

Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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Happy New Year! With the first meeting of the new year, we welcomed a new club president at the January 2015 meeting. Don Mourton takes over as club president, and Dan Yost assumes the seat of Past President. Thank you, Dan, for your years of dedication to the club!

Otto Zahn, who was elected at the September meeting, assumed the role of Vice President. By general assent, Erika Kendra assumed the post of Secretary in addition to being the newsletter editor and webmaster.

January's meeting had a great turnout, with 20 members and one guest attending. Hosts Dan and Arlene provided taco soup for the chilly morning... thank you for keeping us warm from the inside out!

A reminder to all club members:

annual dues are now payable. If you haven't yet done so, please bring your \$25 to the next meeting (members over 80 are free). Bob Clarke will provide you with a receipt for your records.

Training & Education

Current training efforts are going very well, thanks to the members who generously donate their time and skills to teach new turners. This month's Show & Tell winner, Debbie Engle, is one of the new turners who has been taking advantage of these training projects. Congratulations, Debbie, on a lovely turning!

At the January meeting, the idea of continuing to enhance our club's mentoring efforts was raised. Anyone willing to teach or mentor

Next Meeting

Mar. 21, 2015
9:00 AM - Noon
Martin Littleton's shop

Challenge

Decorated turning

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AVWA is an official local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW).



Incoming president Don Mourton (left) presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing president Dan Yost (right) for his many years of dedication to the club. By unanimous decision of the board, Dan is now our club's first official lifetime member.



Last year's contribution to the Beads of Courage project from AVWA members.

should provide their name and specialties to Erika Kendra. (In other words, “I’m Joe Turner, and I can help with hollowing and finials.”) She will add a new page to our website with the relevant information, so that new turners can find the right person to help learn a specific skill.

Also regarding training: Keep in mind that the club will reimburse any member who wants to attend a woodturning training session that is sponsored by another club, up to \$30 per event. Each member can be reimbursed for up to two events per year. This offer is valid as long as the budgeted funds remain available. Bob reminded us that the fund was not used up last year, so don’t miss out on this opportunity.

Beads of Courage Project

The March meeting, which will be held at Martin Littleton’s shop March 21, will include a demonstration on making lidded boxes. This leads in to the May

challenge, which will be our second Beads of Courage lidded box challenge.

The Beads of Courage project provides support for children with serious illness. Kids are given a necklace with their name spelled in beads; every time they receive another treatment or procedure, they get a new bead to add to their string. Woodturners around the country, including our club, support this effort by making boxes for the kids to store their beads.

Don Mourton says the boxes we made last year were given to children in the Los Angeles area. The AVWA is proud to participate in this charity again this year. The special Beads of Courage beads, which should be incorporated into the bowl design if possible, will be available at the March meeting for anyone who wants to participate.

(More information about the organization can be found at www.beadsofcourage.com.)



January How-To: Three-Cornered Bowl

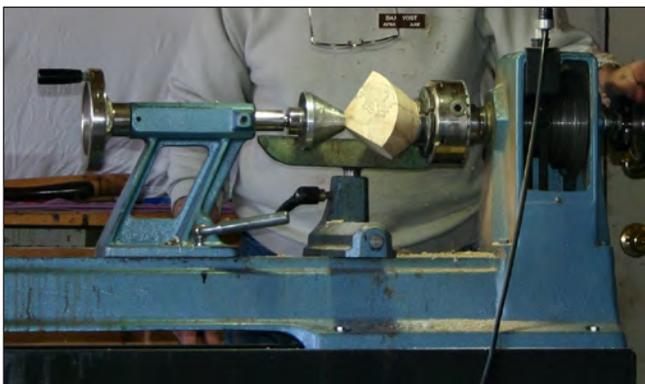
Demonstration by Dan Yost



Step 1: Mount a perfectly square cube between the lathe headstock and tailstock. Make sure the starting block is exactly square, or the three corners will not be equal.



Step 2: Turn the outside shape of the bowl nearest to the headstock. Cut a tenon for mounting in a chuck.



Step 3: Mount the block in a chuck using the tenon from Step 2. Use a live center (without the point) in the tailstock to support the outer point.



Step 4: Check the runout (the distance between each corner and the tool rest). The distance should be equal for each of the three corners.



Step 5: Pull back the tailstock, turn off the outside corner, then core out the inside of the bowl as normal.



Final notes: If you plan to work on the same again later, do not remove the piece from the chuck.



January Show & Tell



Winner: Debbie Engle, Carob bowl



David Gecy, Chinese elm bowl



Don Mourton, Walnut stump bowl



Dan Yost, Square maple bowl



David Gecy, Tree topper



Martin Littleton, Carolina cherry burl hollowform

