

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

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A member of the American Association of Woodturners

MEETING IN PERSON THIS MONTH

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

When we began this year, we asked, "What would you like to learn this year?" Your answers were:

Refresher on tools and when to use them, natural edge bowl turning, the skew and how to use it, segmented bowl turning, the basic skills need to do turning, hollow forms, techniques of turning, and off center turning, turkey calls, sanding practices, how to make a pen, and how to turn a Christmas tree ornament.

We may not have covered all these topics, but we did cover a lot of them. We know that not everyone is interested in every topic. We have so many different skill levels in our club, and we must be cognizant of that as we try to schedule demonstrations. But it has been great to know some of the things that you are interested in, as you seek to be a better turner. So, we will have a questionnaire at our December meeting, once again, asking you, "What do you want to learn this year?" Your input is especially important as we go about preparing our demos for this next year.

Our usual practice is to have a demo at our meetings, then have an afternoon class to practice what we learned on the demo. I am hoping we can explore new ways of having our classes. We have had a few people step up and agree to help with the classes. When we do our classes, having someone there to assist is a huge help!

Red Mountain Makers has been great to welcome us, and work with us. They are always looking for people to offer new classes. If you would like to offer a class, please let one of our Board members know!

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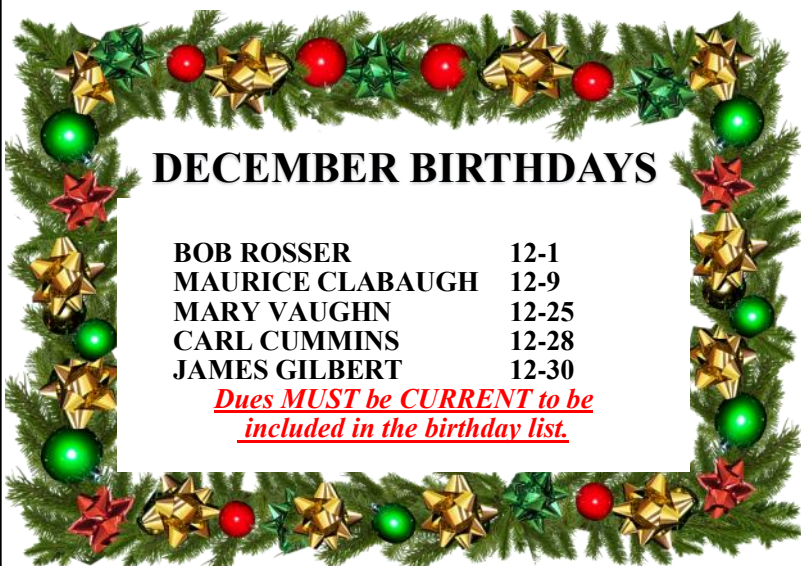
This year, we have had so many of our folks win awards. And I think some of the most interesting and helpful demos have been the ones our own members have done. I am always amazed to watch our members do "Show and Tell." We have experienced growing pains in doing our demos, and especially in seeking to provide quality zoom meetings. At our last meeting, I monitored the zoom meeting, and learned how complicated that process is. Many thanks to those who have been our zoom monitors this year. We could not have our club meetings without the help of everyone. Our community projects like "Turn for Troops" and "Children's Hospital Christmas ornaments" and "Tops for kids" have not only attributed to our Nonprofit status but has also provided something valuable and meaningful to our community. A big thanks to David Fancher, Sandra McMillian, and others who have made sure these projects are successful.

As we look forward to a new year, there is one thing I would like to see for our club. I hope that we will provide a way for all of us to get to know each other better. Maybe just stand up, if you want to, in each meeting and tell everyone who you are, what you like to turn, what you want to learn this year, and something about yourself that no one knows. (Not arrest records, please) But, seriously, we could do this right after the demos, before show and tell, etc. Yes, it would take an extra 10 minutes to our meetings, but I think it would be extremely helpful way for us to get to know each other better. Not everyone will feel comfortable doing this, and that is ok. We might just find out that we have something in common with folks we didn't know very well. Just a thought....

I look forward to our meeting in December. We will be meeting at Gardendale Presbyterian Church because it has a large kitchen, and plenty of tables and chairs, and is a perfect facility for our Holiday Party.

Hope to see you there.

Terry



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.

DECEMBER INFORMATION

Due to the nature of the party/meeting and change in location, there will be no Zoom

For our December meeting we will continue the tradition of holding our annual Holiday Party. There are many ways this is different from our usual monthly meeting.

