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NEXT MEETING

March 15, 2014
9:00 AM - Noon

Dan Yost's shop

CHALLENGE

Beads of Courage
lidded boxes

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President's Comments

The AVWA was a recent recipient of a rather large number of wood working tools. The tools were assembled over years by a gentleman who left them to his son, Fred, who donated them to the AVWA.

The tools ranged from home-made, to antique, to new-in-box. Instead of having a demonstration this month we had a silent auction for the tools. The auction proved very successful.

The AVWA thanks Fred for this gift, which significantly improved the AVWA financial position. Mickey Burns, who was scheduled to do the demonstration, graciously agreed to have his demonstration date moved forward.

The AVWA is in good standing with the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) as the required number AAW members on the AVWA Board of Directors has been met.



At the January meeting, members had a chance to bid on dozens of items in a silent auction.

AVWA News

Martin Littleton was honored with a beautifully engraved platter, turned by Bob Clark, for his three years as AVWA president.

Charley Williams was acknowledged for his Distinguished Alumnus Achievement Award from the Antelope Valley College. Charley will receive his award at the Eliopoulos Hellenic Center March 8, 2014.

The AVWA By-Laws were brought up-to-date (Rev 2) to include several amendments. After the membership was briefed on the changes and had a chance to read the revision a vote was taken and the By-Laws ratified.

Dan Yost, the new president, brought up the point that the AVWA mission statement reads: "...to provide a meeting place for local



Martin Littleton displays his plaque in recognition of three years as AVWA president.

woodturners to share ideas, and to educate the general public regarding the art of wood turning.” Dan proposed that one or more experienced AVWA woodturners be available to teach classes on one or two Saturdays during the months (even months) when the AVWA does not meet. The classes need to be small in order for each student to get hands-on experience. This proposal was discussed by the membership and will be a point of interest until a final plan is in place.

Craft Supply gift certificates were won by:

- Martin Littleton, \$10 for best challenge item with his inside-out finial,
- Erika Kendra, \$10 for best show-and-tell for her wooden jewelry, and
- Charlie Williams, \$40 by raffle.

March Challenge

The March challenge is to make lidded boxes to be given to children with serious illness to hold their “Beads of Courage.” The significance of these boxes is that when a child completes a phase of treatment he/she receives a bead (i.e. a “Bead of Courage”) to be kept in their box.

Guidelines: (from Beads of Courage program)

“In order to hold the beads, turned boxes for the Beads of Courage program need to be about 6” in diameter (5” minimum), rectangular lidded boxes about 4×6×4 inches. If possible, have Beads of Courage engraved or burned in the lid. Make sure the lids are easily removable. Also, finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate.”

March Meeting

The March 15th meeting is scheduled to be at Dan Yost’s shop from 9:00 am to noon. Bob Clark will do the demonstration. Bob intends to show how he turns platters.



Don Mourton provides an example of the boxes that are being made for the Beads of Courage project.

Comment: The instructions call for a turned rectangular lidded box but a round lidded box should suffice.

Don Mourton is lead on this project. He brought several pieces of dried wood to the January meeting and will receive the completed boxes at the March 15th meeting. This is a worthy cause — let’s make AVWA proud by turning some beautiful boxes.



We had a great turn-out, with 25 people attending the January meeting!

January Challenge: Finials



(Left) Winner: Martin Littleton,
Ebony inside-out finial



Charley Williams,
Purpleheart and Maple segmented bowl
with captured ring on the finial



Dan Yost,
Ash lidded bowl with Brazilian cherry
finial and accents

January Show & Tell.



Winner: Erika Kendra,
Earrings: Red milkwood
Necklace: Red milkwood, walnut, and mulberry
Bracelets: Maple, walnut, and mystery wood



Dan Yost, Brazilian cherry platters



Martin Littleton, Apricot natural-edge vase



Bob Clark, Ash natural-edge bowl



Bruce Owens, Jemolina bowl