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The next AVWA event is the club meeting on November 16th at Paul Boyd's shop with a goblet turning demonstration by Robert De Harrold.



Now if I only had a bigger lathe!

Comments by AVWA Vice President, Dan Yost

The AVWA September 2007 meeting and demonstration was at Corky and Doreen Lunceford's lovely home in Bear Valley. We had another very nice covered dish lunch. A big thanks to Corky and Doreen for hosting the AVWA for the second time this year.

The Sequoia Woodturners are having two professional turners demonstrating in 2008, Clews from England in February and David Ellsworth, March 13th. The Sequoia club has a web site. Try www.sequoiawoodturners.com

September Meeting Summary

Dan Yost presided over the meeting for our president Paul Boyd who was on his honeymoon. Charley Williams, our special events officer, received a call from the Antelope Valley College asking if we were interested in showing our wares again this year at the college's annual holiday craft fair. We had a booth last year and did very little business, not enough to pay the price of the booth. This item was brought before the group and was voted to not attend. The Lancaster City Museum is hosting artists and art groups of the area to show their wares at the museum October 6, from 11 am to 4 pm. A discussion and motion was brought before the AVWA and was voted to not participate this year.



September Demonstration

Howard Atamian, from the Fresno Sequoia Woodturners was our demonstrator. Howard is certainly qualified as a demonstrator as he holds a Master Degree in Industrial Technology and has taught wood and metal design and fabrication. Howard started off his demonstration/lecture with some important safety items i.e., the hazards of some woods and the need to protect oneself from wood dust, etc. He then covered the different kinds of metals that our woodturning tools are made and how to sharpen them. This portion of his presentation was of particular interest since there are new types of metals coming on the market that are much harder than the standard carbon or high speed steel that we are use to. Howard sharpened a skew and handed it to Corky who shaved hair off his arm with it. Howard showed a new type of circular sharpening tool that was of interest to several members. For the last portion of the session Howard demonstrated the proper use of the skew and other tools, some he made.



For those members who could not make the demonstration you missed one of our better meetings, however, the demo is recorded on VHS. I have a copy and will sign it out to AVWA members. Give Dan Yost a call at 948-9347 and I'll let you know if it's out and if not, come by 43908 Winsor and pick it up. The VHS is approximately ninety minutes long. Should I get several requests I'll record another copy. If you have a digital camcorder you can borrow the original digital tapes which will give a great picture on your TV

Special Interest Note

Don Jones, a friend and neighbor of Corky's, has 23 acres in the Bear Valley area that has numerous buckeye trees on it. Don says the AVWA members can have the root burls but we have to get them out. The terrain is rough and rocky, just the place buckeye likes to grow. It will take a backhoe with a skillful operator to dig out the burls. Corky has two burls from Don's (see picture on front page) and indicates that the burls are very difficult to trim. After a few minutes with the chain saw you must stop and re-sharpen. The decision at the meeting was to canvas AVWA members to see who would like to have a burl or two and what costs it will entail to get them. Corky is looking into contacting a backhoe operator to see what he would charge per burl. Don said he could deliver the burls for a reasonable charge. As you may know, buckeye is a prized wood for woodturners but is becoming very scarce and costly. This may be an opportunity to acquire some really great wood for turning.

Tips for Turners

Dan Yost brought a tip back from his trip to New Orleans. The members there use Tulle (a dress making material) to apply a cyanoacrylate glue (CA) finish to wood. A search of the internet for CA wood finish turned up hundreds of sites on using CA as a finish.

2007 Demonstration Schedule

November

November 16th At Paul Boyd's shop;
Robert De Harrold will demonstrate goblet construction.

NOTE: Date, demonstrators, and location are subject to change. Please read the AVWA newsletters and look for email notices for possible changes.

Links

Dan Yost came back from vacation with a good link to the New Orleans woodturners club website at <http://bayouwoodturners.com>

Dave from Any Exotic Woods in san Jose, California sent this information;

I am wondering if you will be interested to purchase Amboyna Burl blocks or Macassar ebony? Most of the amboyna burl come as blocks and slabs with minimum 8/4 thickness, and the macassar ebony is between 4/4 and 12/4 in thickness with minimum 7" width (good for guitar body). Recently i just received a new shipment and i have taken picture of some of them and put it on my website <http://www.anyexoticwoods.com/online-inventory/index.htm> let

me know if any of these items interest you. I have also many more sizes that's not listed yet, just let me know of your size requirements.

Keith Pipoly sent this link to wood turning online. <http://www.woodturningonline.com>

Kay Grant sent the following address for a possible source of crushed stones for inlays. www.thunderbirdsupply.com

Paul Boyd found a great deal on Pyramex Venture II Safety Glasses. They even come in a bifocal version in the tinted and clear versions from <http://www.envirosafetyproducts.com>

Here is a good summary of Hollowing Tools although it's from 2001 <http://www.fholder.com/Woodturning/article9.htm>

Bill Riedhart has made several Pepper Grinders using the Crush Grind mechanism which is made from ceramic and won't corrode if used for things like salt. Also there is no protruding knob on the top as the adjustment is on the bottom. It's available from several sources including Woodcraft <http://www.crushgrind.com/index.php?id=630>
<http://www.woodcraft.com>

Now that you have seen Dan's demonstration on Finials, it's only a small step to make a Crochet Hook. Here's a tutorial http://www.turnedtreasures.com/project.html/crochet_hook.html

The always popular Woodturner's catalog from Craft Supplies <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>

Check out Hardwood trim, woodworking hand tools, and more - Constantines.com [Hardwood trim, woodworking hand tools, and more - Constantines.com](http://www.constantines.com)

Newsletter Editor Notes

If you have any tips or information you would like to have included in our newsletters, please email me at readman@as.net or catch me at the club meetings.