

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

JUNE 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

JUNE AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I am very happy that our demonstrator for our June gathering is a friend of mine. I knew that he did woodworking, but I did not realize that he was a woodturner. While walking through the hallway at Southminster Presbyterian Church, I spotted this beautiful natural edge bowl in a cabinet. Charlie Durham had turned it. Charlie doesn't consider himself a pro, but he turns a bowl every day he is not involved in some kind of community project. I will be on vacation and will not be able to attend. But I will attend by zoom, if possible.

I hope those who attended the Symposium in person this year will be willing to share some of their experiences. I was able to watch several by zoom and look forward to watching the rest of the demonstrations. The videos were very well done. I did miss the banquet. That was quite an experience last year. I hope you can attend the afternoon class with Charlie. Many thanks to Harold Deason for filling in for me. And thanks to Carl for helping me with my gonk. That was the most challenging turning for me. The picture of the little guys from Steve Prichard's class are remarkable.

This last month, I spent two weeks off and on, working on the CA finish for my pens. It took me watching video after video, and once I started, I discovered how not to apply a CA finish, several times. But each pen got a little better, and now I have that process down pat. If you want to learn how to do that, I will be glad to show you what I learned. Looking forward to being with you all on zoom this month.

Terry

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JUNE DEMONSTRATER CHARLIE DURHAM

The demonstrator for our June 10th Alabama Woodturner's meeting and our afternoon class instructor will be Charlie Durham. Charlie says he has been making sawdust all his life, making something or another. Since his retirement as a pastor, Charlie turns at least one bowl a day, when he is not volunteering for the Tuscaloosa Habitat for Humanity organization. Charlie has organized several construction projects at a local youth camp. As a woodturner, he has been mentored by Maurice Clabaugh, the Woodturners Association of West Alabama, The John C. Campbell Folk School in Cherokee County, North Carolina. His most recent study has focused on hollow forms with David Ellsworth. For our club meeting, Charlie will be demonstrating turning a live edge bowl, which will also be the focus of the afternoon class.



NEW still in the box

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

JOHN JORDAN STUBBY 750

FOR SALE
\$2500
Contact Pete Marken at
p_marken@bellsouth.net

TERRY TINGLE'S PENS



Terry's Note:
I've finally figured out the CA finish!

MAY MEETING WITH STEVE PRITCHARD



TERRY TINGLE



AFTERNOON CLASS — GONK

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

LISA STUBBS	6/5
STATEN TATE	6/8
MIKE BRISCOE	6/12
LYNN BASWELL	6/14
GARY CROSSON	6/25
PETE MARKEN	6/27

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.

Volunteer Needed for the Top of the Tree!

We need an AWA member to volunteer to be the maker of the 2023 tree topper for our Children's Hospital Christmas Tree. The design of the tree topper will be the full prerogative of this year's volunteer. The photos below will give you an idea of what has been created in the last number of years.



2009 TREE TOPPER
LARRY THOMAS



2012 TREE TOPPER
TOMMY HARTLINE



2013 TREE TOPPER
TOMMY HARTLINE



2015 TREE TOPPER
TOMMY HARTLINE



2016 TREE TOPPER
JUSTIN MILLER



2017 TREE TOPPER
JUSTIN MILLER



2018 TREE TOPPER
JUSTIN MILLER



2022 TREE TOPPER
CARL CUMMINS

Larry Thomas 2007-2011

Tommy Hartline 2012-2015

Justin Miller 2016-2019

Carl Cummins 2022

If you are willing to take on this opportunity to volunteer contact Sandra McMillan at macdra47@gmail.com

Remember to bring your ornaments to the June meeting! To meet our goal for 2023, we need to collect more than 40 ornaments per meeting for the next five meetings.

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

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.
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- 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.

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



MYRA HARPER



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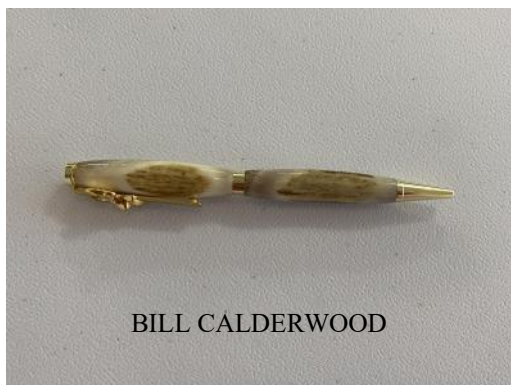
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DWIGHT HOSTETTER
Molding for porch columns turned
on the lathe.



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WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



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SANDY BISHOP



BRENT CLAYTON



SANDY BISHOP



BRENT CLAYTON



JOHN NICHOLS



BRENT CLAYTON



DWIGHT HOSTETTER
Pine Country kitchen table with turned legs

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



JOHN SOWELL
Maple crotch bowl 6 x 20
With 26 Padauk bow ties for crack stabilization



JOHN SOWELL
Curley ambrosia maple 7 x 16



JOHN SOWELL
pizza cutter with Cherry handle



HOWARD KING
Tall Vase made of Maple
It is titled "Pyro Opus # 8".



WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



MAURICE CLABAUGH
Off Set Bowl, Bog Wood. 14" w x 5" h



MAURICE CLABAUGH
Hickory Rings, Hickory. 12" w x 5.25" h



MAURICE CLABAUGH
Shallow Plate, Bog Wood 15" w x 2.25" h



RANDY TYNER
Cherry burl with segmented ring



MAURICE CLABAUGH
High Sided Basket, Bog Wood 9" w x 8.25" h



JOHN SOWELL
Maple 4 x 7

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 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.



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!'

James Vaughn turned a candy dish (with candy) for the May challenge, won by Pete Marken.

Turning Pens for Troops

Turning pens for the troops sponsored by Woodcraft has been a long-time project of our club. This project provides pen to our troops all over the world. Several of our members have met soldiers that have received a pen. All the service members speak of how much this meant to them and that they still have the pen. Last year, our club turned in over 300 pens! How the program works is that for every pen that we turn in Woodcraft gives us a slimline pen kit to make another one with. This makes it very important that if you pick up a pen kit at a meeting, that you complete the pen before the next meeting. This lets us get new kits to make more pens with. Also, you are not limited to using a pen kit from the club. You can make any pen that you want and donate to the project. Every kit that you pick up will have a Pen for Troops card in it. This is for you to write a message to the service member. Please be sure to sign the card. Currently, there are only a handful of members that are making pens for the project. Lee Beadles has taken this challenge to heart and has turned in 125 pens just this year! Please consider taking on the challenge of this project and Turn a Pen for our Troops. I know that we all want to thank and recognize our troops for what they do for us. So far this year, we have turned in over 200 pens.
David Fancher



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