

Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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NEXT MEETING

Jan. 17, 2015
9:00 AM - Noon

Dan Yost's shop

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Presidents Comments.....

The November annual AVWA covered dish luncheon was another outstanding event. The food was plentiful and Bob Clark barbequed the tri-tips to perfection. Twenty three members and guests attended the meeting, demonstration, and luncheon. Thanks to Mickey Burns for his educational discussion and demonstration. We hope to see Mickey doing another demonstration in September 2015.

This is my last AVWA newsletter. I have enjoyed writing the newsletter since the AVWA inception in April 2001 but it's time for me to "trim-some-sail". I would like to thank those members who contributed and assisted me in my efforts. The newsletter will remain in good hands as Erika Kendra has volunteered to accept the task.

AVWA News.....

2014 was an eventful year for the AVWA. A review of major events follows.

January: A benefactor donated homemade, antique, and new in box tools and parts to the AVWA. These items were sold by silent auction and increased our cash reserve significantly.

Also: The AVWA By-Laws were revised, i.e., Revision #2, and made available to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to update AVWA's 501 (c) 3 Non Profit status.

March: The AVWA provided bowls and a sizeable monetary sum to the Beads of Courage charity which provides the bowls to children being treated for cancer. The children use the bowls to keep their Beads of Courage in. The AVWA membership recommends that we continue to support this charity in 2015.

April: The AVWA display at the Lancaster Library was possibly the best to date. The AVWA Board recommends this project be continued in 2015.



A number of club members won ribbons at the Antelope Valley Fair in August. Pictured here are some of the winning entries.

AVWA News (continued)

May: The charity for May was to make finger spun tops for the local VFW to give to children receiving long term care in local hospitals. This is an on-going charity and anyone can make and give tops to Erika Kendra.

June: Classes began for new members wishing to learn wood-turning started. This program is proving to be enjoyable to both students and instructors.

July: The charity for July was to turn 75 pen blanks for the Rockler store in Glendale who stained them pink and assembled them to be given to women being treated for cancer, family members, and friends to further the battle on breast cancer.

August: AVWA members had great success at the Lancaster Fair as they won 7 first place blue ribbons for turnings and one member also won a blue ribbon for furniture construction. See pictures below.

September: A benefactor donated a sizable amount of wood to the AVWA which was sold by silent auction.

Also, September was election month and several Board positions were filled for 2015-2016.

November: An active member of the AVWA donated the funds he received from the sale of a like new expensive saw.

Conclusion: AVWA Board members agreed that the AVWA is fulfilling the requirements of its mission statement. See minutes for Board meeting, September 19, 2014.

2015 Schedule

The 2015 meeting schedule is as follows:

January: Dan Yost will demonstrate making a three-cornered box.

March: Charley Williams and Don Mourton will demonstrate techniques for setting up and turning a segmented vessel.

May: Martin Littleton will demonstrate techniques for turning a lidded box.

July: Bob Clarke will present (topic to be determined).

September: Mickey Burns will demonstrate a variety of measuring tools and technique.

November: First annual fundraising auction, accompanied by the annual potluck dinner.

Meeting Recap

Martin Littleton won the November challenge (holiday ornaments), and donated his \$10 Craft Supplies gift certificate to the club raffle. Don Mourton won the Show & Tell challenge. Photos of their winning work are on Pages 3 and 4.

Mickey Burns gave a very informative presentation about making custom turning tools. Apologies for not including a picture, but the camera was broken before his discussion.

In addition to our regular raffle, a number of donated tools and items were auctioned off, all proceeds benefitting the AVWA. Thank you to donors for their generosity.

Please keep our club in mind when you clean out your garages this winter! Funds raised from the raffles and any auctions help keep our club solvent, and allow us to continue programs such as funding member attendance at local turning classes. Our numbers are growing, and we hope to see the club continue to thrive in the years to come.



At the November meeting, 23 members and guests learned about making custom turning tools during Mickey Burns's presentation.

November Challenge: Holiday Ornaments



Winner: Martin Littleton. Dyed Eucalyptus (left and center); Bamboo (right).



Clockwise from above left:
 Charley Williams, Peach and Purpleheart ornaments
 Dan Yost, Birdhouses
 Dave Acuna, Birdhouse
 Dan Yost, Snowmen

November Show & Tell.....



Winner: Don Mourton. Almond bowl



Martin Littleton, NIP hollowform



Corky Lunceford, Brazillian Cherry bowl-from-a-board



Martin Littleton, Honey Locust natural-edge bowl



Martin Littleton, Unknown wood bowl

**Apologies for photos that are not included here. Apparently dropping the camera can damage the memory card, so a number of photos were lost from this month's Show & Tell. Also, if anything is misidentified here, please let me know and I will include a correction in the next issue.*