

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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## **NEXT MEETING**

Jan. 19, 2013  
9:00 AM - Noon

Location TBD

## **CHALLENGE**

6" natural-edge  
bowl

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Open

## **President's Comments**

It was standing room only at Dan Yost's shop for our November meeting and demonstration with twenty two members in attendance. Erika Kendra's demonstration on the construction of Celtic Knots caused an unusual amount of interest. It's my guess we will see some examples of the Celtic Knot show up at future meetings. Dan has a video of Erika's demonstration which will be in the library at the next meeting but anyone who would like to review it before then may contact Dan. I would like to thank Dan, again, for hosting the meeting and for the chili he provided for the members.



## **AVWA News**

Charley Williams was the winner of the \$40.00 Craft Supply gift certificate and Steve Moe was voted the challenge winner for the best Christmas ornament and received a \$10.00 gift certificate.

The AVWA membership voted to not apply for a table at the Los Angeles County Library's December, 2012 small book and craft sale event.

The 2013 demonstration schedule was made excluding January and July which will be filled as soon as possible.

January 19th	Open
March 16th	Bob Clark
May 18th	Martin Littleton
July 20th	Open
September 21st	Mickey Burns
November 16th	Dan Yost

Dan Oliphant has removed himself from the AVWA Board. Dan's departure leaves the Vice President and Membership positions vacant. These positions need to be filled, especially the Vice President position. Any

member willing to accept one or both of these positions please contact Martin Littleton.

Annual membership dues are due January 1, 2013. AVWA dues are \$25.00. Checks may be made out to AVWA and sent to Bob Clark, 2535 E. Ave. R-3, Palmdale CA 93550. 2013 dues may also be paid at the January 19th AVWA meeting. AAW dues are also due by January 1, 2013. An AAW membership is a must for serious turners. A subscription includes 6 issues of the AAW magazine and insurance for members who turn at official AVWA meeting all for \$48.00 for individual or \$53.00 for a family. You may join via the AAW web site at: [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org). Mailing address: American Association of Woodturners, 222 Landmark Center, 75 W. Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102-7704.

Martin Littleton has made contact with a supplier who can provide hats and pullovers with AVWA logo. The costs are: Hats, approximately \$15.00 and pullovers up to \$22.00. Martin will continue to work this project.

## January Challenge

The January, 19th 2013 challenge is a natural edged bowl – any size. Please note that the “any size” is a change from what was announced at the November meeting.

## Charities

At our September meeting the subject of providing a local charity with woodturnings for the charity to sell or auction was discussed. A listing of charities was made for the members to consider. A vote was taken at the November meeting on which charity the membership liked most. The winner: Grace Resources. This is a good choice since Grace Resources provides for the local homeless, mentally or physically challenged, and others in need.

A proposal was made to provide \$200.00 to a charity that is assisting people in need as a result of the Sandy Hurricane

disaster. After a discussion of several charities, David Gecy suggested City Harvest. City Harvest is a charity that gives 100% of the monies received to New York City Fire Fighters who either lost or had major damage to their homes. These fire fighters are helping people in need to survive and recover from the disaster. By helping the fire fighters we are helping both them and those which they help. A vote was taken and approved for City Harvest to receive the AVWA \$200.00 grant.

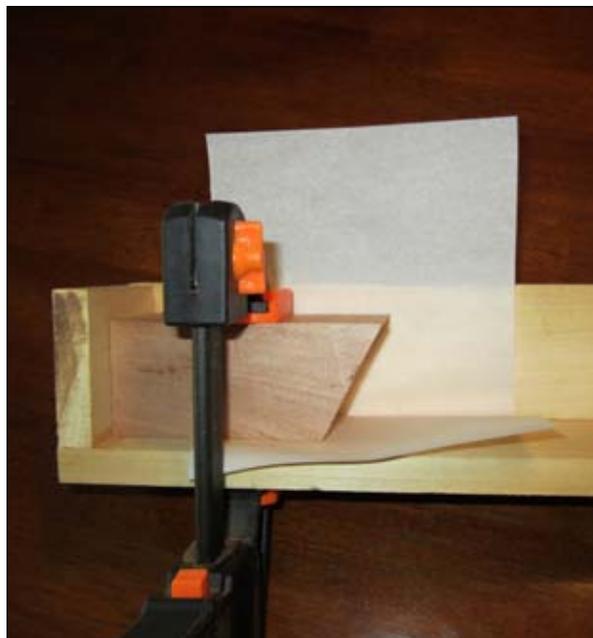
## Homemade

At this month's meeting, Erika demonstrated her homemade jig for gluing up celtic knot blocks. It's a simple corner made from any type of straight lumber, which allows you to more easily clamp the required pieces in place.