The location and start time are different than usual. We will meet at the Gardendale Presbyterian Church, 200 Tarrant Road, Gardendale, AL 35071. The church is just a few minutes from I-65. For directions see end of article. We will start officially at 11:00 AM, but you are welcome to come early to help set up

These are the agenda items, but not necessarily in any order:

Gift exchange - If you bring a gift, you will get a gift.

Raffle Grand Prize drawings - We will draw from all tickets collected this past year.

Election of Officers - If you want to run for an Office or Board position, speak up.

Auction - We will offer a good number of fine tools, and a few turned pieces. See list and photos elsewhere in the newsletter. Bring cash, check, or credit card.

Karl Harper Challenge drawing - All members are eligible (but it's optional).

Birthday drawing - for a gift certificate if the name drawn is in attendance.

Door prize drawing - All who attend are eligible.

Dinner details - The AWA is providing turkey and ham. AWA is also providing tea, both sweet and unsweet along with ice. If you prefer some other soft drink (besides water) or you want a particular sweetener for tea, please bring it yourself. Club members are bringing side dishes and desserts. See separate emails for details.

We will **not** do Instant Gallery / Show & Tell. Please save this for next month.

We do not anticipate needing additional items for the auction. If you have things to donate for the benefit of AWA, we may prefer to save those as future raffle prizes.

If you have books about woodturning that you would like to donate, we will be happy to add them to the AWA library. The library is about to be re-organized and will soon be open for members to check out.

Directions to Gardendale Presbyterian Church, 200 Tarrant Road, Gardendale, AL 35071: From I-65 take the Fieldstown exit. (If you are coming from the North, turn left) If you are coming from the South, turn right. Go to Highway 31, turn right. Go to Tarrant Road, turn left. Church is about 1 block on the left, if anyone gets lost, they can call Terry and he'll help. 256-339-4030.

AUCTION INFORMATION

AUCTION ITEMS

- Set of SAE & Metric T-Handle Allen wrenches
- Axminster eccentric chuck
- Caliper & depth gauge set
- Set of 3 Thompson tool handles
- Set of 3 large John Jordan hollowing tools
- Sorby texturing and spiraling set
- John Jordan shear scraper
- Set of 3 Glen Lucas double ended gouges
- Sorby thread chasing tools
- Sorby Self powered sander
- Bundle of 7 misc unhandled P&N gouges & scrapers
- Bundle of 4 HSS unhandled skews & scrapers
- Bundle of 4 HSS unhandled spindle gouges
- Easy Wood Cil scraper + 2 extra cutters
- Bundle of 2 skews & 1 bedan
- Not pictured: Deep hollowing tool with articulated cutter



10" scalloped Buckeye bowl by Larry Thomas (Former AWA member) from Phil's collection



10" Hickory salad bowl by Staten Tate



Tall hollow form by Howard King



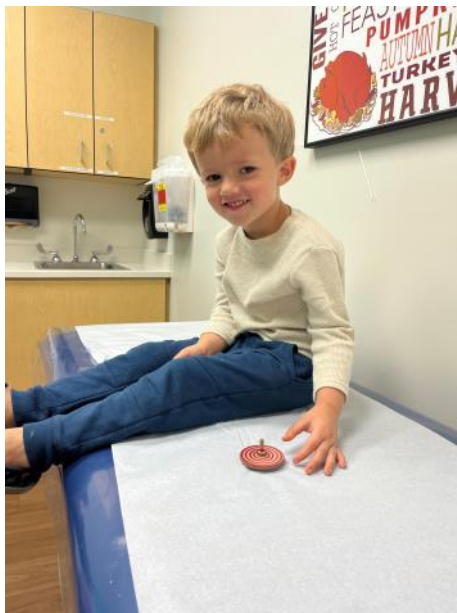
NOVEMBER DEMO BY MIKE PEACE



HOWARD KING TOPS FOR DR. KILLIAN AND HAPPY RECIPIENTS



**HOWARD KING
4 DOZEN TOPS FOR DR. KILLIAN**



JOHN KILLIAN #1



JOHN KILLIAN #2



JOHN KILLIAN #5



JOHN KILLIAN #4



JOHN KILLIAN #6



JOHN KILLIAN #3

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.

