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**Next Event: March 21st Meeting at Paul's, Texture Demonstration by Mickey**



**There was great interest in the demonstration at the January meeting. Here Charlie tries turning a bead with the pyramid tool that Bob demonstrated how to make.**

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

The AVWA January meeting was again well attended. A number of business items were covered plus a good show-and-tell and raffle and members enjoyed an outstanding demonstration by Bob Clark. Everyone had the opportunity to leave with a new pyramid tool complements of Bob. I have one and it works just fine. Thanks Bob. The meetings and demonstrations for 2009 were determined:

March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mickey Burns
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Littleton
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Corky Lunceford
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Robert De Harrold
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dan Yost
January 2010	Bob Clark

Corky was successful in obtaining all the reconstituted turquoise ordered by members on his trip to Quartzsite. Thanks Corky.

The AVWA 'March at the library' is fast approaching. We will inform members when and where to bring their items. Turnings should not have been shown at the library before. We always get great comments from this showing so let's put on another good show.

Les Robison, Program Chairman, of the Bakersfield Woodturners has ask the AVWA to help with the two demonstrations by professional turners they have scheduled in 2009 by having as many AVWA members attend as possible. The fees are \$30.00 for each of these demonstrations. So here is the deal as voted by the AVWA members at the January meeting. The AVWA will pay any paid-up AVWA member's fee to one of these demonstrations. This will allow members to see a professional turner as well as helping the Kern club in meeting their costs. What a deal! More information on this will follow

Dan Oliphant has volunteered to manage the AVWA web page and has already made some improvements. Thanks Dan! There are only three members that have shown items on the web page so let's get some pictures to Dan for inclusion. Dan's email address is [danoliphant@hotmail.com](mailto:danoliphant@hotmail.com)

## **INPORTANT:**

### **From Corky Lunceford**

The AVWA needs to move on obtaining the buckeye burls that are available at Corky's friend. We need to get this wood before it is no longer available. For those members that want a burl and are willing to help repair and remove the burls you need to contact Corky via Tel. 661-821-5503 or email at [d.lunceford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.lunceford@sbcglobal.net). The last estimate of cost was \$60.00 per burl plus a little work, and that's a steal.

## Show and Tell

Corky shows a natural edge bowl turned from Buckeye Burl that he gets from a friend's land. This is beautiful wood and he is going to get some more but we have to do it soon.



This type of hollowing tool doesn't have a clogging problem like the hollow ring tools.



Charlie explains how he used dowels to make the dots on the side of this segmented bowl.



## Show and Tell



Dan O. had a beautiful lidded vase



Keith has figured out how to add stars to his segmented turnings



Robert whipped out a cheese platter from left over cedar



Martin explained how to get Brazilian pepper wood to turn red (set it in the sun for 4-5 days)



Jennifer was looking for ideas for this piece of Manzanita.

## November Demonstration

Bob did a great demonstration on a pyramid tool which included how to use it to turn beads. Everyone got to try their hand at using it and see the benefit of using it over using a skew for bead turning, No Catches! After the turning demonstration he showed how to make one from a reamer. Bob even bought enough reamers on Ebay so everyone could make their own.



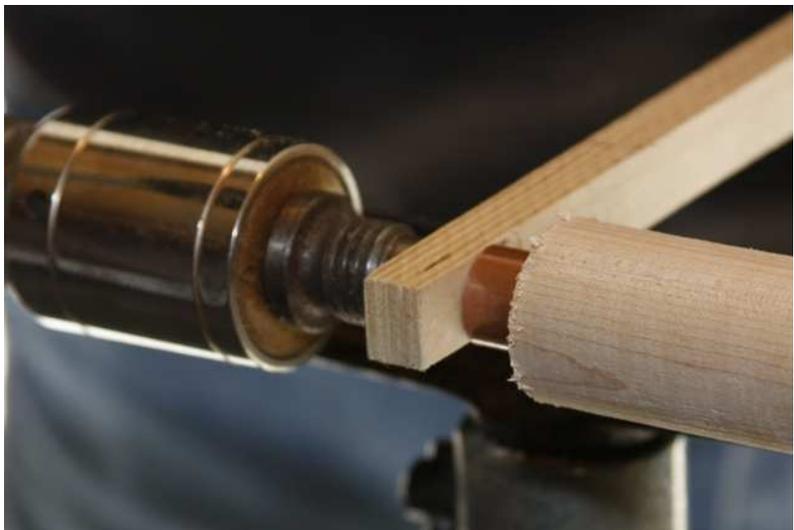
Using the pyramid tool you can create the notch for the start of the bead and turn the bead without fear of a catch.

