

Antelope Valley Woodturners Association

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NEXT MEETING

May 17, 2014
9:00 AM - Noon

Martin Littleton's shop

CHALLENGE

Tops

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President's Comments

The AVWA challenge for March was to build turned lidded boxes for the Beads of Courage® international organization. The lidded boxes are given to children with serious illnesses to hold their Beads of Courage® until they have enough to make a necklace.

The significance of the Beads of Courage® is that when a child has a visitor, completes a phase of treatment, or experiences a significant event he or she receives a Bead of Courage®.

The club's response to this challenge by the AVWA was outstanding. Donald Mour-

ton, lead on this project, received the lidded boxes from the AVWA members at the March 2014 meeting and demonstration. Donald traveled to Tucson, AZ, and delivered the lidded boxes and a monetary gift to the Bead of Courage® national headquarters.

Beads of Courage® management informed Donald that they will take the lidded boxes to hospitals in the Los Angeles area where they will be given to children in need of support. The AVWA membership has voted to repeat this challenge every March.



Don Mourton delivered our lidded boxes, and a check, to the Beads of Courage organization in Tucson.

AVWA News

On April 24th 2014, the Antelope Valley Woodturners Association (AVWA) will have been in existence for 13 years. Only two of the original members are still with us but the membership has grown over the years. Let's keep the AVWA growing.

For AVWA members, Dan Yost has set April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon as a training day. Anyone who would like to experience a "hands-on" training session should let Dan know. He would like to keep the initial classes small, (i.e., 4 to 5 people) until interest in the training is determined. If a larger number would like to attend training classes, more lathes and instructors will be obtained.

The AVWA annual display at the Lancaster County Library is scheduled for the month of April. The plan is to set up the display on April 1 at 10:00 a.m. This display always gets positive reviews. There will be a People's Choice award again this year with the winner receiving a gift certificate.

At the March meeting, Craft Supply gift certificates were won by:

- Corky Lunceford, \$10.00 for best show-and-tell
- Mickey Burns, \$10 for best challenge item
- Dan Yost, \$40.00 by raffle
- Carol Little, \$10.00 by raffle
- Erika Kendra, \$10.00 by raffle

May Challenge

In the 13 years the AVWA has been in existence we have done about all the challenges one can think of. That's where I am now — what to suggest that has not been done before, maybe more than once. So, once again, the challenge will be TOPs. Use your imagination and let's see what turns, (pun intended). For members that receive the *American Woodturner* magazine, look at the inside cover of the February 2014 issue to get some great ideas.

March Show & Tell



Winner: Corky Lunceford, Riverboat gambler's hat



Above:
Corky Lunceford, half-vase wall plaque

Left:
Dan Yost, Ash and Brazillian cherry

March Challenge: Beads of Courage boxes



Winner: Mickey Burns,
Maple, cherry, walnut, and paduak



Randy Smith, Walnut



Martin Littleton, Maple burl



Bob Clarke, Maple burl & walnut



Steve Moe, Pierced walnut



Martin Littleton, Russian olive and carob



Corky Lunceford, Walnut

March Challenge: Beads of Courage boxes (continued)



Far left:
Erika Kendra,
North island pine

Near left:
Dan Yost,
Silver maple



Far left:
Corky Lunceford,
Walnut

Near left:
Don Mourton,
Maple and
paduak



Dan Yost, Brazillian cherry



Charley Williams, Bubinga



Dan Yost, Silver maple