

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

NOVEMBER 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

NOVEMBER AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Last month, Bill Calderwood gave a great demonstration on how to make and turn a Celtic Knot. Unfortunately, the audio was not as good as we hoped it would be. We are working to try and get out the kinks. In the class, I turned the best piece I've turned yet. I think all the instruction I have received in the last couple of years are beginning to soak in. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the learning I have received from you all. The other goblets made in the class were impressive. Carl finished his later, and it is one of the best I've seen, anywhere. We have such a good group of folks, and so many willing to share and teach.

We are meeting this Friday at 2:00 to setup for our meeting on Saturday. We will not need to set up the lathe for Pete Marken's demonstration on segmented bowls. Please come and help if you can. We've had a lot of help recently, and it is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Justin Sanders was in my last pen turning class. Mr. Sanders is part of the G.W. Carver High School Engineering Academy. He took the class to learn how to turn pens, so that he would have a better understanding of the lathe and turning skills. They will be melting down certain bottle tops to make blanks for pen turning. It will be part of an environmental recycling effort. I will be going to Carver next week, to help them get their shop set up, and to discuss tools, safety at the lathe, etc. You never know what this kind of opportunity may stir some interest in turning.

Next month, we will meet at Gardendale Presbyterian Church, where we met last year, for our holiday celebration. The address is 200 Tarrant Road. It is very easy to get to from I-65 in Gardendale.

Our board members will be meeting soon to discuss demos for next year. If you have any suggestions, we will gladly welcome them. If you would be willing to offer a demo yourself, we would love for you to share your skills. Yes, it is intimidating to turn in front of others, but please consider it.

We are very interested in what you would like to see as far as demos, so please be thinking about that, and let any one of our board members know your wishes. Our demos do not have to be the typical ones we have been used to having, and if you would be interested in doing a demo, but not the class, which would be ok too. If you would be interested in being part of a round robin for one of our meetings, please let us know! I always enjoyed those when we met in Homewood. Hope to see you at the meeting Saturday, and if you cannot be there or on zoom, hope you have a great Thanksgiving!

Terry

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NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATOR PETE MARKEN

From Pete:

Originally from Brooklyn NY, currently living in Calera Alabama about 25 miles south of Birmingham.

Retired from the automotive manufacturing industry.

I have been a wood turner for over 30 years and became a segmented enthusiast about twenty years ago. This includes standard segmented pieces as well as open segmenting and vortex style pieces. I am particularly proud of the finish on my pieces and spend the extra time and effort to achieve a high gloss finish. The finishes that I typically use are spray on lacquer, MinWax wipe on poly and General Finishes WoodTurners Finish (water based poly). The technique is the same for all of them.

Currently I am making segmenting sleds and cutoff tables which leaves very little time for turning. This demo will be a step by step to beginning segmenting. Below are examples of simple to complex.



RECAP OF OCTOBER DEMO WITH BILL CALDERWOOD



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BRUCE GIBSON	11-4
KEN WARR	11-22
GREG OLIVER	11-29
JOHN YEILDING	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.



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**THE TREE AT
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ALABAMA
IS DECORATED**



Tree topper by Dwight Hostetter



Bill West's Daughter, Grand Daughter and Great Grand Daughter decorated the AWA Children's Hospital tree.



Sections of tree collage

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



BILL CALDERWOOD



JOHN SOWELL



CARL CUMMINS



LYNN BASWELL



ORNAMENTS FOR THE TREE AT CHILDREN'S



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!

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



ORNAMENTS FOR THE TREE AT CHILDREN'S



**CARL CUMMINS
BUCKEYE BURL & MAPLE BURL**



**MAURICE CLABAUGH
INCLUSION and HOLE**



**MAURICE CLABAUGH
WONDER**

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



JEFF WYATT

Preparing for the 4-legged stool class I'm teaching at highland woodworking in Atlanta.



HOWARD KING

The "platter" or "wall hanger" is titled "Pyro Opus 24" and is made of White Oak

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



HOWARD KING
The bowl is titled "Pyro Opus 15"
and is made of Bradford Pear.
3 VIEWS



RANDY TYNER
BANKSIA POD
And
FINISHED ORNAMENT



WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



**RANEY TYNER
BANKSIA BOX
3 VIEWS**



HOWARD KING
The "platter" or "wall hanger" is titled
"Pyro Opus 24" and is made of White
Oak. 3rd view of photos from page 7



TERRY TINGLE

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:

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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 for the October challenge, won by Terry Tingle .



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.

Pen for Troops is going well. More and more members are turning pens in. When you turn the pen in, there needs to be written a message on the card that comes with the kit. The message should be addressed to whoever will be getting your pen. One member has started to put his email address on it also. Hopefully, they will hear back from whoever gets the pen. Recently pens have been turned in by Terry Tingle, Bill Calderwood, Jack Webb, and Steve Burgess.

David Fancher



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