members, and someone, or a group of folks to help recruit demonstrators. Fortunately, we have members who fill-in when we have not been successful in acquiring demonstrators for our monthly meetings. We will be discussing this in our next meeting.

We still have our community project, Turn for Troops. We have a few people turning most of the pens. If you do not know how to turn a slim-line, we have several folks, including myself, who will be glad to show you how to do this. David Fancher heads up this project. David lost his brother this week, so please keep David and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Each month, we take up Christmas ornaments for Children's hospital, and spinning tops for kids. Thanks for all those who contribute these each month.

What would you like to learn to turn? We will have forms on our "entry" table this Saturday, for you to fill out, and we would like your input. I, for one would like to see some of these demonstrations this year:

How to prevent catches;	How to do inside-out ornaments;
How to sharpen chisels;	How to make jam chucks;
How to make jigs, such as support jigs for spindle work;	How to make your own pen blanks with acrylics.

If you would like to see, or do a demo on any of these type projects, or any other, please let us know!

President's Challenge next month: Turning an egg. (Just in time for Easter)

Terry

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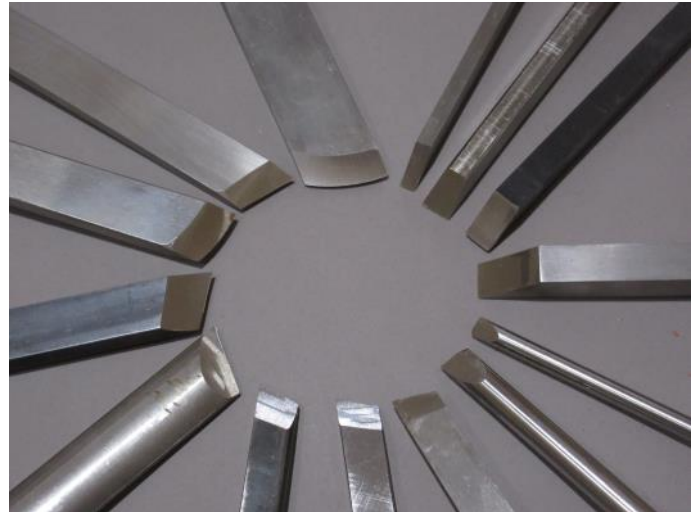


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MARCH DEMO BY CARL CUMMINS

TURNING A BOX WITH A SKEW CHISEL AND BEDAN

The skew chisel and bedan are tools you rarely see in demos, if ever. They are favored by some professionals but not much by other turners. In this demo I will describe the advantages and disadvantages of these tools and how they compare to other turning tools. Also, I will turn a box with the skew chisel and bedan, an unusual use of these tools.



Spring Forward is a month-long celebration of the role of women in digital culture and runs throughout March in parallel with Women's History Month. *MOVE YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR ON MARCH 13th*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

HAROLD DEASON	3-1
JOHNNY CARPENTER	3-9
DAVID FANCHER	3-10
JIM RABEY	3-15
BOB MOORE	3-21
BRENT CLAYTON	3-31

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!

MEMBERS DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BIRTHDAY LIST.

