

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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## **NEXT MEETING**

July 19, 2014  
9:00 AM - Noon

Dan Yost's shop

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## **President's Comments**

Several members were unable to attend the May meeting and demonstration. Unfortunately, they missed Martin Littleton's outstanding demo on how to turn round stock into a square turning. A square turning is now a 'must do'... or should we say a 'must try.' Martin's demo was recorded and a DVD copy is now in the AVWA library.

The annual AVWA L.A. County Lancaster Library display was the best ever, with 42 items being displayed. Both the AVWA and library received positive comments on the showing. The public was given the opportunity to vote, by ballot, on what they thought was the best turning.

Of the 42 items on display only two or three did not receive a vote. The winner of the public voting was Charley Williams, whose beautiful large segmented bowl won him a \$40 Craft Supply gift certificate. A ballot was drawn and the winner received one of the beautiful items on display. The winner of the drawing was very pleased with his winning.

Four members took advantage of the AVWA policy to pay entry fees to professional woodturning demos. They attended

the Bakersfield Kern Woodturners where Ray Keys, a well-known professional turner from England, demonstrated his turning talents.

Glendale Woodturners is hosting Graeme Priddle in July. An e-mail will be forthcoming on the particulars of this demo.

The AVWA welcomes a new member, David Worrell — many happy turnings.

Donald Mourton will be the AVWA representative at the AAW 28th Symposium in Phoenix, AZ. June 12-15. We will be looking forward to a briefing by Donald at our July 19th meeting.



Charley Williams won the People's Choice award from the 2014 Lancaster Library display.

## **AVWA News**

### **May Challenge and Show & Tell**

The May challenge was to make finger-spun tops. The \$10 Craft Supply gift certificate was won by Randy Smith, whose tops were unique — they spun upside down (when spun, they would hop up onto their spindles).

A spin-off to see whose top would spin the longest was won by Dan Yost; no prize was awarded, just bragging rights.

The tops were given to Erika Kendra,

who will give them to the VFW to be handed out to local hospitalized children at Christmas. This challenge is ongoing; members may continue making tops for this charity.

The \$10 Craft Supply gift certificate was won by Martin Littleton, who displayed a beautiful square turning made from Brazilian Pepper.

The \$40 Craft Supply gift certificate raffle was won by Dave Acuna.

# AVWA News (continued).....

## **Training**

The adult training program is proceeding well. This year's initial class was held at Dan Yost's shop, May 10 with one student, one observer, and two AVWA members. The next class is scheduled for May 24, at Dan's shop with three students anticipated. Observers are always welcome.

## **Antelope Valley Fair Entries**

Mickey Burns and Charley Williams provided the membership with information regarding the upcoming Antelope Valley Fair, August 15–24. Entries may be registered at the fairgrounds office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

You can also register entries online at [www.avfair.com](http://www.avfair.com). Click the link to Exhibit Entries, then click the Register Here link about halfway down the page.

Turnings should be entered in Division 7 (Wood) of the Handicraft subcategory in Home Arts.

This year the fee to participate is only \$2 per entry. Entries must be registered by July 12, but do not need to be submitted until August 1. All entries must be dropped off at the fairgrounds August 1 from 1–7 p.m. (The fairgrounds are north of Ave. H between 30th West and Hy 14.)

Entries will be displayed in an octagonal locked show case. Items should not be larger than 11" × 11" × 11".

## **Member Input**

Leonard Friedman discussed a three day wood turning course he attended at Craft Supply in Utah. Leonard showed an unusual turning; a bowl inside a square block that he turned



Martin Littleton, Bob Clarke, and Dan Yost participate in a spin-off with their tops from the May challenge. Dan won bragging rights when his top out-spun the competition.

at the course. This would be an excellent demonstration item.

Mickey Burns encouraged AVWA members to assist in the day to day functions of the AVWA by volunteering their services as needed.

## **July Meeting and Challenge**

The July meeting/demonstration is scheduled for Dan Yost's shop on Saturday July 19th from 9 a.m. to noon. Pete Carta, from the Glendale Woodturners, is scheduled as our demonstrator. Pete was a member of the AVWA when it was first organized and is an accomplished woodturner. Don't miss this meeting unless absolutely necessary.

We will forgo a challenge for July in order to have more time to hear a report of the AAW Symposium by Don Morton, and to provide Pete Carta more time for his demonstration. The business portion will be kept short.

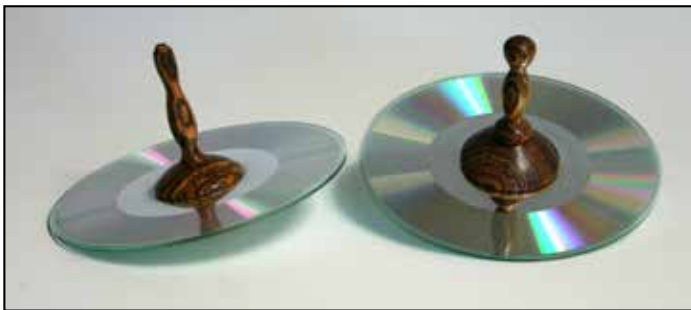
## May Challenge: Tops



Winner: Randy Smith, Topsy-turvy tops



Dan Yost, Various tops



Bob Clarke, Winge tops



Martin Littleton, Dyed tops

## May Show & Tell



Winner: Martin Littleton, Brazilian Pepper Burl lidded box



Mickey Burns, Aluminum chess set



Above: Martin Littleton, Bullet pen

Right: Leonard Friedman, Platter

Far Right: Leonard Friedman, Silver Maple square bowl



# May Show & Tell (continued) .....



Bob Clarke, Silver Maple platter



Randy Smith,  
Pepper bowl



Leonard Friedman,  
Carob bowl



Bob Clarke, Silver Maple platter



Dave Acuna,  
Palo Verde hollowform



Randy Smith,  
Walnut bowl



Dan Yost,  
Sycamore lidded box



Dave Acuna, Albeasia  
toothpick holder



Dan Yost,  
Sycamore goblet