1. After cutting the block, place the longer piece in the corner of the jig with the long end of the angle at the top. Clamp the block in place. (You might want to put parchment paper behind the block to avoid gluing your block to the jig.)

By putting the long end of the block on the top, you prevent the smaller piece from slipping when you add the second clamp.

2. Place the veneer up to the first block.

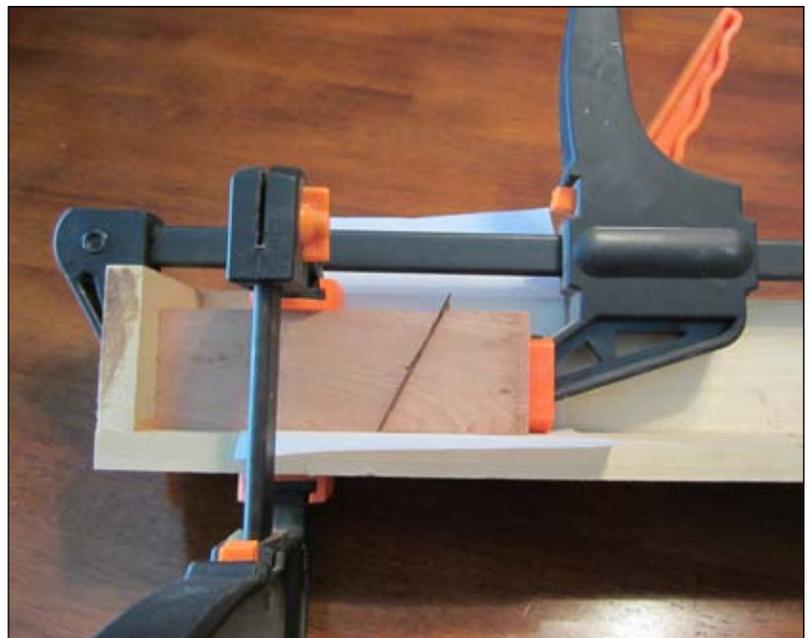


Clamp the first block in place with the long end at the top.



Erika Kendra's corner jig

3. Put the second piece of the angled block in place, then add the second clamp along the top.



Add the veneer, then the second piece of the block, then clamp from end to end.

## Safety

I was recently turning a piece of NIP about 8 inches in diameter. I used a hatchet to remove the bark except for a piece around one of the branches. I was turning at the slowest speed my lathe has, 660rpm. I have (had) 2 face shields; one was heavier than the other. I had on the heaviest one. The bark I failed to remove, I estimate it to be 3 to 4 ounces, came off and hit the face shield so hard that it broke the connector that held the shield to the head band. The shield was

driven back into my face. I had on glasses which were driven into my eyebrow breaking the skin and bending the frames. It surprised me that such a small piece of wood could hit like a hammer blow. Had I not had the face shield on I would no doubt have sustained a serious injury. What I did wrong was not removing all the bark. What I did right was having my safety gear on. Lesson learned? Dan Yost

## Community News

Leonard Friedman, woodworking teacher at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, introduced himself at this month's meeting and announced some exciting news for the local woodworking community.

The school offers beginner and advanced woodworking classes, and has what he described as a community woodworking shop. Class registration should be available in December 2012 through the Golden Oak Adult school website, <http://www.goldenoakadultschool.com/>.

The shop has seven lathes available, but is a bit short on turning tools. Anyone can bring their own tools, or Leonard

says he can make do if you don't have your own tools.

The shop also has bowl and spindle steady rests, as well as stronghold and talon chucks. Adult students can bring in their own lumber or logs in for turning, or purchase materials from the school.

For more information, contact Leonard at [draftinst@sbcglobal.net](mailto:draftinst@sbcglobal.net) or call 661-212-2550 (cell phone) after 4:00 p.m.

Leonard also donated a box of wood for the club raffle — Thanks Leonard!

# September Challenge: Holiday Ornament



Winner: Steve Moe



Dave Acuna



Martin Littleton



Corky Lunceford



David Gecy



Erika Kendra



Erika Kendra



Dan Yost

# November Show & Tell



Bob Clark, Maple platter



Charley Williams, Segmented hollow form



Bob Clark, Maple platter



Corky Lunceford, Ash & walnut lidded bowl



Bob Clark, Walnut platter



Corky Lunceford, Cottonwood platter

## November Show & Tell (cont'd)



Dan Yost, Walnut hollow form



David Gecy, Cedar bowl



David Gecy, Norfolk island pine bowl



Steve Moe, Paralam vessel



Leonard Friedman, Maple & walnut platter



Corky Lunceford, Whale bone lidded box