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The next demonstration will be at Dan Yost's on November 21st from 09:00 AM to Noon

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I would like to thank the members of the Antelope Valley Woodturners' Association for placing their confidence in me. It will be my honor to serve you in the upcoming year as your president. I only hope I can do as good a job as our last president. When I look back at our club since I first joined in 2001 one thing is obvious; the outstanding work that has been done by our president Dan Yost. From the time I joined the club Dan has always been active serving as Newsletter Editor, Vice President and for almost the past three years as our president. Three years ago our club was getting smaller. There were a few meetings when we had only six members show up. I am not sure how many members we had at this last meeting but we must have had close to twenty. I think the increased turnouts are directly attributable to the outstanding leadership of Dan Yost. At our September meeting we had a demonstration by Pete Carta. Pete normally does not attend our meetings, however, he is quite active in the Glendale and El Camino Woodturning Guilds. Pete did an outstanding demonstration. He demonstrated how to make a candle holder that used both spindle and bowl turning techniques.



Turning the Pillar



What to look For While Turning a Base

It was a pleasure to have him demonstrate for us. What Pete did in two hours would have taken me all day and believe me mine would not have turned out as well. Pete also explained everything as he went along. Great demonstration Pete!

Finally, I would like to ask AVWA members in what direction they would like to see the club go. Is there a particular area of interest you would like to see demonstrated? Also, if there is something you are not happy with please call or email me!

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PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

First, I would like to thank Bob Clark for his kind words. I have no concerns that the AVWA will not continue to grow and become an even better association with Bob as president.

Second, I would like to thank the Board and AVWA members who made the position of president interesting and enjoyable for me. And, I'm not going away as I will continue to assist Dan Oliphant with the newsletters and webpage and help in any other way that benefits the club.

And last, a thanks goes to Robert De Harrold for graciously giving up his September demonstration slot in order to accommodate Pete Carta.

AVWA WEBPAGE

The AVWA webpage is looking better as several members have sent in items for the photo gallery. We could use more but we have a good start. Pictures must be digital and e-mailed to either Dan Oliphant or Dan Yost. When sending your pictures please include a description of the item such as kind of wood, size, finish, or anything else to make the item interesting to a viewer.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS (AAW)

The AAW is now accepting 2010 dues. These dues go from 1 January to 1 January but need to be paid by December 31st in order to get your name in the AAW 2010 Resource Directory. The cost is \$48.00 this year, which is a \$3.00 increase but gets an extra AAW magazine. A membership in the AAW is a good insurance policy. If during a meeting or public event someone is injured the lathe operator and club is covered by an AAW insurance policy. And, it is AAW policy that club board members be AAW members. You may pay dues via e-mail at: Woodturner.org

SEPTEMBER MEETING SHOW AND TELL PHOTOS



Charlie's award winner



Martin's Maple with burning & color



Martin's ebonized vessel



Keith's Bowl from flat stock



Dean's Oak vessel



Dan O's Dyed Ash H/F



Steve's bowl of balls



Steve's perforated H/F



Steve's "Baskets in Brown"



Steve's ball making gig



Steve's thread making tooling



September Show & Tell items



Corky's Steady Rest



Steve's shop made tooling set, real cool Steve

NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATION

The November meeting will be at Dan Yost's. Dan is planning on doing a vessel with a finial top. Most members have been to Dan's but here are the directions. From 30th St. West, turn east (the only way you can) onto J-9. J-9 turns into Windsor Pl. in one block. 43908 Windsor, second single story on left. Look for demo sign. Note: J-9 is not well marked. Look for B-2 model and entry 'J' to Antelope Valley College directly across from J-9. Don't forget show-and-tell items and any raffle items you can donate to the AVWA. Need assistance? 361-0703. A reminder letter will be sent out about a week prior to the meeting. See you there.