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- 150+ issues of American Woodturner are online with a searchable index.
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- 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

NEW still in the box

Nova Comet II DR midi lathe for sale \$500
Contact Pete Marken at p_marken@bellsouth.net



These ornaments were done by the Magnolia Woodturners Club. I "stole" the picture off of their Facebook page. I think they are neat and it is an idea for next year's ornaments. I don't know for sure but I would think they are hollow, otherwise they would be pretty heavy. I wanted to share this to see if some of our members could duplicate them. Either way I thought they were interesting and traditional ornaments.

Michelle



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!



CARL CUMMINS

ALABAMA DESIGNER CRAFTSMAN SHOW



RON GRIFFIN

ALABAMA DESIGNER CRAFTSMAN SHOW

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



HOWARD KING



KEN WARR



PETE MARKEN



**CARL CUMMINS
KARL HARPER CHALLENGE**

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



**HOWARD KING
"TROUP OF ELF'S" CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS**



**HOWARD KING
MESQUITE PLAQUE**



BRENT CLAYTON



BRENT CLAYTON

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



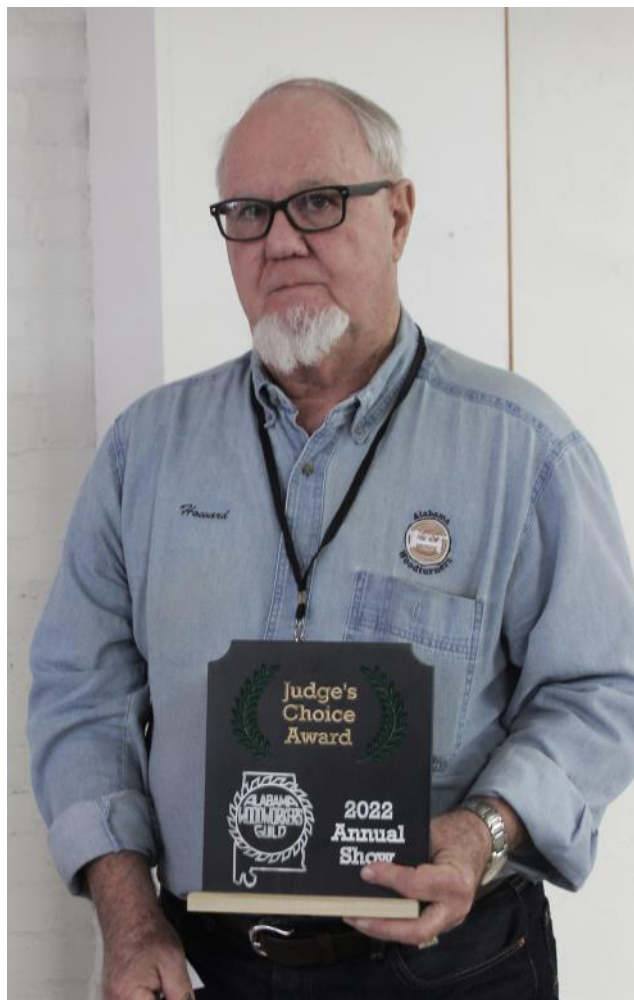
LYNN BASWELL



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HOWARD KING



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JUDGES CHOICE AWARD
ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD

CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD!!

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



JEFF WYATT—VIEW 1



JEFF WYATT—VIEW 2



JEFF WYATT



JEFF WYATT



JEFF WYATT



WILLIAM O'NEAL



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The sink is coated in stonecoat epoxy

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



RANDY TYNER

Spectraply ornaments, one turned vertical and the other segments horizontal



RANDY TYNER



RANDY TYNER



RANDY TYNER

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



WILLIAM O'NEAL

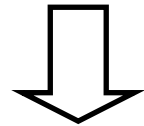


MAURICE CLABAUGH

Spalted Hickory 12.5" W x 6" H

WILLIAM O'NEAL

The cups are sealed with a direct food safe epoxy made for sealing wine barrels. It's called Brew Coating



MAURICE CLABAUGH

Japanese Cherry 14" W x 6.25" H



MAURICE CLABAUGH

Spalted Sycamore 12" W x 4" H



MAURICE CLABAUGH

"Bird Shot" Hickory 12" W x 8.875 "H

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!'

Carl Cummins turned a box for the November challenge, won by Ron Herbster.

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: LEE BEADLES AND THE CLUB HAVE SENT 380 PENS TO WOODCRAFT. THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO PRATICATED!



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