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**Next Event: Meeting and Pot Luck at Corky's in Tehachapi**



**It was a nice day at the Poppy festival this year.**

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

We were fortunate to have had good weather for the Poppy Festival this year. While we missed making our rent by a few dollars the AVWA members who participated had an enjoyable time meeting the public, turning wood, and making sales. A big THANKS to those members who made the AVWA's 2008 Poppy Festival a success.

At our meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> the membership approved the Addendum to the Standard By-Laws of the Antelope Valley Woodturners' Association. The changes brought the AVWA's By-Laws in line with our current activities.

Now for exciting news; Dan Oliphant's son, Andy, has agreed to create and assist in maintaining a website for the Association. Stay tuned for progress reports on this effort.

## **May Meeting Minutes**

The May meeting was held at Martin Littleton's shop, thanks Martin. As Dan noted in his president's comments we reviewed some changes in our charter about the meeting location, the principal office location, the meeting date each month, and eliminating the term limit on officers. Dan read some of the emails from AAW and noted that we are the 161st club in the AAW.

We had a new member in attendance, Carlos Alvarez. Carlos is new to woodturning and is looking for a lathe if anyone knows of a good deal.

Dan Oliphant brought some Bradford Pear wood for the members to take, Thanks Dan.

Show and tell was next and the members brought some nice turnings and also some great tips. We had an interesting discussion of finishing items using wipe-on Poly of both the water based and the oil based types.

This meeting's raffle netted Keith, Corky and Robert gift \$10 gift certificates for Craft Supplies. They have been great about supporting our club with gift certificates and catalogs.

Martin demonstrated how to make a great looking box and also provided some insight on safety while sanding. Hope your fingers healing well Martin.

Before the meeting ended we started the planning for the pot luck at Corky's house on July 19th. Check out the item later in this newsletter.

SHOW



AND



TELL

## May Demonstration

Martin demonstrated how to turn a lidded, 4 legged, box.



One of the keys to making the box is to start with a very square blank with sacrificial wood glued to the out sides. For this demo Martin used brown paper between the pieces to make it easier to separate later

Martin turned the outside shape first with the top of the box toward the headstock. One secret here is the use of a template to ensure the right shape. As you can see the outside is mostly the sacrificial wood and the box legs are very thin. The thin legs are part of the design that makes it interesting



When starting to work the inside of the turning it's a good idea to use a parting tool to start a groove. This keeps the bowl gouge from skating off the surface and ruining the edge.



The inside is next and it helps to be careful with the bowl gouge since the inside curves change direction. You have to turn "downhill" and not go past the bottom while turning either side.

Lots of measurements help keep the legs a consistent thickness. A custom ground scraper like the one below helps get a smooth curve.





The last step is the lid. You can make it out of contrasting wood if you like. Don't forget to turn a slight curve in the inside of the lid to match the top of the box.

Martin turned a finial that inserts from the inside out to make a nice finished look to the inside of the box.

This turning will make a great present or sell for a good price.

## Up coming events

### Pot Luck at Corky's

The club picnic/potluck is July 19th at Corky's. At the May meeting we outlined who was bringing what for food and refreshments. Look over this list and see if it looks like you remember and if you have any changes or additions contact Corky, Dan Yost or Bill Riedhart.

Robert De Harrold  
Martin  
Charley Williams  
Dave Acuna  
Dan Yost  
Dan Olphant  
Carlos Alvarez  
Mickey  
Stephen Moe

Chicken dish  
Drinks  
Macaroni salad  
Fruit tray  
Potato salad  
Desert  
Beans  
Desert  
Bread

Corky's is planning on demonstrating the wonderful world of tool sharpening and the different shapes members grind into the same tools. You wont find two bowl gouges that two members grind the same. Bring some of your different tools to show other members and help some of our newer members get started the right way.

It makes sense to try to car pool up to Corky's since he lives in Tehachapi. Last year we met at Dan Yost's house and left from there so lets try the same thing this year. Call Dan or email the newsletter editor if your interested and we'll set it up. If you plan on driving you have to call Corky to get your name on the list at the guard shack so you can get in.

## 2008 Demonstration Schedule

This is the tentative schedule as determined at the January meeting. As always if we get a chance to have a professional available that we can afford we will change one of these to them.

July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Corky's for the annual club picnic/pot luck Sharpening workshop and a mystery tool demonstration by Mickey
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Robert De Harrold
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Yost

## AAW and other news

I am proud to announce that plans are under way for Cal Contours 2008, an All California Woodturning Exhibition. Some of you may remember that Cal Contours 2006 at the San Luis Obispo Art Center was such a success that the director and curator are waiving the 5 year repeat show ruling and asking that we come back in 2.

This years show will have a few new twists in that we will be in the Main Room and will ask that the Quilters to join us to help cover normally bare walls. During the preparations for 2006 I was asked and told of the many quilters that go along with woodturning partners and spouses.

The scheduled dates for the Show will be opening on December 5th, which is a Friday , The 1st Friday of the month in San Luis Obispo is open house for all galleries and draws many people to the city. Another factor is, Holiday shopping time, turnings make wonderful gifts.

Now is the time to seek out that special piece of wood, plan a spectacular design and give it the best finish.

Entry data will be made available within the next few months, procedures that were used in 2006 worked well and most will be followed.

If there are ,any questions, willingness to help, please contact me at George Paes 805 929 1423 805 478 6370 Cell or [gngpaes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gngpaes@sbcglobal.net)  
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## Links

<http://www.anyexoticwoods.com/online-inventory/index.htm>

<http://www.woodturningonline.com>

Kay Grant sent the following address for a possible source of crushed stones for inlays. [www.thunderbirdsupply.com](http://www.thunderbirdsupply.com)

<http://www.woodcraft.com>

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>

The always popular Woodturner's catalog from Craft Supplies

"All club members can take advantage of a 10% discount on all abrasives discs and finishes by using the following source code when ordering online or on the phone." Source Code- **CLUBMEM**. Club orders receive a 13% discount off published prices with some limitations.

The AAW website is <http://www.woodturner.org>

A husband and wife team with a small home business that thought you might be interested in knowing we have a good supply of very nice figured maple turning wood. You can shop our online store <http://www.springerlumber.com/Springer%20Lumber/shopping1.htm> or call to arrange a time to come view our large supply onsite in Tenino, just south of Olympia Wa.