

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

APRIL 2023

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

APRIL AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

So, our March meeting was a little different. No one person offering a turning demonstration, but a lot of folks sharing with the group jigs that they have created or built from plans others drew up. What I liked was the number of folks who were willing to share. It was refreshing having the opportunity to learn from so many turners. Thanks to everyone who shared their jigs and tricks and experiences.

It is always awesome to see what everyone has been turning. The level of expertise in our group is remarkable. It is obvious that we are a group of folks who enjoy turning wood. I've always heard, "When you are ready to learn, a teacher will show up." When I think of all the people in our club who have taught me, it makes me more than eager to share what little knowledge and experience I have.

This month, we have Mark Sillay coming from Georgia to share his turning technique called "wood slicing". You might want to check out some of his You Tube videos before this Saturday. If you are a member of AWA, and sign up for the afternoon class, we are asking that you contribute \$10.00. Our club will pay the other portion of the class. When I first started coming to AWA, we paid \$25.00 to \$35.00 for every Saturday class. My, how things have changed in the last five years. We also have Steve Pritchard coming to do our demo in May.

Thanks again to all our folks who keep our community projects going, and to all who make our Saturday club meetings run as smoothly as they do. Offer a word of thanks, and if you are able, please come Friday afternoon and help with the set up. If you are willing to help, text me at 256 – 339 – 4030, and I'll let you know when we decide what time we will be meeting Friday. Hope to see you Saturday! Terry

Terry

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Our Demonstrator for April is Mark Sillay



Mark Sillay began woodworking when he was six years old. His father gave him a set of hand tools, an old packing box with a vise mounted on it for a workbench and scrap wood. Then his father, with patience and loving instruction, continued to guide him throughout his youthful years. From that, he grew to appreciate tool skills, freedom of design and superior quality finish work.

Mr. Sillay attributes his love for woodturning to Cindy Drozda, who helped him transform his woodturning life into a joyful journey. Having made many basic bowls, Mark has turned his focus to creating finer turned objects.

Mr. Sillay finds satisfaction in both the creative process and in overcoming the challenges to complete fine quality finished work. He specializes in using a razor sharp spindle gouge and watching the shapes evolve while he is creating intricate turnings.

In our meeting, Mark will demonstrate his technique of wood slicing, a technique which keeps him from ever having to use sandpaper to get a smooth finish. He will demonstrate the five basic cuts using this technique and will be teaching this technique in the afternoon class.

Mark is also going to be bringing exotic woods, in case someone would like to purchase wood like Norfolk Island Pine, etc. He is a member of West Georgia Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners. He travels all over the United States giving demos, and has numerous You Tube videos on woodturning.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

James Devaney	4-2
Wayne Bagwell	4-4
Tom Cromer	4-4
Susan McCalla	4-6
Rocky Kimble	4-8
Linda Simcik	4-10
Timothy Fikes	4-13
Steve Burgess	4-17
Chris Henely	4-23
Darby Whitman	4-2

