

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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Next event: September 26<sup>th</sup> at Paul Boyd's shop from 09:00 a.m. to ??.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Please note the change in the AVWA meeting date from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in September. The reminder letter will indicate who will be demonstrating and any changes that might arise.

The AVWA annual potluck dinner and demonstration was another outstanding success. Nineteen members and guest attended. Bill Clark, from Kern Woodturners', gave an excellent demonstration on inlaying a multi wood round box lid, and on his technique of using wire burners.



Bill is also a very talented turner and has allowed us to incorporate a photo of three of his creations entitled "The Steppes of Central Asia". The base is curly maple that has been highly textured using his wire burning techniques.



For members who were unable to attend or would like to review Bill's techniques, his demonstration was filmed and a DVD is available from either the AVWA or Kern Woodturners' library. A big thanks goes to Bill for his demonstration, to Dorine and Corky for being our host, to Jack Wildermuth who barbequed the tri-tips, and all who brought the delicious potluck dishes.



*Thank You Jack!!*

## SHOW AND TELL

Several attendees brought turnings to the meeting; all were excellent displays of member talents. Here are a few of the items displayed:



*Dan's Balancing Act*



*Martin's Koa Bowl*



*Steve's Threading Machine*

Dan Yost made the piece titled "Balancing Act", he has seen several of these in various shapes.

## EQUIPMENT

Dennis Corby has obtained a pneumatic metal cutting saw. He has a trailer and would like to make a portable sawmill. To get it operational for wood it needs brackets and wheels to hold the head, brackets to align the blade and assistance to but it together. If a AVWA member (s) can assist Dennis, he says it can be used by the AVWA as a portable sawmill. Any takers?? For more information contact Dennis at [coach\\_denn@yahoo.com](mailto:coach_denn@yahoo.com)



## **MEMBERSHIP**

September is the AVWA election month. The AVWA bylaws and amendment recommend Board responsibilities be spread among members on a timely basis. All positions on the AVWA Board are open for election or re-election. . .

The rules are:

1. Current Board members may be reelected to their position. .
2. Any member may declare his or her desire to fill a position.
3. Any member or members may propose a member for a Board position.

The election of AVWA Board members is important so, if possible, please plan to attend. See item 3 above – if a member isn't present they may find they were nominated and won a Board position (not really).

## **BUCKEYE BURLS**

We are awash in Buckeye Burls. There are seven large and four smaller ones at Martin's now. A plan is in place to move the final seven from Tehachapi to Martin's when the weather cools. For members who have paid for a burl you may pick one out at Martin's now or wait until we move the remainder seven for a possible better selection. Martin says you may cut them up at his place or he will assist in loading it onto your conveyance.

It is recommended by those who have the experience of cutting up a burl that they are power washed before being cut to keep chainsaws from getting dull quickly due to dirt. Martin does not have a power washer but, of course, has water. It is a good idea to bring a means to sharpen the chains and/or bring an extra chain as this wood has proven to be hard on chainsaw blades even after the dirt has been washed off.

## **WEBSITE**

We still need members to utilize the AVWA web site. Our webmaster, Dan Oliphant, reported that we are getting an average of 1700 hits per month.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

Les Robinson, special events person for the Kern Woodturners, has informed the AVWA that the professional woodturner, Bill Tilson, who was to demonstrate at Kern on September 12th has passed away after a long and gallant fight with cancer. Bill was a renowned woodturner who will be missed.

## LINKS

Gilmer Rock Shop

Gilmer Texas

Website – [www.gilmerrockshop.com](http://www.gilmerrockshop.com)

Craft Supply

[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)

AAW Magazine

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)