

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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## Presidents Message

This is my first newsletter as your 2017 president. I am looking forward to another great year with the AVWA. Our annual November meeting and potluck was a great success. We had Larry Knight and his grandson attend the meeting for the first time. Additionally, Charles and Elizabeth Roark joined us as well. It was great seeing new faces and enjoying their company. The membership enjoyed the many offerings that everyone brought to the potluck along with mass quantities

of barbequed tri-tip and barbequed bratwurst.

### Annual Tool Silent Auction

Many members also donated tools and other items to our annual tool auction. The club raised \$290.00 at the sale. Last year the money was used to fund the expenses of a guest demonstrator at one of our meetings. At our January meeting we can decide if we can make any special plans for this money. Thanks to everyone who donated and bought items at the meeting.

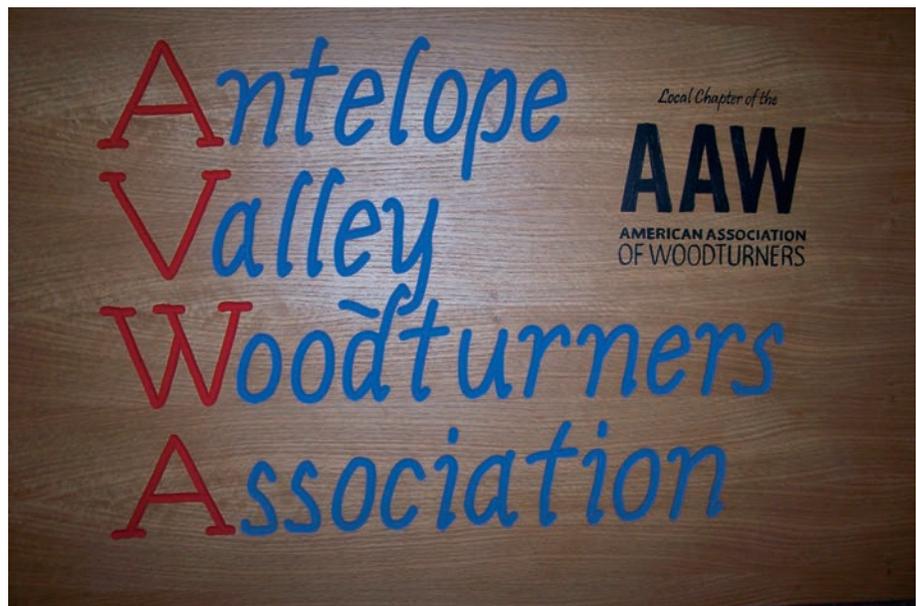
## Meeting Items

### Special Thanks

The president expressed the club's thanks to Michael Mann for making the sign used by the club at the Antelope Valley Fair. It is a great to have such a professional looking sign at our public functions.

### Annual Library and Museum Display

At the meeting we discussed our annual display at the Lancaster Public Library. The membership agreed to display member's artwork in the April timeframe. Mickey Burns



## Next Meeting

January 21, 2017  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Hill View Middle School  
40525 Peonza Lane  
Palmdale, CA 93551

## Challenge

Try something new!

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offered to coordinate this activity and the membership was grateful for his help. It was also agreed that the club would no longer offer a prize to the library patrons like we have done in the past.

Mickey also presented information about displaying woodturned items at the Lancaster Museum of Art History. The club agreed to find out more information on this subject and to take Mickey up on his offer to organize activity as well.

### 2017 Membership Dues

January always bring a new year and another round of membership dues. These dues cover the many expenses the club faces each year. Dues are \$25 per year. However, members over 80 years of age are free. Also, children under 18 years old attending with a family member need not pay. Our new treasure Matt Stewart will begin collecting dues at the January meeting.

### Secretary Position

It was announced that Erika would not be able to continue working as our recording secretary. Erika's husband is having some medical issues and her attention understandably needs to be with him right now. She will continue on as our Newsletter editor and Web-master.

All the members present expressed the gratitude for all the work Erika does for our chapter. Additionally, the group expressed the best wishes for Erika and her husband Roger.

If anyone would like to be our recording secretary please let me know? Otherwise, your records are only as good my memory and the memory is the second thing to go! By-the-way, the knees were the first thing to go, so I must still have my memory, I think.

### 2017 Meeting Demonstration Schedule

The following demonstration schedule was set for our 2017 meetings;

- January 21: Bob Clark will be demonstrating at a place TBD.
- March 18: Bob Clark agreed to find a guest demonstrator for this meeting at a place TBD
- May 20: Martin Littleton will demonstrating at his shop
- July 15: Steve Moe will demonstrating at a place TBD
- Sept. 16: Dan Yost will be demonstrating at his shop
- Nov. 18: Annual pot-luck, barbeque and tool sale.

### Professional Demonstrations

It was announced that the Glendale Woodturners' Guild is planning to have at least three professional demonstrations in 2017. More information will follow when it becomes available. AVWA members are reimbursed for up to \$60 per year to attend professional demonstrations. This reimbursement is limited to the total amount budgeted in our January membership meeting.

### Show and Tell

Several members brought items to our November Show and Tell.

Debbie Angle brought a bottle opener made out of pecan wood. The bottle opener was inspired out of a design she found in Wood Magazine. Just the thing you need for your favorite carbonated beverage. After you are finished working in the shop of course. Great job Debbie.



Corky Lunceford brought a vase he made from the fork of a buckeye tree. The design gave almost a winged figure to the piece. Additionally, Corky filled the recesses in the vase with turquoise inlay.



Martin Littleton won the Show and Tell gift certificate with his hat made from walnut. Martin explained how it is difficult to turn a cowboy hat from a dark wood like walnut because you cannot use a bright light shining through the wood to determine the hat's

thickness. Unlike old western movies, sometimes, the good guys wear the black (or dark brown) cowboy hats. Great job Martin.



### November Challenge

Martin also won the November challenge of a holiday ornament with his egg made with buckeye that was stained and textured.



### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be 9:00am on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

Place:

Hill View Middle School  
40525 Peonza Lane  
Palmdale, CA 93551

We will be meeting in the Wood Shop located in room 125.

Driving directions will be sent out prior to the meeting.

### The Challenge for the January Meeting: “Try Something New”

At the January meeting our challenge will be to “try something new”. It can be a new project you have never made before or a new technique you have never used before. What ever is new to each individual member is acceptable. For example, if you had never made a hollow form before, now is your chance to try one. If you always wanted to try surface treatments make a piece and decorate it. The winner will be determined by a combination of the best turned piece and best story about the turner’s experience.

Remember, it is never too early to start your Beads of Courage box.

See you at the next meeting

– Bob Clark