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The next AVWA meeting is scheduled for November 20th at Paul Boyd's shop from 09:00 a.m. to noon. Our demonstrator will be Bob Clark

President's Message

By Bob Clark

The AVWA September meeting and Steve Moe's demonstration was enjoyable and interesting with twenty three members and guests attending. Several attendees showed interest in joining the AVWA. September is the AVWA election month. All Board positions were open for re-election, however, the membership voted to keep the current Board. Being the AVWA President for the past year has been a learning experience. I look forward to the honor of serving the AVWA for the coming year.

A point of interest during the business portion of the meeting was the discussion on the AVWA's IRS filing requirements. Mickey Burns and Dan Oliphant are taking action to investigate what the AVWA's requirements are to the IRS and State.

Congratulations are in order for two members for their wood turning entries at the 2010 Antelope Valley Fair. Charley Williams and Mickey Burns each took first place in their category (see pictures below). Nice going and congratulations! Charley agreed to look into getting more information about the fair's submission categories. The reason for obtaining this information is the possibility of having a club challenge for the fair in 2011.



Charlie William's segmented bowl



Mickey Burn's lidded segmented bowl

Steve Moe gave us a demonstration on Ornamental Turning. Steve made the process of off-center turning look simple. I have seen expensive chucks and tools in catalogs that do this but Steve's system using just a faceplate and piece of plywood was just as effective and much less expensive. I also gained a greater understanding of the off-center concept because of Steve's demo - thanks Steve.



Steve securing his work piece



And explaining the use of restraints



Spiraling we will go



The outcome from spiraling a work piece

September Show and tell Items:

Three of our newer members need to be acknowledged for their work. Please see the pictures of their items in the photo section.

Dean Petrie: His realistic looking Navy Colt has many turned and carved parts. Dean used different woods in order to show the correct colors - an outstanding job Dean.

Mickey Sykes: Mickey is quite new but is a fast learner as she is already producing some lovely items.

Wayne Dockett: Wayne has been a member for about a year but has already tackled open segmented turning. We supposedly more experienced turners better watch out, these newcomers are coming on fast.

Keep Turning
Bob



Corky's Chink-A bowl



Corky's Madrone bowl



Corky's Ficus Vase



Dan Y's lidded boxes



Dean's Navy Colt pistol



Dean's lidded box



Keith P's Birds Eye maple bowl



Martin's hollow ball



Martin's maple and lace bowls



Martin's long neck vessel



DanO's Buckeye burl vase



Mickey Sykes's bowls



Mickey Sykes's vessels



Wayne Docktor's Buckeye box



Wayne Docktor's segmented vessel

November Meeting & Demonstration:

The Next meeting and demonstration will be a Paul Boyd's shop November 20th from 09:00 a.m. to noon. I, you humble woodturner; will be demonstrating carbide tools and hopefully how to save a few bucks on them.

A Challenge for the November Meeting:

Each member that was at the September meeting was given the opportunity to take home a block of Colorwood. The challenge is to make a holiday ornament or a gift out of the Colorwood block. The only restriction is that your entry cannot be an egg. Your entry can be made entirely out of the Colorwood block or it can be part of a finished piece. If you missed the September meeting and would like to partake in the challenge give me a call as I have more Colorwood blocks. At the November meeting the club will select a winner. I hope this challenge works out to be a fun project.

I also have a challenge in mind for January that I think members may find interesting.

AAW Chapter Challenge:

The AAW has issued a challenge to all chapters to enter a wood turned item for the June 2011 AAW Symposium. At our January meeting we will select a member's work to represent the AVWA. The entry will be displayed at the symposium in Saint Paul, MN and then travel as part of the AAW exhibition. All items will be for sale with proceeds split 30% to AAW and 70% to the artist with the artist setting his/her sale price. A rule is that the item must fit into an eight inch cube. There are other rules that can be seen on: <http://www.woodturners.org/sym/sym2011/Exhibit/> I verified with the AAW that all our chapter members are eligible to enter the challenge.

January 2011 Demonstration:

Mickey Burns has provided the following information to give AVWA members a 'heads-up' on the January 2011 meeting.

As the scheduled demonstrator for January 2011 I have chosen to address the care, use, and maintenance of the woodturners scroll chuck. I do not plan any woodturning. Instead we will examine the chuck, learn how to maintain and use it safely. I expect there to be sufficient time to address other methods of holding wood for turning such as jam chuck, face plate, and between centers turning. If there are other devices that you would like to discuss at the meeting please let me know in sufficient time to prepare. I would also like to invite turners who have shop made holding or clamping devices to bring them to the meeting and be prepared to show and discuss how to fabricate and use the devices. In this instance, please let me know at the November meeting what you will bring to the meeting so that we can avoid duplication. Tests will be taken home to your shop. Note taking is suggested. Note passing is at your own risk. Any entertainment will be Ad-lib.

Mickey Burns

