

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

NOVEMBER 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

NOVEMBER AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

When I was watching Howard King explain how he made his pieces that he brought for show and tell, I was struck by how the pieces emerged over time. He started out to create one thing but ended up using pieces from two or three projects to create his final piece. I have no doubt that he was frustrated along the way from the pieces not turning out as he had planned. But he chose to believe that with time and persistence, art would emerge. And it ended up being beautiful. We all begin a piece with something in mind, and hopefully we can work that piece of wood into what we intend. And hopefully, if that piece has other plans, we will have the patience and creativity to be able to see it become something beautiful.

Things don't always go as planned with our meetings, as well. We try to seek to provide programs that our members have requested. This year, we have had problems with the lathe being used for the demonstration. We have had problems with microphones, and problems with zoom. As frustrating as it is to have things go wrong, we will continue to seek to make every meeting the most productive for our members as we can. Our board will be meeting soon to discuss the details of our year end meeting, and to plan our Christmas party. Please be thinking about what you will bring for our gift exchange. Please bring something that you would like to receive yourself. If you are a beginner and haven't much experience in turning, a decent gift certificate from Woodcraft or other woodworking store would be appropriate.

Last year, we asked our members what they would like to see as far as programs and demonstrations for this year. We tried to honor those requests, if possible. Have you thought what you would like to see our club offer in programs and classes for 2023? If not, please do, and make your requests known to a member of our board. And if you have a skill or a tool that you have learned to use, that the members of our organization would benefit

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from, please consider being a demonstrator, even if you have been a demonstrator in the past.

So, it is November, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. I am thankful that I have learned more this year about woodturning than any year since I began, thanks to a few people who were willing to give of their time and talent to teach. I am really looking forward to our meeting with Mike Peace. I think he gives some of the best YouTube demos on woodturning that I watch on a regular basis. Remember that Carl Cummins and Ron Griffin will be at The Birmingham Botanical Gardens this Saturday and Sunday, with the Alabama Designer Craftsmen show! If I don't see you Saturday, hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Terry

NOVEMBER DEMO BY MIKE PEACE



Mike Peace enjoys every aspect of woodturning including demonstrating and teaching. He has demonstrated at the American Association of Woodturners symposium in 2016 and 2018, as well as regional symposia and many clubs in the Southeast as well around the world via Interactive Remote Demonstrations. He has taught at the John C. Campbell Folk School.



Mike has published articles in American Woodturner, More Woodturning, Woodturning Design, and Woodturning FUNdamentals. He uploads a woodturning video, usually weekly, to his YouTube channel Mike Peace Woodturning.

Mike lives in Suwanee, GA with his wife Barbara. Before retirement, Mike worked at ADP as a payroll software project manager. After serving on active duty in the US Army, Mike stayed active as a reservist retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

More information on his woodturning can be found at his homepage <http://mikepeacewoodturning.com> You can contact Mike at MikePeace356@gmail.com

Turn a Bird House Ornament

Mike Peace demonstrates one of his favorite spindle turning projects, a miniature bird house ornament. He also shows how to make tiny little wooden birds to add that special detail. Mike created a playlist of 21 videos on turning Christmas ornaments on his YouTube channel.

Mike will facilitate a hands-on workshop in the afternoon on turning a bird house ornament. He will bring all the necessary wood and supplies.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

KATE HALL	11-21
GREG OLIVER	11-22
KEN WARR	11-29

Dues MUST be CURRENT to be included in the birthday list.

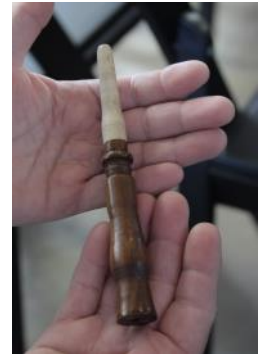
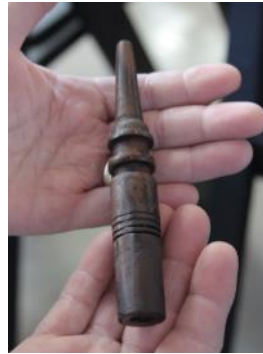
Birthday Door Prize News

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.

OCTOBER DEMO BY HOWARD DEASON & TERRY TINGLE



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



Children's
of Alabama®



350 ornaments waiting to be hung.

Mission accomplished!!



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.

JOHN JORDAN STUBBY 750 FOR SALE
\$2500 Contact Pete Marken at p_marken@bellsouth.net



RICHARD SERVIS



If you want to watch the video of Karl Harper turning here is the link!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_XGRjlvMDk

COPY & PASTE
Also on the AWA website.

Challenge listed on the last page.

IT'S SHOW TIME!

In September Tim Tingle had a booth at the Tinglewood Festival
(Sorry, I missed it last month)



In October John Sowell was awarded the Morrison Honea \$500 Award in Woodworking at the Bluff Park Art Show.



In November Ron Griffin and Carl Cummins will show at the Alabama Designer Craftsmen Show at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Are there other AWA members doing shows this year? Let us know!