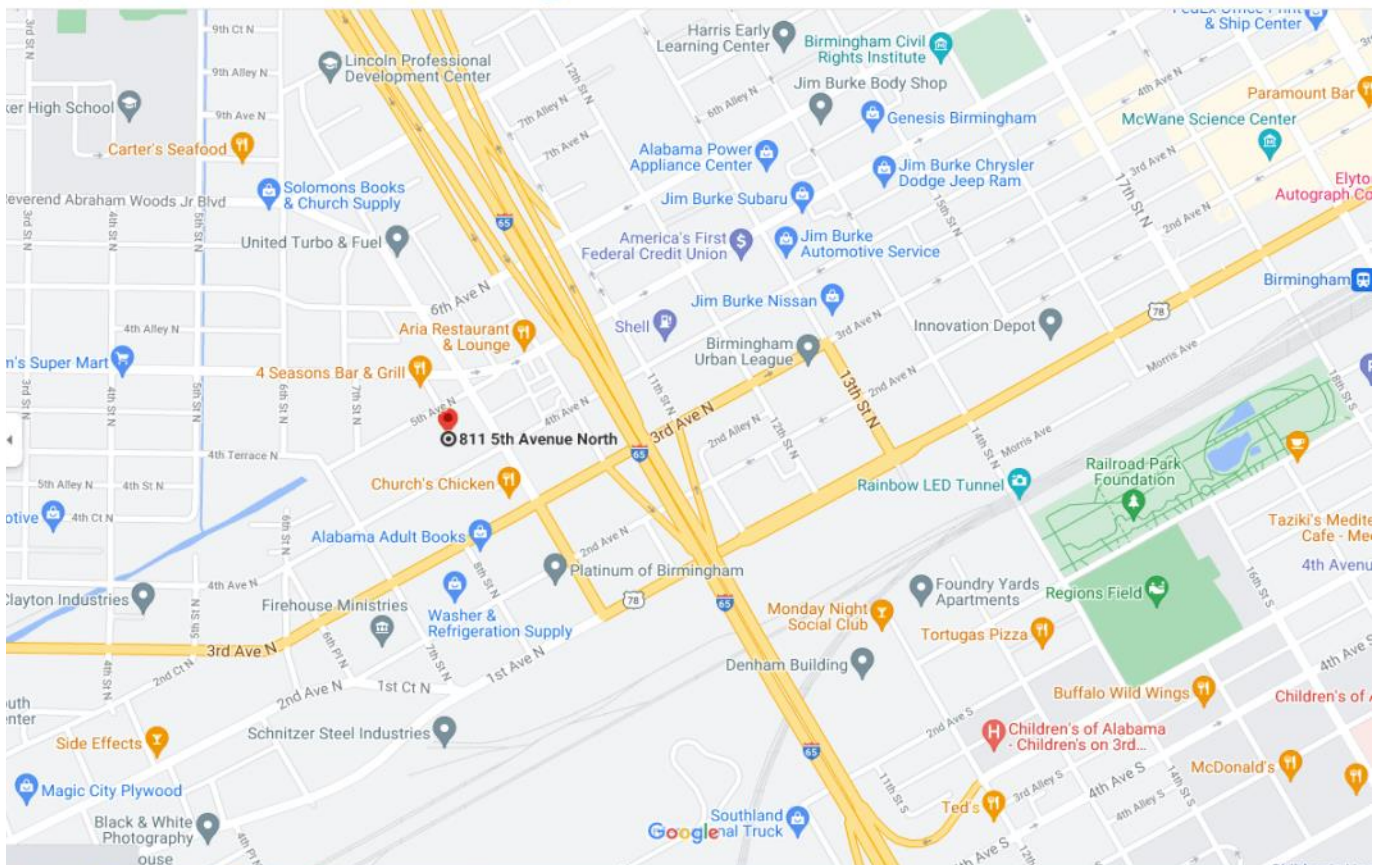


Our meeting place this month is Hardware Park (formerly Long-Lewis Hardware), downtown between 4th and 5th Ave. North. The exact address is

**811 5th Ave North
Birmingham, AL 35203**

You'll enter through this door.

**Make sure to look for our new
flag on the corner!**



PHOTOS FROM THE FIRST TURNING CLASS DONE BY CARL CUMMINS



Carl Cummins is teaching a five-part series through Red Mountain Makers called, "Woodturning for Beginners". John Sowell and Scott Arnold are assisting. These photos are from the first class.



Alabama Woodturners Association (AWA) Supporting Children's Hospital of Alabama



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of Alabama®



Decorating a tree for Children's of Alabama is a long-time important project for AWA. Our photo archive includes the 2005 tree which may have been the beginning of our partnership with Children's. It is 2022 now and time to get to work on our 18th Christmas tree (two years were missed during the pandemic).

Often, AWA's Christmas tree is the top seller donated to the hospital. Most important is that each ornament that you contribute to AWA's effort will support Children's work in serving the children of Alabama. Also, this community outreach project is critically important to receiving and maintaining a federal tax-exempt status.

