

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

MARCH 2024

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

MARCH AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Our demonstrator for last month, Bill Willis, was recommended by Scott Arnold. This month, our demonstrator comes to us at the recommendation of Pete Marken. Robin Costelle and his wife are coming down Friday from Louisville, Kentucky. They will be staying with us Friday night. Pete Marken recommended several months ago that I contact Robin Costelle and said we would be very glad to have him demo for us. It is very helpful when our members offer names of folks to help fill our demo slots. We do depend on our club members to do a certain number of demonstrations each year. That certainly helps our budget. In May, we hope to have enough volunteers to have a round robin program. If you would not be comfortable doing a demo in front of the whole club but wouldn't mind explaining a project to a small group of folks, this would be a good opportunity for you. Even if you have done a demo for us in the last two years, we would still welcome you to join in this effort. We have chosen May because the weather should be comfortable in the classroom area that month.

March - Robin Costelle - two-piece hollow forms with the afternoon hands-on workshop on the same topic.

April - Michael Anderson - Egg -in -Egg turning with the afternoon hands-on workshop on the same topic.

May - Round Robin - a variety of projects with simultaneous demos. We have not yet determined the afternoon class.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday, and as usual, **we will be setting up Friday afternoon at 2:00.**

Terry

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MARCH DEMO BY ROBIN COSTELLE



From Robin:

I live on a small farm in Fern Creek, Kentucky in a log home that we built. I've been woodturning for about 20 years and have tried all sorts of projects from pens and tops to large segmented vessels. I'm drawn to hollow forms and vessels with very close attention to form above all else. I piddle with all sorts of other projects and mediums as well - musical instruments and pottery and fly rods and nets just to name a few. I just like to make stuff.



Note from Michelle Marken: Robin is a delight to watch. Pete and I have seen him do several different types of demos. He is funny and very knowledgeable. It's obvious he enjoys what he is doing.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

DARRELL BUCELEW	3-1
HAROLD DEASON	3-1
DAVID FANCHER	3-10
JIM RABEY	3-15
BOB MOORE	3-21
BYRON LEWIS	3-31
BRENT CLAYTON	3-31

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

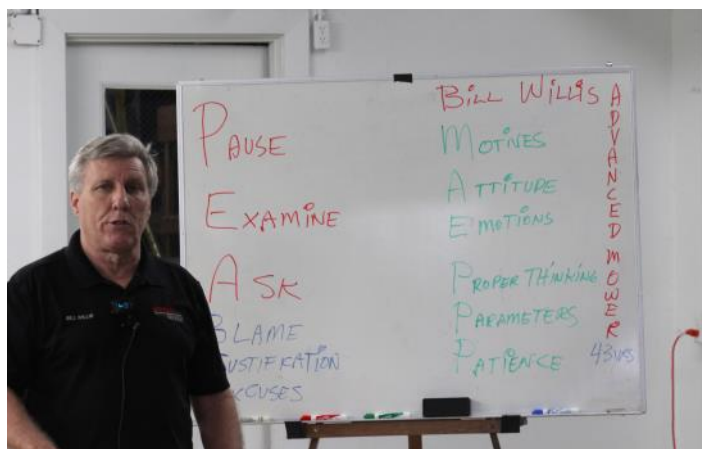
Birthday Door Prize News

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.

FEBRUARY DEMO CHAINSAW SAFETY BY BILL WILLIS



CHAPS ARE IMPORTANT
WHEN USING A CHAINSAW!



AFTERNOON HANDS-ON DEMO WITH CARL CUMMINS



Demo Exchange with Tri-State Woodturners

by Carl Cummins

I have been working with Doug Spohn, President of the Tri-State Woodturners, to arrange an exchange of demos. I volunteered to do a demo for his club, and in exchange, he will do a demo for AWA. Doug requested I do a demo on Multi-Axis Turning Between Centers which is similar to a demo I gave to AWA a few years ago.

On February 17 I drove to Soddy-Daisy near Chattanooga, to a workshop called "Horsin' Around Carousel Carving School". The shop is owned by Larry Ridge who carves and/or restores horses for merry-go-rounds among other things. There are lots of fine carvings to see there. I met the officers and members who helped set up, all nice folks, and I counted over 40 in attendance. For the demo I discussed and demonstrated some of the techniques described by Barbara Dill in her book and articles. Next, I turned a three-axis tool handle and a two-axis candlestick. I enjoyed doing the demo, and the drive (2-1/2 hours each way) was easily manageable in one day.

We can look forward to having Doug Spohn give a demo to AWA sometime this summer!





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2024 Children's Hospital Christmas Tree Turned Decorations



GARY GARRIS

From February:

We have 40 ornaments in the box for 2024. Many thanks to Bruce Clayton and Dwight Hostetter for getting us off to a really good start.

It is never too early to begin making your ornaments to contribute to this worth project. If you worry that your ornaments might be too simple, don't because the simplest to the most complex sold at the Encore Side by Side Christmas Concert. Remember, the AWA contribution to both organization creates funds for participants and patients who need additional help in paying for their services.

For March:

Sandra wants to remind everyone to bring in the ornaments to add to the ones we already have for the Christmas tree at Childrens of Alabama in October.

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



MAURICE CLABAUGH
#12406 CHSYALIS? SPALTED PECAN
11" W X 5"H



MAURICE CLABAUGH
#12486 FIGURE CYPRESS
11" W X 5.5" H



MAURICE CLABAUGH
#12405 FREEFORM EDGE SPALTED WHITE



CHRIS HENLEY



MAURICE CLABAUGH
#12402 BROWN SPOTS

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



VIEW 1

HOWARD KING
Hollow form urn with
threaded lid and finial
made of Walnut



VIEW 2



HOWARD KING
Wall Hanging made of Elm



HOWARD KING



DWIGHT HOSTETTER
Gun mounts for 3 replica antique
ball and cap pistols



DWIGHT HOSTETTER
Refinished a 56 year old rifle

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



MARTY COGEN



DWIGHT HOSTETTER

Segmented ornament and a Panama Jack or
Ma Walton Bonnet ornament



View 1



View 2



View 3

BRENT CLAYTON

Small Walnut Bowl

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



View 1
Original piece of wood

Carl Cummins
Bowl from Kuo wood



View 3



View 2



RANDY TYNER
Osage Orange vase with
sealer, friction polish, and
lacquer



**LYNN
BASWELL**



RANDY TYNER
Threaded walnut box

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.

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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!'

Lynn Baswell turned an open vessel that had a tealight in it for the February challenge, won by John Rhymes for March.

If you want to watch the video of Karl Harper turning here is the link!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_XGRjlvMDk

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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 323 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 off to a good start. If you have a pen kit from last year please finish it and turn it in at the next meeting. When we turn a finished pen into Woodcraft they give us a pen kit to make another. There are pen kits and drilled blanks at every meeting. Please pick one up and make a pen for our troops.

David Fancher



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