

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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## Presidents Message . . . . .



I was unable to attend our May meeting but I hear that Michael Mann did a great filling in for me. I would also like to thank Bruce

Barron for hosting the meeting. I

understand the meeting was success.

I would also like to remind everyone that our annual participation in the Antelope Valley Fair. This year we will be demonstrating on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. As always, many volunteers are needed. It is always fun seeing the looks on the kids faces when they see us turning wood.

## Special Announcement: "Free Stuff" . . .

The AV Woodturners have received a donation of many segmented rings wood finishes and other items from the estate of the late Emil Pomerleau. His wife Becky would love to see Emil's work put a good use. She particularly liked the idea of

Beads of Courage Boxes. Anyway, I now have a pick-up cab and bed full of segmented stuff that needs to find a good home. Please come by and take some of it off my hands. This is a photo of just some of the rings:



## May Meeting Notes . . . . .

### Safety Tip

The Michael shared his safety tip to make sure all your tool rests are set at the correct height. Set your tool rest at a height that enables your tools to cut along the centerline of your work. When the tool rest is set to low your tools can be pulled to the right past the center of the work causing the turner to lose control.



Meeting Photos By Paul Maroney

## Next Meeting

July 20, 2019  
9:00 AM - ??

Mark Mayo's shop  
30340 Rollingoak Dr.  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

Challenge:  
Child's toy

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

Bruce Barron also shared some information and a short video example of what NOT to do on the table saw. Since many woodturners use other woodworking machines. The ideas shared were about crosscutting on the table saw using both the fence and the miter gauge at the same time; material can become “pinched” between the fence and the blade and is prone to violent kickback. Instead, use a stop block clamped to the fence that allows for clearance between the blade and the fence. Many members were not aware of this safety issue. This item was discussed for several minutes. It was suggested that in one of our upcoming meetings at one of the local schools the club can do some safety demonstrations on some of the common power tools (table saw, drill press, router, etc...).

### The May Demonstration

Bruce Barron demonstrated Open Segmented Woodturning at the May Meeting



### Beads of Courage Coming in September

Start your Beads of Courage Boxes. I know that finding wood the right size is sometimes difficult. But thanks to Becky's donation we have a bunch of segmented rings already made-up e have a lot of supplies that we can use for the boxes. Our September challenge is coming in just two months. A really sick child can have their life made a little brighter by what we do for them. Information on Beads of Courage boxes is available at <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html>



Some photos of prior Beads of Courage boxes; the last photo includes boxes donated by the fantastic students at Joe Walker Middle School. I did not use the pictures of the students because we did not have permission of their parents. But they did a great job.



## May Show and Tell



*We had many nice items for show and tell and our pointed edge challenge. In the photo Martin is showing his dizzy spheres.*



*Michael Mann showed his vase possibly inspired by a piano keyboard.*



*Paul James showed his hollow form made from a nice burl.*

## July Woodturning Meeting

The July Antelope Valley Woodturners will have Mickey Burns demonstrating at Mark Mayo's Home in the Bear Valley area of Tehachapi. It always a treat to meet at marks home in the summer. It is always about ten degrees cooler and the mountains provide a nice setting for the meeting. I will arrange for carpools to assist people on getting to the meeting. Mark needs a list of drivers a few days prior to the meeting

### Meeting Time:

The meeting will be 9:00 am on Saturday, July 20, 2019. It should finish about noon.

### The location:

Mark Mayo's shop  
30340 Rollingoak Dr.  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

### July Meeting Challenge:

A Child's Toy

### Raffle Items

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

### Show-n-Tell

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

Bob