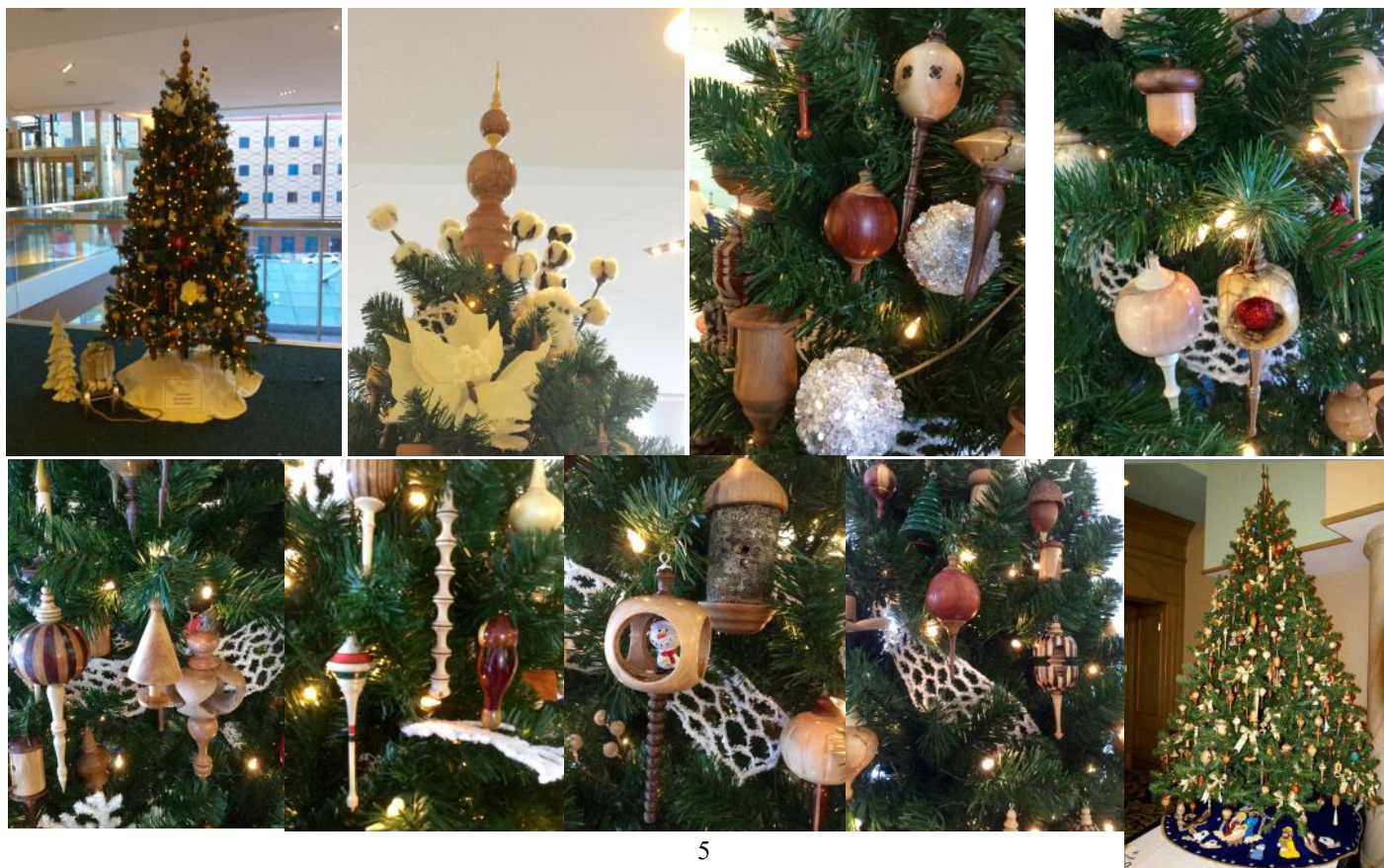
Calling all Christmas Tree Ornaments

The 2022 tree will be decorated, displayed, and auctioned in November by Children's. So now is the time for everyone to get to work.

At each monthly meeting from now through early October we will collect and display the ornaments with the maker's name attached. Come prepared to share because other members or the whole group may want to hear about your materials and process that you used.

