

Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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Presidents Message



This newsletter is later than normal. Was waiting to hear from Rockler Woodworking about our July meeting's planned Freedom Pens Project. Unfortunately, Rockler will not be sponsoring our Freedom Pens Turn-a-Thon this

year. Therefore, our plans for our July 21st meeting have changed and I will be presenting an overview of Segment Pro 3-D segmented woodturning software. We will be meeting at Mark Mayo's shop in Bear Valley. I was talking to Mark on Sunday and it was 102 degrees at my house and only 84 degrees at Mark's place. I will be sending out directions later this week.

Meeting Items

Antelope Valley Fair

The president announced that once again the AVWA will be demonstrating at the Antelope Valley Fair. This year we have agreed to demonstrate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights during the fair. It was great fun last year and I will be contacting members to volunteer for two hour shifts this year. Fair dates this year are August 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Beads of Courage Boxes

The president encouraged everyone to build beads of Courage Boxes for the September 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. The boxes need to be big enough for a child to get their hand into and be about six inches around and five inches tall. More information on the Beads of Courage program can be found at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org>



Next Meeting

July 21, 2018
9:00 AM - ??

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

The May Challenge

The challenge at the meeting was to bring a repurposed or hand made tool used in woodturning. The kicker was that the tool had to cost less than \$10.00. There were many useful innovative tools, jigs, and templates shared by the members. Steve Moe, king of handmade jigs and fixtures, brought a bunch of them to share. Michael Mann, Mickey Burns, and many others contributed to the challenge.



Martin's Demonstration

At the meeting Martin Littleton demonstrated how to turn a simple bowl from start to finish. Martin has the ability to make something simple into a work of art. Great work Martin.



The 2018 AAW Symposium

Matt Stewart and I attended this year's AAW Woodturning Symposium in Portland this June. It was great fun and I for one spent too much money but it was money well spent. I also had the pleasure of meeting up with two of our club's founders, Brad Stave and Dave Rich. They and their families are all doing well. It was fun catching up on old times; even though we had not seen each other in years, it was like they never left.



Raffle Items

We had great support with donated raffle items at our May meeting. Bring any unneeded items, like wood or tools to the meeting to help with the raffle. Remember, your donations to the club are tax deductible from your federal and state income taxes.

Bob