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



HOWARD KING -VIEW 1



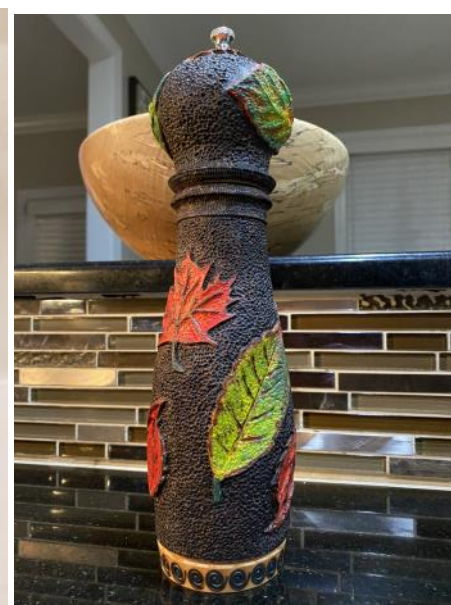
HOWARD KING -VIEW 2



HOWARD KING



BRENT CLAYTON



JEFF WYATT

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



KEN WARR
Spalted Oak, Padauk, & Faux Ebony



BRENT CLAYTON



RANDY TYNER



BRENT CLAYTON—VIEW 1



BRENT CLAYTON—VIEW 2



BRENT CLAYTON—VIEW 3



BRENT CLAYTON—VIEW 1



BRENT CLAYTON—VIEW 2



BRENT CLAYTON—VIEW 3

WHAT EVERYONE IS DOING



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JIM BLACK



TERRY TINGLE

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WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



JEFF WYATT



RANDY TYNER



RANDY TYNER



RANDY TYNER



RANDY TYNER

CARL CUMMINS BOWL TURNING CLASS



TERRY TINGLE'S PEN TURNING CLASS





Turn for Troops: Frequently Asked Questions

Can ONLY slimline pens be turned in?

Any style pen may be turned in, however the only kit Woodcraft will replace it with is the slimline kit.

IE: turn in a cigar pen and receive a slimline kit.

What is Turn for Troops?

Turn for Troops is a national initiative started by Woodcraft in 2004 in an effort to bolster the spirits of active duty and rehabilitating military service members. Woodcraft stores across the country host turning events (typically over Veterans Day weekend) to assist volunteers in handcrafting wooden writing pens, which are then sent to the troops with personal notes from the turners.

How many years has Woodcraft sponsored Turn for Troops National Turn-a-Thons?

2021 was Woodcraft's 18th year for Turn for Troops national events.

How many pens are turned a year?

In 2021, volunteers and employees at Woodcraft turned 14,703 pens. Our largest total was in 2009 with 17,228.

How many pens have been made overall?

Since 2004, the total number of pens submitted has been 219,970.

Who can turn a pen?

Anyone! No experience is required, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Individuals and groups of all ages are welcome.

Does my local Woodcraft store have a turning event?

Store events may vary. At this time the Pelham Woodcraft store does not have turning events. This may change early next year (2023).

Is there a cost to participate?

No, just your time.

Do I have to bring anything with me?

Nope. Just a desire to say "thank you" to the troops. Tools, supplies, equipment and safety gear will be provided.

What if I'm not near a store or don't feel comfortable attending an in-person event?

While the program is designed to take place on a store level, we realize that may not always be possible. COVID-19 concerns are still very real as well. See contact info below to ask how you can still participate remotely.

Where do the finished pens go?

All completed pens collected during store events are shipped to the Woodcraft corporate office, where they are held pending shipment to military connections.

How does Woodcraft decide where to send pens?

The Woodcraft corporate office has several contacts across the globe to assist in distribution efforts to active-duty military and those recovering in rehabilitation centers. If those contacts are unable to accept any, they often refer us to other units. Stores receive requests, and sometimes a service member or their family will send us a request.

How can my soldier's unit get pens?

Provide a contact name, shipping address and number of pens the group can accommodate to your local store; that information will be forwarded to the corporate office. If you are not near a store, please refer to the contact information below.

Is there a minimum or maximum request amount?

No. We have sent as few as 10 and as many as 6,000 to one location. As long as we are reaching out to our brothers and sisters in arms, we will send however many pens they can use.

Do the troops know where the pens come from?

Yes. Each pen is individually packed with branded materials from Woodcraft. Turners are encouraged to write a personal note of support on the provided card, which accompanies that pen to its final destination. Cards may include a simple thank you message, the type of wood used, the turner's contact information or prior military service if they are a veteran themselves, or whatever they would like to include.

Why does Woodcraft support this program?

Our military personnel sacrifice a great deal of time away from their families—often in dangerous locations in harm's way—to protect our country, so we feel it is important to remind them that folks appreciate them and that they are not forgotten. Based on the feedback we receive from those who have received TFT pens in the past, those efforts mean a lot.

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!'

John Rhymes turned a medallion for the October challenge, won by Carl Cummins.

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.

UPDATE: Sent 227 pens to Woodcraft, we are getting close to 300 pens. I will have pen kits and blanks.



Leadership

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