

Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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Presidents Message

Our May meeting was well attended, with at least 25 members present. Martin's workshop was a great place for the meeting and Martin as always had a great demonstration on how to create a composite wooden and acrylic sphere. I

have yet to figure out how to turn a wooden sphere, so I was impressed. I hope we have a big turnout at our July meeting in support of the Freedom Pens Project. Lets do some good for our troops overseas.

Volunteer Help Needed — Meeting Photographer Needed

There is a lack of photos of our last meeting in this copy of the newsletter. It seems that I remembered to take photos right after the meeting was over. If anyone can vol-

unteer to take pictures at the meeting I will even provide the camera and once again we can have photograph evidence of what we do.

Antelope Valley Fair Entries

Time is running out to enter your woodturned items in the Antelope Valley Fair. The AV Fair's website is now accepting entries until July 8th. Last year Martin Littleton and I were the only two AVWA members to enter the fair. Martin did well, in fact he won the Best of Show. It was the first time I entered and I even

picked up a few first place ribbons myself. There are so many categories that there is room for everyone and it is great fun. So let's have everyone who can enter something in the Fair this year.

The application can be filled out online at <http://www.avfair.com/exhibit-entries/>

Annual Library and Museum Display

Our annual library display at the Lancaster Public Library went well (photos are on the next page). Many members presented examples of different types of woodturning.

Thanks to everyone who took part in this year's display. New members are encouraged to participate in future events.

Meeting Items

Show and Tell

Several members brought items to our May Show and Tell. Martin won the show and tell with his walnut cowboy hat. Great Job Martin!



Next Meeting

July 15, 2017
7:00 AM - ??

Dan Yost's shop
43908 Windsor Place
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Challenge

None

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

May Challenge Winner

Michael Mann won the May challenge with his flower design. Unfortunately, I did not get a photo, but it was excellent.

Because we are having a special event we will not have a challenge at the July meeting.

Martin's Acrylic and Wood Sphere Demo

Martin demonstrated how he makes a sphere using a plastic Christmas tree ornament, wood scraps and casting resin. As always it was an excellent demonstration.



Our Next Meeting:

July 15 Meeting and Freedom Pens Project

Our July 15 meeting will be held at Dan Yost's shop; this is a change from what we had announced at the May meeting. Dan's house is located off 30th Street West by Antelope Valley College; his address is:

43908 Windsor Pl.
Lancaster, CA. 93536

At our July meeting the AVWA is teaming with Rockler Woodworking and The Kern Woodturners to support the Freedom Pens organization, by building pens for our service men and women serving overseas. Rockler is supplying the materials and all we need to do is turn pens. A handmade pen will not change their lives, but it will let them know someone cares.

To help beat the heat we are planning on starting this activity at 7:00 a.m. However, if you over-sleep come anyway; we have plenty of pens to turn. There will be at least three lathes. Best of all, there be mass quantities of food (including donuts), cold water, and coffee — so we should have a good time.



The AVWA display at the Lancaster Public Library

Beads of Courage Boxes

At our September meeting the AVWA will have our annual Beads of Courage challenge. Remember, it is never too early to start your Beads of Courage box. Information on Beads of Courage boxes is available at <http://bobclarkswiki.wikispaces.com/file/view/Beads+of+Courage+handout.pdf>

See you at the next meeting
Bob Clark