This will not be the last time that you hear about this AWA project. We will keep you posted on the number of ornaments collected and the most prolific ornament producers. - Sandra McMillan

Our 2022 goal is 350 to 400 ornaments! Below are ornaments from previous years.



Bill Hubbard Donation to AWA

You probably already know about former member Bill Hubbard's generous donation of his property to UWA to create the Cahaba Biodiversity Center.

https://www.wbrc.com/2021/04/12/gift-ages/?fbclid=IwAR38FgHv6LoKpXPzIQgoXKt3cNYk0K_w6xpt2Z-Vx4a4S6nAkGZMt9CM60I

Bill made another generous donation to AWA: part of his woodturning collection. This includes works by internationally known turners Mike Mahoney, Richard Raffan, John Jordan, Dixie Biggs, Jimmy Clewes, and others. There are also pieces by AWA members Howard King and Carl Cummins. He gave this with the intention of us selling the pieces to raise money for AWA, plus the Cahaba Biodiversity Center Foundation will benefit. We are considering how to go about selling these pieces. You will hear all about it when we get further along.



AWA Officers

The President - Terry Tingle has agreed to be our new president!

- leads the monthly meeting
- calls Board meetings as needed to make plans and discuss issues
- with approval from the Board sets the direction for the club and makes decisions about new purchases/expenses
- oversees other functions such as recruiting volunteers or appointing committees (A/V, Turn For Troops, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Library, etc.)
- serves as the spokesperson for the club.

We are STILL NEED to fill Officer and Board positions and need volunteers/nominations now. Here are descriptions of the roles:

The Vice President and Program Director

- fills in when President is absent
- leads the Program Committee to arrange programs for monthly meetings.

Member of Board of Directors

- provides ideas and feedback about the activities, direction, and finances of the club.

Why join the AAW?

Plain and simple, you are enthusiastic about woodturning.

An AAW membership offers you access to the single largest portfolio of high-quality educational woodturning resources available in the world. Membership is the fastest way to learn and enhance your woodturning expertise.

An AAW membership can help you:

- Experience the remarkable world of woodturning.
- Connect with others who share your passion.
- Be an active and knowledgeable member of the woodturning community.
- Make a commitment to your own personal and creative development.
- Express your dedication to preserving woodturning for future generations.

With an AAW membership you have access to:

- 3,000+ online projects, articles, videos, and tips are in AAW's Explore! search tool. Get the best project instructions, technique guidelines, and information in just a few simple clicks. Easily searchable by topic and includes all interest areas.
- 12,000+ images of member work are in AAW's Forum gallery online. Get inspiration, ideas, and feedback simply. Connect with woodturning enthusiasts using this member-moderated virtual community.
- 475+ online videos are quickly searchable by topic in AAW's Video Source. Avoid the frustration of searching YouTube. Get relevant woodturning videos in just a few clicks. All videos are prescreened by the AAW for quality content and safety.
- 150+ issues of American Woodturner are online with a searchable index.
- 38+ issues of Woodturning FUNDamentals publication and the Woodturning FUNDamentals online learning portal offer one-stop basics. Helps newer turners build and expand their woodturning knowledge and skills safely with a curated selection of information, projects, tips, and videos.
- 365 affiliated chapters are all easily searchable in our directories. Find a chapter near you fast. Also, search for symposia, demonstrations, exhibitions, events, organizations, and schools, and more, quickly and easily.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS (AAW) NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The American Association of Woodturners is an organization that is committed to delivering the highest quality woodturning resources and education to its members. Today, the AAW has more than 16,000 members worldwide with 365+ local chapters, publishes the American Woodturner journal, organizes an annual International Symposium, sponsors woodturning outreach and education activities, and operates a gallery space in St. Paul MN's Landmark Center. Our organization, the AWA, is Local Chapter number 111 of AAW.

In June, AAW will present a live, In-Person Event, the AAW's Annual International Woodturning Symposium. The location is close, Chattanooga, TN. The dates are June 23-26. In 3 ½ days, there will be 100 compelling presentations to help us become better. If you decide to attend, please know that if we register as a club, we get a discount. Please inform Carl if you plan to go!

