

Alabama Woodturners Association



Newsletter

JUNE 2025

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

JUNE AWA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Well, if you signed up for the virtual demos for the symposium this year, you know that they start this Thursday. They will be going on during our meeting, but you will be able to watch those demos at a later date. For our meeting this Saturday, Rocky Kimble will be demonstrating the unique finishes that he has been using with three different homemade waxes that he has created. He will be turning a bowl that he has made of scrap wood during the demo and then showing how to apply the finishes. This should be an interesting and very informative demonstration.

So, it is summer, and time for vacation. I recently went to visit family in South Carolina, woke up the first morning that I was there with 103-degree fever. They shipped me off to the hospital in an ambulance. Imagine that? It ended up that I had pneumonia, although the hospital staff was sure I had tuberculosis, so I was in isolation until the last few hours. It was not a great vacation. I hope if you take a vacation this summer, it turns out better. I was amazed at how quickly I came down with this. Y'all be careful out there!

In July, Ron Herbster will be doing our demo.

August will be our cookout at Oak Mountain State Park. The pavilion is reserved, but there is a small park entrance fee, but we can cover it for you if you wish.

In September, Chris Henley has agreed to be our presenter.

Howard King has offered to do it in either October or November. Maybe the month he doesn't present, we can do another round robin.

And of course, in December we will have our annual Holiday Celebration.

Remember to bring your Christmas ornaments, tops, and pens for the troops on Saturday. There will be no class on Saturday afternoon.

We will, as usual, set up this Friday at 2:00 at Hardware Park. If you can come and join us, it would be greatly appreciated.

I missed being in person at our last meeting. But I watched the whole meeting till the end. I was a little disappointed that I was not considered for the May birthday drawing, since I was watching it. I know we have had members who were on zoom, win the birthday drawing before. So, if you are watching on zoom, you will be considered present, and eligible for the drawing. Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend.

Terry

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ROCKY KIMBLE WILL BE DOING OUR JUNE DEMO

From Rocky:

I got started, I first learned about woodturning in 2017 when I was 14 years old. I saw YouTube videos from folks like Andy Philip, Mike Waldt, and more. No one in my family was a woodworker, so I had no good way of getting started. So, for a full year I studied how to turn wood on the internet. My mom then found Professor Maurice Clabaugh up in Tuscaloosa and I started taking classes in the summer of 2018. After taking 3 or so classes, I apprenticed for Maurice while he completed a commission for the University of Alabama. After that, he sold me the lathe he taught me on and helped me set up my own shop. I have been turning ever since, all during high school and college. Nowadays, it's strange for someone my age to have this kind of hobby, but I don't think there's anything better for the mind and soul than working with what nature provides. I guess my biggest regret would be not learning how to turn sooner.

For my demo, I plan to demonstrate how to make a small wooden bowl out of scrap wood and finish it using 3 different kinds of homemade waxes: abrasive, soft paste, and hard wax. I was thinking I could bring a hot plate to show how I melt and mix the ingredients, giving recipes and advice for the other waxes as well – possibly with a poster or white board. Then I would turn the bowl and finish it with the wax made at the beginning of the demo.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

MIKE BRISCOE	6-12
LYNN BASWELL	6-14
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.

RECAP OF THE MAY DEMO WITH BEAU BUNN





**Alabama Woodturners Association
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The Children's Christmas Tree Project is a ten-month project ending in October with a hard deadline for decorating our tree. The tree will be decorated on Sunday November 9th. We need at least 300 ornaments to complete the tree.

There are a few items to remember when making an ornament. First, the weight of the ornament must be considered. Heavy ornaments weigh down the tree limb. Ornaments should weigh less than three ounces and hollowing is necessary. Longer ornaments can be used but they will only hang from the lowest limbs. Shorter ornaments are easier to place on the tree. The perfect tree is one that includes the complex ornaments that demonstrate all your woodturning skills as well as the fun and funky ornaments that everyone loves. There is plenty of opportunity to donate what you enjoy making.

Most important to have 300 ornaments on November 9th we need one of two things to happen. One, a large group producing ornaments with everyone making 10 ornaments each or two, a few people making a lot of ornaments. The last few years we have reached our goal with less than 15 members contributing. We make our goal because we have a few people that carry the load by contributing more than 50 ornaments each. Unfortunately, we lost one of our biggest contributors because he has moved to Tennessee.

If you need more information or have questions about how you can help, stop by the Ornament display at our next meeting.

Please remember to bring your ornaments to our next meeting on June 14th. We need to start ticking off ornaments received toward our 2025 ornament goal of 300 ornaments!



WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



CHRIS HENLEY
Chalice,
7" tall 5.5" diameter



CARL CUMMINS
Lidded Pedestal Box



RANDY TYNER
Walnut candlestick with captured ring



CARL CUMMINS
3 goblets: Olivewood, Elm, Oak
Celtic Knot blank by Bill Calderwood



RANDY TYNER



RANDY TYNER
(vase) 18" high with
leather dye

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



RANDY TYNER—3 Views

Huge 13.5" diameter walnut and maple 289 segmented pieces



RANDY TYNER
Textured Cherry platter



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HOWARD KING

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



MARK HARRIS
Black Cherry Burl - 2 Views same piece



MARK HARRIS
Black Cherry Burl - View 3



MARK HARRIS
Black Walnut



HOWARD KING

WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN DOING



LYNN BASWELL
Bradford pear platter



MARK HARRIS
Maple Burl



ROCKY KIMBLE



FROM THE MAY MEETING

WHAT EVERYONE NORRIS JACKMAN HAS BEEN DOING



*Height -
10 inches*

*OD -
4 inches*

*ID -
3.5 inches*

*Wall thickness -
1/4 inch*

*Hole in the neck
5/8 inch*

*Material -
Hickory*



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.
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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!'

Chris Henley turned a pedestal clock for the May challenge, won by Maurice Clabaugh for June-2025 .



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

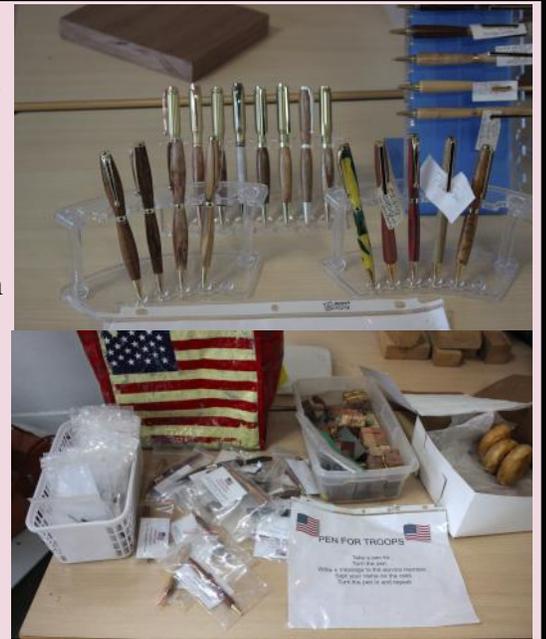
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Also on the AWA website.

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 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.

From David Fancher;

Pen for troops is doing great with 183 pens turned in. Lee Beadles has made hundreds of pens for this project over the years. Lee is moving to Kansas and will be missed. He plans to continue to turn pens for troops in his new state.



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