The first step is to cut the flutes off a long reamer. Here Bob uses a high speed die grinder with a cut-off disk. Running the lathe while cutting the reamer keeps the cut square. Everyone got a chance to cut off their own reamer.





After turning a blank round, you make a tenon on one end that will fit a ferrule that is made from a piece of copper pipe



Once the tenon is the right size you can use the tailstock to press the ferrule onto the handle



Now drill a hole .03 smaller than the diameter of the rod you cut off from the reamer. This will create a tight press fit so no glue is necessary. The ferrule keeps the handle from splitting



With the rod in the chuck use the tailstock to press the handle onto the rod



Turn the outside of the handle while its held in the chuck



Sharpen the tool by grinding three sides to an equal angle. This is easier if you mark the opposite sides using a marker, then keep each mark up while grinding.

The finished tool!



## March Meeting

Mickey has a texturing tool that he will demonstrate at the march meeting. A texture on a turning adds a lot of interest and I'm sure several members, like me, would like to see how it works. The meeting will be at Paul's house in Quartz Hill and directions will be provided with the meeting reminder.

## AAW Dues

AAW dues are due by January 1. AAW requests that, if possible, you pay your membership via email. Use <http://www.woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp>. If you are an AAW member your membership number is on your AAW magazine address. To use USPS you can download an application or you may call or email Dan Yost (948-9347) and he will send you an application. Board members are required to be members to ensure that our AAW insurance is valid. Dues are currently; individuals \$45.00, family \$50.00 and youth \$18.00

## AVWA Dues

Membership has voted to change annual dues to \$25.00 per year to replace the \$5.00 per meeting. These dues will be effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. A number of members pre-paid their dues in November. Members who join during the year will have their dues prorated.

## UP COMING EVENTS

Les Robison, Program Chairman for the Kern Woodturners in Bakersfield, has been busy lining up professional turners.

### From the Kern Woodturners Newsletter:

"On April 11<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting **Donald Derry**, a professional turner from Washington State. This will be an all day demonstration with a charge of \$30 per individual. Don will provide both an educational and humorous demonstration. He will dwell on shape and the evolution of a satisfying curve. Next he will demonstrate the creation of a "hollow form" using a hollowing tool of his own design. He will also spend some time on creation of unique shapes from standard vessels and also some discussion on the coloring techniques he utilizes to make his work so different. Some of Don's work may be viewed on his web site at: [DonaldDerry.com](http://DonaldDerry.com)." April 11th is a Saturday.

## UP COMING EVENTS Cont.

### From the Kern Woodturners Newsletter:

“On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have another professional turner in for an all day demonstration. There will be a \$30 charge to cover the whole day. We will be hosting **Art Liestman**. Art demonstrates at the AAW Symposium, SWAT, and many other venues. His work is shown at Del Mano and many other high end galleries. Art will be discussing “Form”, demonstrating turning several objects and how he makes some of his “very unique” works. Some of his work can be seen at [ArtLiesman.com](http://ArtLiesman.com).”

**These programs are an excellent opportunity for AVWA members to support the Kern Woodturners and see a professional woodturner.**

The **Fresno Woodturners** are hosting David Elsworth on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$30 and demonstration goes from 9-4. Demonstration is “what ever the master wants to do.”

The 2009 AAW Symposium is in Albuquerque from June 26 to 28.

## LINKS

<http://woodcraft.com>

Craft Supplies at:

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>

A couple of Youtube addresses recommended by Kern Woodturners

<http://www.youtube.com/user/rexguinn> a 5-part video of Jamie Donaldson. And <http://www.youtube.com/user/JETTOOLSUSA> to see tips on the proper use of various tools and a few projects.