AAW also offers weekly newsletter articles and instructional videos. And they provide Zoom videos for members and visitors. For instance, on Saturday, February 19th at 2:00, AAW had a Zoom video demo "From Pen Turning to Pen Making" with Mark Dreyer and John Underhill which was excellent. Also scheduled on March 19th, at 1:00 p.m. AAW will be presenting Dale Larson "Cutting the best bowl from a tree," where Dale will tell how to cut intentionally to get the exact grain you want for your bowl. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-AAW members.

If you are not a member, check out their website to see all that they offer.

Web address is www.woodturner.org

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



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BOTTLE STOPPER**



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WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



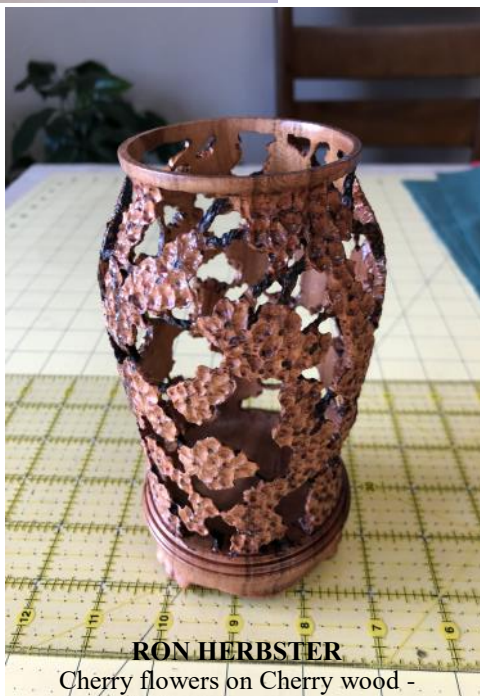
MAURICE CLABAUGH

“FLOWER?”
12“w x 4” h
Holly



RON HERBSTER

Maple leaves on Maple wood -
Still has a way to go.



RON HERBSTER

Cherry flowers on Cherry wood -
This one is finished.



MAURICE CLABAUGH

“PEAR BLOSSOM III ”
12.75" w x 6.25" h
Bradford Pear



MAURICE CLABAUGH

“BASKET”
12.75" w x 7.25" h
Spalted Bradford Pear

WHAT HAS EVERYONE BEEN DOING



HOWARD KING



HOWARD KING



RANDY TYNER
Hollow segmented football piggybank for grandson



International Wood Collectors Society Meeting

The IWCS meets every year around the Valentine's Day weekend at Lake Yale (Eustis) FL. Bill Calderwood is a member and provided this description:

There will be a wood miser set up on site to custom saw sizes and shapes wanted. In the past there have been ancient virgin cypress and pine logs recovered from rivers. Members bring a variety of logs to be sawn and sold at the Thursday auction. one can buy material during the week off the saw and have it custom sawn to spec. It would be green.

At the Thursday auction (historically an all-day affair) sizes range from pen blank size to 18-20" log sections. I get most of my walnut there in 2+ inch square or live edge random width and length planks. I remember buying a walnut plank about 2" thick 12" wide 4' long for less than \$10. Prices vary with quality. Some pieces are quarter-sawn. Most of this wood is dry. The premium pieces are on sale all week at a silent auction. Usually 3-4 auctions per day. Wednesday or Thursday evening there is an indoor auction of crafts, tools and supplies donated by members and supply companies.

There are more or less continuous woodturning demos all week. Some members display their crafts in the main hall.

Consider attending for a day or two or all week and joining the membership. There are on-site 3 meals a day and on-site motel-style lodging may still be available. RV accommodations are also available. There are meetings all over the world. Australia is quite active.

PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE

Something you have not done before.



CARL CUMMINS
Reversible bowl or
cheese server

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HOWARD KING
Rolling Pin

PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE

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

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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.

Turn for the Troops

Special thanks to David Fancher for volunteering to head the Turn For Troops project in conjunction with Woodcraft. If you have pens you need to turn in, or if you'd like to participate, please contact David at dfancher631@gmail.com, or email any of the club officers.

THE CLUB TURNED IN 300 PENS TO WOODCRAFT IN 2021.

Leadership

President: Terry Tingle
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: John Rhymes
Treasurer: Carl Cummins
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Webmaster: Carl Cummins

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