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

Birthday Door Prize News

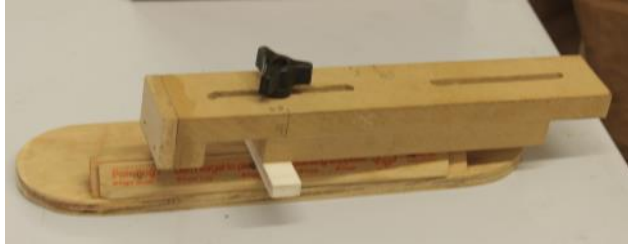
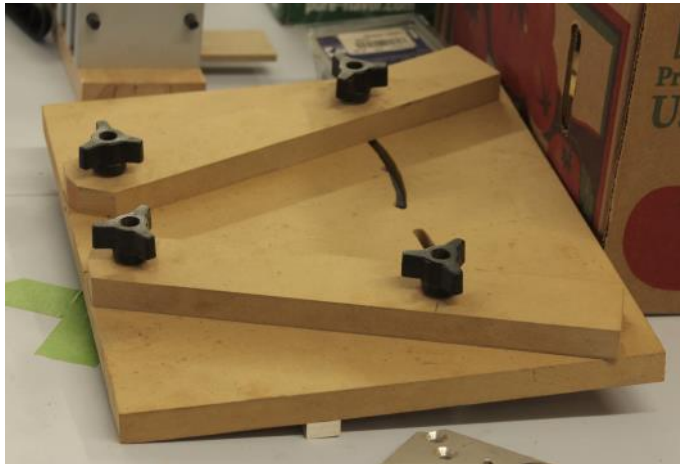
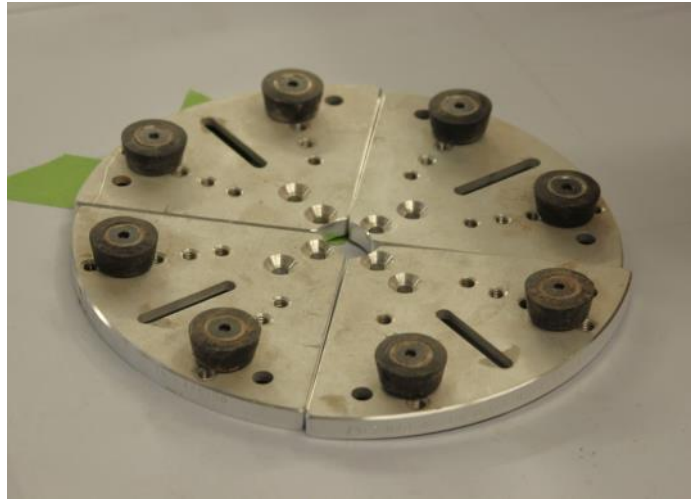
AWA gives a birthday gift door prize to a turner who has a birthday during the month of that meeting. Here are the 'rules' for this year:

- 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.

MARCH MEETING WAS ABOUT JIGS & QUESTIONS

Below are pictures of some of the jigs that were brought to the meeting in March.



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MARCH MEETING WAS ABOUT JIGS & QUESTIONS



UPDATE ON THE INFO FOR THE AFTERNOON CLASS:

If anyone wants to sign up for the Saturday afternoon class, the code is different for this class. It is: **AWAWOOD** which is different from the usual **AWA2023**

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.

Children's Christmas Tree Project

Ornaments began being submitted in February. We now have three members who have donated a total of thirty nine ornaments. Currently we have 13% of the 300 ornaments needed to fill our tree. A big thank you to Brent Clayton, Ron Herbster and Dwight Hostetter for their commitment to Children's Hospital.

So far we have a lot of variety in size and appearance of the ornaments. One reminder is to consider the weight of your ornaments. The larger the ornament the more important its weight. Tips to follow on making sure your ornaments display beautifully on the tree.

Ornament collection to date



How much does your ornament weigh?



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.
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- 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.

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\$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

Bill Hubbard Collection



This month we are offering this tall hollow form which features attractive spalling. It is 9-1/4 inches tall and about 3-1/2 inches in diameter. The maker is unknown as we are unable to read the signature. Be aware there is a small hole (shown in photo).

AWA LIBRARY

The materials in the AWA Library are now available for checkout. Since this is a new system (it actually began in 2020 but right before the Covid shutdown) I'd like to go with the following procedures and see how well it works. Your feedback is welcome.

1. A chart listing the materials will be available on the AWA website. You can find it on the "Learning" tab at "Library Listing" which is a link to <https://alabamawoodturners.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/AWA-Library.pdf> The materials are grouped according to type: DVDs, Books, Magazines. If you want to check any item(s) out please let me know by sending an email to **alawoodturners@gmail.com** prior to the next scheduled meeting. Please give me both the item number and its title so I can make sure I get the correct item.
2. The day of the meeting I'll pull these items from where they are stored. I'm going to plan to be in that room in the other building, i.e. the Red Mountain Makers space, from about 8:15 - 9:00 in case anyone wants to come browse and see what's in the library. Around 9:00 I'll bring any requested materials to the Hardware Park meeting room and check them out. I'll probably plan to stay at the meeting until around 9:30, but if you want an item and are going to be late let me know so I can stay until you get there.
3. Items will be checked out for one month, so they will be due back at the next monthly meeting. If you need to keep something longer please let me know; as long as no one else has requested it there shouldn't be a problem with keeping it an additional month. Questions, problems, suggestions, etc. can be sent to me at the above email address or see me at the meeting.

