

Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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Presidents Message

We had a good turnout for our January meeting with several potential new members. We welcomed Cameron Alcanter, his friend Ashley, Aram Granger and his son Vinton to our meeting; thanks for joining us and we hope to see you again in the future.



At the meeting we discussed our plans for the year. It looks like it will be another great year but it can only be great if we all join in and participate. So lets have some fun and turn some wood.

2018 Dues

If you have not paid your 2018 membership dues Matt will be able to collect your 2018 club dues at the next meeting. The dues are only \$25 per year. Members over 80 years of age do not need to pay. The dues are needed to keep our club going for all the events we have planned for the next year.

Next Meeting

March 17, 2018
9:00 AM - ??

Joe Walker Middle School
5632 W Avenue L8
Lancaster, CA 93536

Challenge

Fruit

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January's Meeting Items

Annual Display at the Lancaster Public Library

In 2018 we are also planning our annual display at the Lancaster Public Library. Mickey Burns volunteered to organize this activity. This will be a great opportunity to introduce the community to woodturning; the annual display has always been a highlight of the club's year. The library has two display cases where members can exhibit their woodturned pieces. Mickey will have more information at the March meeting.

The 2018 AAW Symposium:



The 2018 American Association of Woodturners Symposium will be in Portland, Oregon on June 14th – 17th. The last time the AAW Symposium was on the west coast was 2007, so plan on attending.

I have attended two AAW Symposium and it is a must see. I will be there, it is a fantastic learning event. More information can be found on <http://www.woodturner.org/page/2018Portland>



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

Freedom Pens Project Special Event

At our July meeting the AVWA is teaming with Rockler Woodworking to support the Freedom Pens Foundation organization, by building pens for our service men and women serving overseas. A handmade pen will not change their lives, but it will let them know someone cares.

Rockler is supplying the materials and all we need to do is turn pens.

We would also like to invite members of the Kern Woodturners to join us. Mark Mayo has volunteered his shop in Tehachapi to host this event.

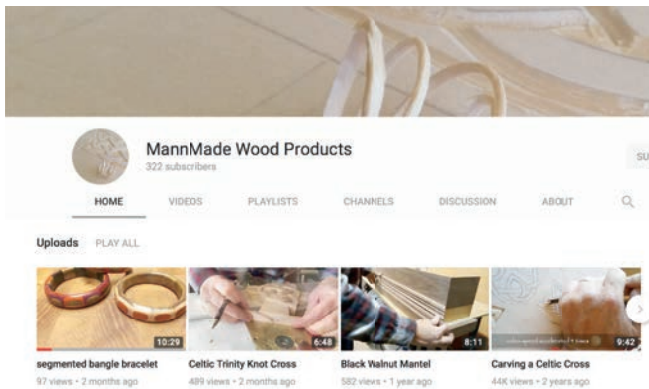
Last year the AVWA made 50 pens for our service men and women. It was great fun



Last year's Freedom Pens Project Turn-a-Thon

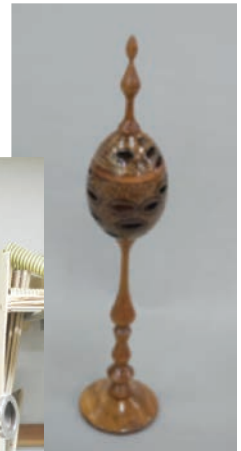
Michael Mann's YouTube Channel

We showed a YouTube video of making wooden bangle bracelets on a wood lathe by our own Vice-President Michael Mann. I was great fun. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFC7YeOmZQZEcP8dj3pZyqw>



January Meeting's Demo

At our January meeting I demonstrated turning Banksia pods and making of a Banksia lidded finial box.



January Challenge: "Fruit"

Mickey Burns won the challenge with his wooden pomegranate. Great job Mickey!



Mickey's pomegranate

March Woodturning Meeting and Special Event

This year the Antelope Valley Woodturners were pleased to have Bill Clark join us for a demonstration. This year on March 17 the AVWA is having a short three-hour or so demonstration techniques for surface treatment and enhancing your work. Bill is a member of the Kern Woodturners and true artist on and off the lathe. There is no charge for this event.



Enhancing Your Work Off The Lathe

Meeting Time:

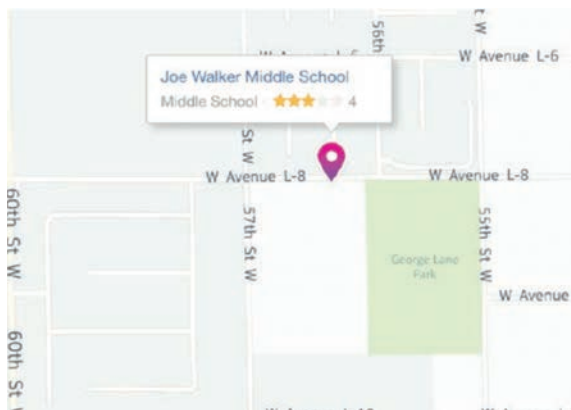
The meeting will be 9:00 am on Saturday, March 17, 2018. It should finish about 1:00.

The location:

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5632 W Avenue L8
Lancaster, CA 93536

Directions

From the Antelope Valley Freeway take the off-ramp at Avenue "L" heading West.
At 50th Street West turn Left to Avenue L-8.
Take a right turn on Avenue "L-8" and proceed 6/10 of a mile to 5632 W Avenue L8.
If you get lost call me at 661-886-0114



Meeting Challenge: Turn an Egg:

For this meeting our challenge will be to turn an egg. Also, we plan try something new by having two challenge categories.

- Intermediate category: This challenge category is for members and guests who have never won a challenge.
- Advanced category: This challenge category is for members who have won a challenge in the past.

Therefore, everyone has a chance to win. So, turn an egg for the meeting.



Eggs made for the 2016 challenge by Randy Smith

Raffle Items

Bring any unneeded items and wood to the meeting to help with the raffle. Remember, your donations to the club are tax-deductible from your federal and state income taxes.

See you at the next meeting and remember, it is never too early to start your Beads of Courage Boxes.

Also, remember to bring your show-n-tell items and challenge items to the meeting.

Bob