

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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## **NEXT MEETING**

May 19, 2012  
9:00 AM - Noon

Martin Littleton's  
shop  
9838 Ave. S  
Littlerock, CA 93543

## **CHALLENGE**

Eggs

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Open

## **President's Comments**

Even though the weather was terrible we had an excellent showing for our March meeting and presentation with twenty-one members and one guest in attendance. Our meeting was moved from Dan Oliphant's shop to Dan Yost's who has enough room to seat members inside. Thanks Dan for getting your shop presentable for the meeting.

Dan Oliphant was our presenter for March. Dan did a fine job of showing us the finer points of turning hollow forms. See examples of Dan's work in this newsletter. Thanks Dan for a well organized and infor-

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mative presentation.

The March challenge (candle holders) was won by David Gecy who received a Craft Supply gift certificate. The May 2012 challenge is Easter Eggs. Use your imagination and make any number, size, or color.

There was a larger than usual number of raffle items. Thanks to those members who bring raffle items as they are a big help to the AVWA in maintaining our working budget. The Craft Supply gift certificate was won by Carol Little.

## **AVWA News**

Mickey Burns briefed the membership that the AVWA display is going well at the Los Angeles County Library. The display will remain at the library until the end of March. Something new this year is the opportunity for the library users to vote for what they believe to be the best ("Public Choice") displayed turning. An award will be given to the turner who receives the most votes. There will also be a drawing for those who voted with the winner receiving a designated displayed turning.

We need more AVWA members to participate in this project as the display cases could have held more turnings this year. A challenge for the 2013 display is for every AVWA member to provide at least one item for display.

Glenda Rodger, a Lancaster Library manager, has offered the AVWA the opportunity to display and sell turnings during the library's "small book and craft sales" events. A 6'X8' table would cost \$40.00 for two days. Friends-of-the-Library may purchase items in the mornings and the general public in the afternoons. The next sales event is June 8th

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and 9th followed by another in December. According to Glenda, sales at these events are good. More information on this function will be forth coming.

Martin Littleton will be the demonstrator at the May 19th meeting. Martin plans on showing members how he finishes his turnings. Martin's finishes are beautiful. Some of his turnings appear to be covered with glass. His demonstration should be educational to any turner's level; beginner to professional. Directions to Martin's will be included in the May AVWA reminder letter.

The Kern Woodturners of Bakersfield is hosting Graeme Priddle, a professional turner from New Zealand, on April, 11th 2012. This is an all day, 9AM to 4PM demonstration. The cost is \$30.00. The AVWA will reimburse paid member the \$30.00. Anyone who would like to attend, contact Dan Yost at [dan.arlene@msn.com](mailto:dan.arlene@msn.com) or Tel. 948-9347 for directions. See Piddle's web page at [grae-mepriddle.com](http://grae-mepriddle.com). It appears that Priddle is big on pyrography.

## Presentation: Hollow Forms

Dan Oliphant discussed the artistic value of using the Golden Means in developing hollow forms. The Golden Means (1.618...) has been used for centuries by artist and builder to make artistic forms and structures more harmonious with nature. Dan demonstrated a Golden Means Calipers. The calipers can be used to assist in forming various sized vessels. See Dan's hollow form vase below which follows the Golden Means.



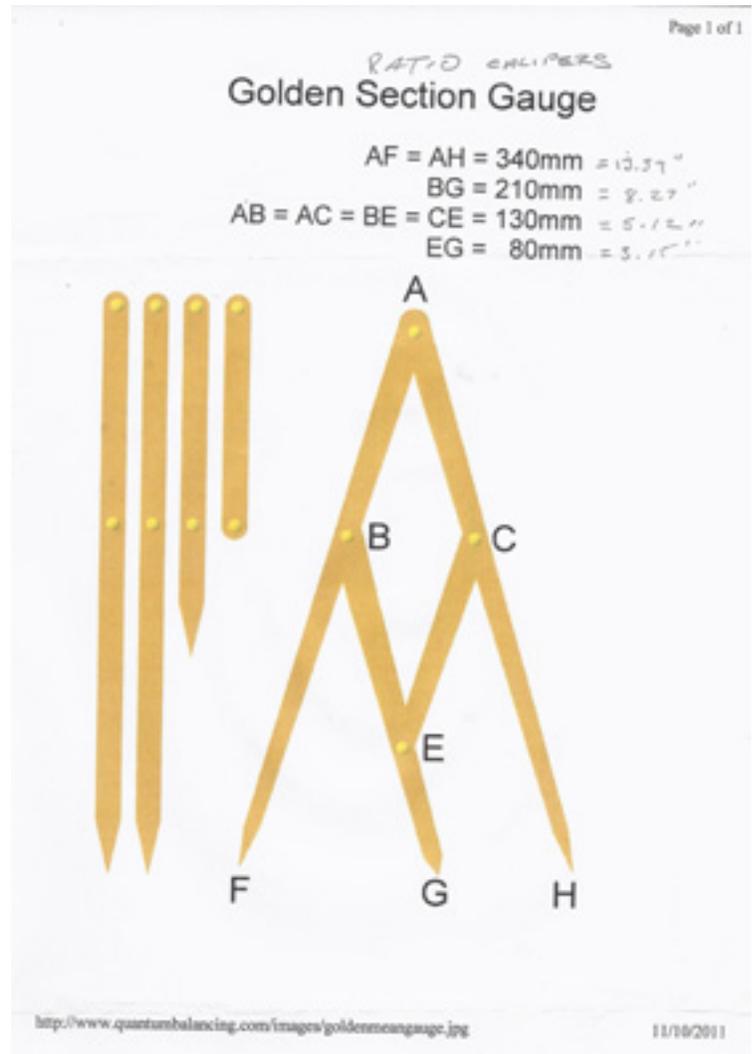
To see how to make the calipers see:

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To see how to use the Golden Means caliper see:

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When converting MM to inches divide MM by 25.4



# March Show & Tell



Bruce Owens, Buckeye natural edge



Dan Oliphant. American Olive



Robert DeHarrold, Buckeye winged vessel



Dan Oliphant. Avacado



Bruce Owens, Buckeye



Robert DeHarrold, Lidded buckeye bowl



Martin Littleton. Alabaster



Martin Littleton, Eucalypus



Bruce Owens, Pear