Thanks,
Jane Rabey
AWA Librarian

AAW Symposium in Louisville June 2023

Several from Birmingham have plans to attend the National Symposium which this year will take place in Louisville June 1-4, 2023. Last year we had ten who went to the National Symposium in Chattanooga, which qualified for an extra discount plus a reserved table at the banquet. If you are thinking of going, please let me (Carl Cummins) know now. I will start a list, and a little later I will collect pre-payment by check. If you have already registered just let me know that as well. You may contact me via the club email address alawoodturners@gmail.com

Here is the offer from AAW:

Chapter Group Discount

Back by popular demand with an even better discount! Register with your local chapter and receive a \$40 discount. Chapters that bulk register 10 or more AAW members receive a special discount rate of \$315 per member. Registration must be coordinated through a Chapter representative and be paid with check (not credit card). Applies to current chapter members who are also AAW members.

Includes opportunity to purchase dinner tickets and reserve chapter group dinner seating.

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



Chris Henley
Mushroom from Pecan 4" x 5"



Howard King
Live edge Ash bowl



Brent Clayton
Red Oak



John Sowell
2.5 x 6. Cherry



John Sowell
2.5 x 5.5. Mimosa

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



John Sowell
3 x 7.5. Ash



John Sowell
3 x 6.25 Bradford Pear



John Sowell
Big eyes or hornet possible mimosa
6.5 x 13



Mark Harris
Box Elder Hybrid



Mark Harris
Cherry Bark Edge



Mark Harris
Red Oak Burl

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



Mark Harris
Sugar Hackberry (2 views of the same piece.)



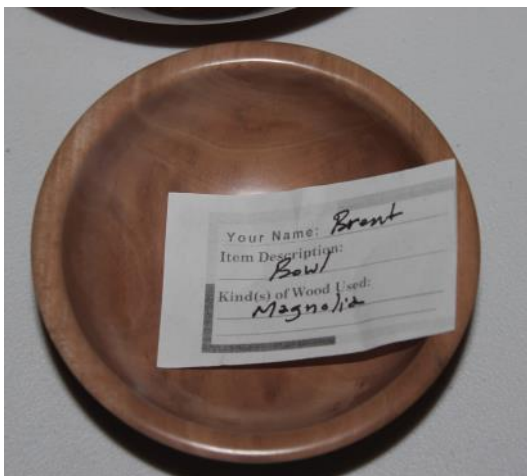
Brent Clayton
Christmas Tree
Red Oak



Brent Clayton
Pecan



Brent Clayton
Red Tip



Brent Clayton
Magnolia



Sandy Bishop
Cherry

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



John Sowell



John Sowell



John Sowell



John Sowell



John Sowell



John Sowell

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



John Sowell



**Maurice Clabaugh
Ginkgo fork**



**Maurice Clabaugh
Manzanita Root Burl**



**Maurice Clabaugh
Wormy Pin Cherry**



Terry Tingle



Terry Tingle

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING

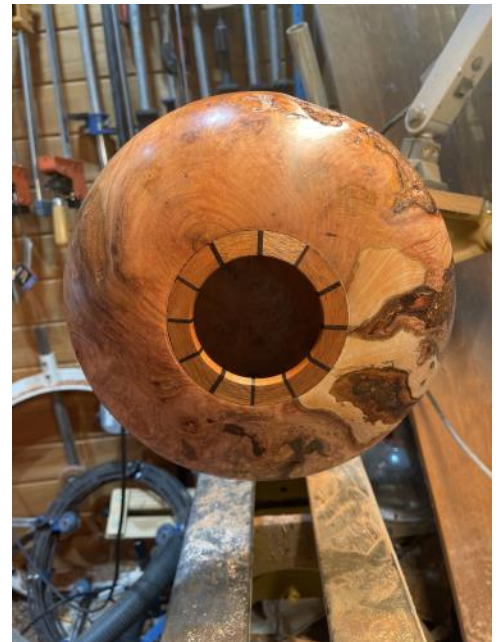


Randy Tyner
2 views of the same bowl



Ron Herbster

WHAT RANDY TYNER HAS BEEN DOING



Obliviously the top 6 are of the same piece as it progressed.



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!'



Mike McPherson turned a bowl for the March challenge, won by Pete Marken

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.

NOTE FROM DAVID:

So far 55 pens for troops have been turned in and 15 more are waiting to be turned in. If you picked up a pen kit please finish it and bring it to the meeting. The way we get new kits is to turn in finished pens to Woodcraft.



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