

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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**Next Event: May 16<sup>th</sup> at Martin Littleton's shop**

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Our March meeting and demonstration at Paul Boyd's shop was again well attended with Mickey Burns giving a good demonstration on the proper use of texturing tools. Mickey gave a hands-on opportunity to every one present. Mickey also demonstrated a chatter tool. The show-and-tell was rather short as most of our new turnings were displayed at the Lancaster Library. The AVWA, again, got numerous complements on the display. It appears that, due to Mickey's efforts, the AVWA may display at the library every March.



*Fig 1 Texturing Demo*



*Fig 2 Texturing Demo*



A Fine Example of Wooden Balls



The "How to's" Of Wooden Balls



Dan Yosts' Buckeye Spittoon?



Dan Oliphants' Longworth Chuck

We entertained two guests. Scott Paris from the Tidewater Woodturners, Hampton, VA., was in the area and stopped in. Mr. Chuck Scott, Paul Boyd's father-in-law was present. Mr. Scott was visiting from Redding. Scott Paris holds the record-to-date for who has traveled the farthest to our meeting.

The business portion of the meeting took up considerable time since it was necessary to establish the schedule for this year's Poppy Festival. The Festival is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. As usual, I'll bring my large lathe and Corky Lunceford will bring his small lathe. The two people who are scheduled for two hour blocks will have priority on the lathes and also be responsible for the sale of items and the general safety of the site. We need lots of items to sell and members to do turnings. Let's keep chips flying - that's what the public enjoys seeing.

### Bruce Owens Philippine trip

Hey Guys, I went to the Philippines to visit my family. I wanted to teach the guys how to turn bowls, so I sent a Rikon mini lathe and some tools.

I took a grinding wheel, and had to have a stand made, and buy a grinder (200 volt).



My uncle gave me a Tamarind tree (next photo), my brother got the chainsaw guy to cut the tree down. We found a bandsaw to cut it into blanks.



We got some Gemalina wood that was dry. Gemalina is full of wavy grain. (next photo)



I got three guys interested in turning, I couldn't give the lathe to one, the others might be jealous. \$1000.00 worth of tools is a lot in the Philippines, so I started the Solona Woodturners Guild.



The lathe is 110 volts, but there electric is 200 volt, so we used a voltage regulator. The lathe heats up after awhile and I'd have to take a break. Still I managed to pre-turn 65 bowls (and bring them back to Lancaster)



I brought back some wood samples also. Next time maybe I can pre-turn 250 bowls!

April is AVWA's anniversary month. The AVWA was started nine years ago by Brad Stave.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

There are several people on the AVWA email list that have not attended a meeting in six months or longer. If you are one of these folks your name will be deleted unless you request Martin Littleton or me to keep your name on the list. Ex-members and friends of AVWA that will continue to receive courtesy emails are: Dave Rich, Brad Stave, Pete Carta, Jean Brule, Thompson, Joyce Burton, Jack Wildermuth, and Les Robison. The AVWA has a web page now and most of the information about the association can be obtained there. See <http://www.avwoodturners.org>

## **BUCKEYE BURLS**

For those members that paid for buckeye burls, they have been dug out. Some are at Corky's, some at Martin's and seven still at the dig site. We are working on a plan to move the burls to Martin's where members can cut them up. Does anyone have a dump truck or the use of one? Any ideas on how to move these monsters will be appreciated.



## **WEBSITE**

The AVWA has a really nice website thanks to Dan Oliphant and his son Andy, however, it could be better if more members would send in digital pictures for the photo gallery. Send pictures to [danoliphant@hotmail.com](mailto:danoliphant@hotmail.com)

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

Don't forget the professional demos that the Bakersfield Kern Woodturners are sponsoring April 11 and May 2. AVWA will pay any paid-up AVWA member's entry fee to one of these events.

2009 AAW Symposium in Albuquerque NM, June 26 to 28.

## LINKS

Craft Supplies at: <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>

Scott Paris our March guest, sent his club's web page address:  
<http://www.tidewaterturners.net>

Longworth chuck article:  
[http://www.woodcentral.com/articles/turning/articles\\_485.shtml](http://www.woodcentral.com/articles/turning/articles_485.shtml)