

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023

A member of the American Association of Woodturners
Meeting at Hardware Park, 811 5th Avenue North, Birmingham
Meeting time: The second Saturday of each month at 9 am
www.alabamawoodturners.com

OCTOBER AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

In the last month, I've participated in three different arts and crafts shows. It's been a new experience for me. The biggest surprise has been how many folks say, "My father used to make those (pens), and I have inherited his lathe, and I want to learn how to use it", or some variation of this scenario. At every show, I have had our Alabama Woodworkers Association brochures on the tables and wore my AWA shirt. It has given me the opportunity to talk with people about our club. I also tell them about Red Mountain Makers and the many opportunities they have to learn there. I even started asking folks, "How would you like to learn to how make a pen?" I was again surprised how many people seemed to express a genuine interest.

I was not just trying to drum up business for myself, but trying to get folks interested in our club, and in Red Mountain Makers. We have so much to offer, especially since we have joined with Red Mountain Makers. I encourage you to think of ways that you might be able to share who we are and all we have to offer to folks who might have an interest.

I missed last month's meeting and Carl's demonstration, but I did watch it on Zoom. What a great demo! I am glad we have the capacity to do Zoom, and to record our meetings. In October, Bill Calderwood will be doing a demo on Celtic knots.

In November, Pete Marken will be talking about segmented bowls.

In December, we will be celebrating the holidays with our year end party, same place as last year.

It is well past the time for us to be thinking about what we want for our next year's demos.

Terry

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OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR BILL CALDERWOOD

The Demo for the October meeting will be the anatomy of a Celtic Knot by Bill Calderwood. Bill has enjoyed woodworking all his adult life. Wood turning has been his main focus since retirement in 2009. He is self-taught other than internet videos and Demos at AAW chapter meetings and International Wood Collector Society regional meetings.

The Demo will show you how to build this:



And turn (no pun intended) it into this:



For the afternoon session, Celtic knot blanks will be available for you to make a goblet or create whatever else you may desire.

We will be meeting at Hardware Park on Friday at 2:00 to set up for Saturday's meeting. Thank you all who come and help us set up!

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER'S DEMO WITH CARL CUMMINS



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

MARTY COGEN	10/6
BILL CASH	10/10
PAM BURGESS	10/12
RON GRIFFIN	10/12
MICHELLE MARKEN	10/20
RON HERBSTER	10/23
HOWARD KING	10/26
MARK HARRIS	10/29
SANDRA MCMILLAN	10/31

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

Happy Halloween!

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.



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(AWA)
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Children's Hospital of Alabama



**Last chance to meet our goal for the
Children's Hospital Christmas Tree!**

We are 38 ornaments short of our goal of 300. We have 262 beautiful ornaments on hand that will not quite complete the tree. October is our last opportunity to collect ornaments and we need you to help with this long-lasting project to reach our goal.

In September, Bryan Lewis joined ten other members who have contributed ornaments this year. We now have eleven members who have participated. A few have brought ornaments to multiple meetings and that has made a huge difference. Please step up and join the group. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project this year.



September 3, 2023 Snapshot of the Collection of Christmas Tree Ornaments for AWA Christmas Tree for Children's			
Activity	Jun-23	Jul-23	Sep-23
	Count	Count	Count
Number of ornaments needed every year	300	300	300
Ornaments carried over from 2022	42	42	42
Ornaments collected to date	40	52	170
Number of ornaments collected this past month	12	76	42
Repeat contributors	1	3	4
New contributors	0	4	3
Total Members participating	3	7	10
Number of ornaments on hand	94	170	262
Ornaments needed	206	130	38
Percent of ornaments left to be collected	69%	43%	15%
Percent of project time remaining	44%	33%	22%

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



BRENT LEWIS



STATEN TATE



DWIGHT HOSTETTER



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WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



CHRIS HENELY



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RANDY TYNER

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



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SANDY BISHOP



BRENT CLAYTON



VIEW 1 09.0



VIEW 2

SANDY BISHOP



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SANDY BISHOP



SANDY BISHOP

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



VIEW 1



VIEW 2

MAURICE CLABAUGH
High Sides, Pin Cherry Burl,
10" W x 3" H x 3/8" thick



MAURICE CLABAUGH
Large Inclusion, Holly Fork (From U of Al. Campus)
9.875" w x 2.375" H



MAURICE CLABAUGH
Stiches and Voids- Holly Fork
(From U of Al. Campus) 11" w x 2.5" H



VIEW 1



VIEW 2

HOWARD KING
Ambrosia Maple Hollow Form with finial and an
open spline bowl made of dyed Poplar.

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



LYNN BASWELL



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BILL CALDERWOOD
Longleaf Pine Cone



JOHN SOWELL



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WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



VIEW 1



VIEW 2

HOWARD KING



KEN WARR
Segmented Urn:
Walnut, padauk, & faux ebony



JEFF WYATT
26 Chair legs, shipped.



WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



VIEW 1



VIEW 2

JOHN SOWELL



VIEW 1



VIEW 2

JOHN SOWELL
Beam Me Up "Scotty"
8 x 15 inches



VIEW 1



VIEW 2

BRENT CLAYTON

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.
- 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.

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!'



Harold Deason turned a segmented vessel for the August challenge, won by Carl Cummins.



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.

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. 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. We have turned in over 400 pens! There are more and more members turning in pens. If you're interested in turning in for this project, you can pick up a slimline kit and blanks at any meeting. If you have a favorite style of pen, you can make it and donate it to the project (will be replaced with a slimline kit). Several members of the military have shared how much the pen meant to them.

Special recognition goes to Lee Beadles who has taken this on as a personal project and so far, this year has turned in 250 pens.

David Fancher



LEADERSHIP

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