

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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## **NEXT MEETING**

Nov. 17, 2012  
9:00 AM - Noon

Dan Yost's shop  
43908 Windsor Ave.  
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## **CHALLENGE**

Holiday Ornament

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## **President's Comments**

A number of members were on vacation or on work related travel but we still had sixteen members and a visitor at our September meeting. A big thanks to Steve Moe and Mickey Burns who each gave us a demonstration on innovative home built tools that can greatly improve one's woodworking capacities. Our newsletter editor, Dan Yost, plans on including a "Homemade" section in the next several newsletters.

A suggestion was made at our July meet-

ing for members to propose a charitable organization/s at the September meeting that the AVWA could make a donation to in the form of members' turnings. A listing of those charities suggested is listed below in AVWA News.

The raffle was especially rewarding this meeting. Carol Little won the \$40.00 gift certificate. Other raffle items included \$10.00 dollar gift certificates, a food dryer, dust collector, lots of wood, etc.

## **AVWA News**

September is AVWA's election month. Three position were open, i.e., Treasure, Newsletter Editor, and Special Events. Bob Clark volunteered to assume the treasure position. Bob expects to be in Australia for six to nine months starting in November but will maintain the treasure reports via e-mail until he returns. Dan Yost volunteered to receive monies and deposit them in the bank and to write approved checks, as required,

on the AVWA account, until Bob returns to the US. Dan Yost volunteered to continue as newsletter editor until January 2014. The Special Events position remains open, however, Mickey Burns volunteered to coordinate the 2013 Los Angeles Lancaster Library showing. The showing will be in February instead of March in 2013. All new positions become effective January 1, 2013.

## **Charities**

At our July meeting a proposal was made and approved to select a charity/s for members to donate turning to for the charities to auction. The listing below is a list of charities that the membership proposed. A description of the charity's functions and auction dates may be seen by Googling the address following the charity's name.

Members may vote for their favorite charity by emailing Martin Littleton at: Martin2@roadrunner.com.

1. Grace Resources:  
(Grace Resources Lancaster, CA)
2. Desert Haven:  
(Desert Haven Enterprises)
3. The Painted Turtle:  
(thepaintedturtle.org)
4. Assistance League:  
(Assistance League of Antelope Valley)
5. English Spaniel Rescue:  
(ESRA)

## November Challenge . . . . .

Bob Clark provided 3×5 inch wood cylinders for each attending member to be used to make the November challenge — Christmas ornaments. We have not had much interest in our challenges lately.

So members, give the November challenge a try and you

could win a \$10.00 Craft Supply gift certificate.

It was proposed and agreed that all challenge winners place their winning turning/s in the library showing. Mickey Dyke volunteered to take charge of the winning items and ensure they are displayed at the library.

## Homemade . . . . .

For the next few newsletters I plan to include some of the homemade tools, jigs, etc. that AVWA members have constructed to enhance their wood working and turning abilities.

The first homemade tool is a large planer made by Steven Moe, as seen at the September meeting.

The bed of the planer is ¾" pressed board. The side rails are 4×6" pine with the bottom side cut square to fit squarely onto the pressed board. The bed will accept a piece of wood 40" in width and unlimited length — as long as you can keep the wood level.

Mounted on the pressed board in an X shape are strips of T-track which accept clamps that hold the wood to be planed firmly in place.

The sled is constructed to fit the router with 1×3 and 1×2 pine ripped at 90 degrees with reinforced aluminum sides to keep the sled from sagging.

Ultra High Molecular Plastic called "slick strip" is attached to the top of the rail to allow the sled to move forward and backwards easily.

Steve's router is 2.5 HP with a bit extension. Steve uses a sliding compound to reduce drag where wood slides on wood. The bit he uses is a 1" flat bowl bit.

The router is moved back and forth taking small cuts across the wood.

All parts for this planer may be purchased at local hardware stores or from catalogues such as Woodcraft or Eagle. For additional information and measurements, contact Steve Moe.



Steve Moe's homemade planer



The finished product — California Pepper

## September Challenge: 4x4x10 Pine

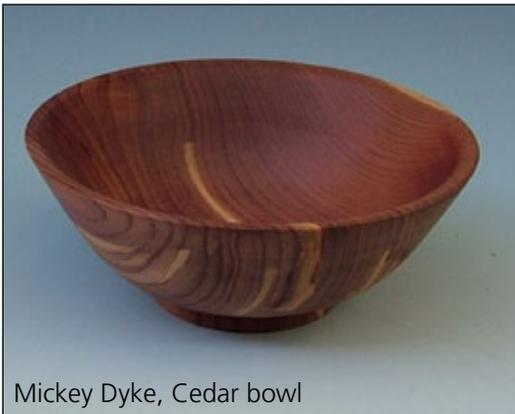


**Winner:** Martin Littleton, dyed hollowform

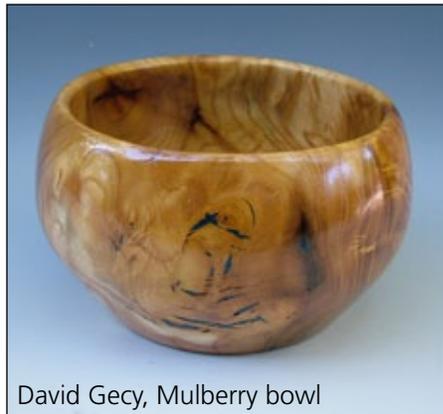


Mickey Dyke, Candleholder

## September Show & Tell



Mickey Dyke, Cedar bowl



David Gecy, Mulberry bowl



David Gecy, Pear vase



Martin Littleton, Threaded boxes