

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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The next AVWA meeting is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at Paul's shop. Bill Riedhart will demonstrate making a pepper grinder using a Crush Grind mechanism.



Members brought some interesting turnings to the January meeting. This "Red Hat" was turned by Dan Yost

## **AVWA Mission**

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## **(New) President's Comments by Dan Yost**

I would like to thank the AVWA membership for showing their confidence in me by selecting me as their president for the next two years. I have been associated with the AVWA since its inception on April 24, 2001. I am filling the forth presidency. Our first president and founder was Brad Stave, a master woodturner and excellent instructor. The AVWA membership assisted Brad in building a shop in his backyard where we met on a monthly basis until Brad's job caused him to move to Seattle. Our second president was Phil Bock who, like Brad, moved to a better job. Our third president, and still a member, was Paul Boyd who is graciously allowing the AVWA to continue meeting in his large, heated, and well equipped shop.

A number of people have joined the AVWA and then just faded away due, I suppose, to moving or loss of interest. The AVWA is fortunate, however, to have a cadre of dedicated woodturners who have stayed with the Association and made it a fun organization. My goal is to adhere to our mission and endeavor to attract addition woodturners. Our mission statement and application is included in this newsletter for members to use should they know of some one who might be interested in joining the AVWA.

I would like to see a change in our demonstrations. We have seen nearly all our members demonstrate their specialties. I suggest that we go into a more teaching mode with the demonstrator teaching other members his/her techniques of turning, a 'hands-on' approach. We will discuss this approach at our next meeting. I will entertain any comments/ideas from members on ways to improve our AVWA.

There are a number of non-active members on our email list. A non-active member is a person who has not attended a meeting in over a year. These members may have moved or just lost interest in the Association. The first of the year is a good time to review our email listing and remove non-active members. If however, a non-active member would like to continue receiving our newsletter we will gladly keep that person on our listing. Below are names of members that are in jeopardy of losing our newsletter.

Terry Lewis  
Jack Seefus  
Terrell Hasker  
Renee Nicvich  
Ethan Rockett  
Duane Davis

If you want to continue to receive our newsletter please contact our editor, Bill Riedhart or me via email or telephone.

## **(New) Vice President Comments by Robert E De Harrold**

I'd like to thank the members of AVWA for showing their confidence in me by electing me Vice President of your club. I look forward to the coming years of sharing turning experiences and company with veteran and new members alike.

I started turning in the summer of 2004 and was immediately enthralled with the new passion. Watching Woodturning basics on the DIY channel, I tried to figure out the mystique of wood turning. After some painstaking failures and some successes, I happened on the AAW website where I found the AVWA and I'm glad I did. The information that has been shared in the bimonthly meetings has saved me weeks if not months of learning curves. In the summer of 2006 I attended a 1 week basic course of woodturning with Craft Supplies under the supervision of Dale Nish. (A course I'd recommend to anyone wishing to hone their skills) Not only did I get some really good guidance on woodturning but walked away with the lathe of my dreams, as Craft Supplies was outfitting their shop with new equipment, Dale made me an offer that I couldn't refuse. Currently I'm building a website (My woodturnings.com) to display some of the fruits of my passion. I have plans to attend the intermediate course this summer with Craft Supplies. Mostly, I look forward to the solitude that comes with the discovery that takes place when I take a tool to a new piece of wood and reveal the natural beauty that lies beneath. In keeping with the purpose and intent of the AAW, I look forward to do my part to foster a wider understanding of woodturning via sharing education and information with fellow woodturners.

Sincerely

Robert E. De Harrold

## **January Meeting Summary**

The January meeting was held at Paul Boyd's shop, Thanks Paul! The main business at the meeting was the election of a new President and Vice President for a 2 year term. It was good to see we had some volunteers for the positions and resulted in Dan Yost being elected to President and Robert De Harrold to Vice President. Welcome to the offices and we're sure you will both do a great job over the next 2 years.

After the treasurer's report there was some discussion about the best way to use some of the money including more demonstrations by professionals. Another suggestion was to purchase a tool to demonstrate during the club meeting and then raffle it off at the end.

The demonstration schedule for this year was roughed out (see this later in the newsletter) and Corky claimed July to have our annual picnic which we all look forward to, thanks Corky. Some future events were discussed (see below). The Buckeye burls are still in work.

We saw some great show and tell pieces by some of the members, Martin, Keith, Alex, Robert, Dan and one guest, Reiker. We had a good raffle including gift certificates for Rafts Supply, nice pieces of wood and palm, and after the demonstration, Dan's lidded round box.

Guests at the meeting included Reiker, Damon, Linda and Nathan.

## Show and tell from January Meeting



Turned eggs by Alex Elias



Martin's beautiful vases and a full size hat



Reiker and a Palm wood Bowl



Robert and his natural edge bowl

## January Demonstration

Dan Yost demonstrated his technique for making a lidded box. He started with a block of dry wood glued to a round scrap block held in the chuck. He then shaped the outside of the block into the desired shape using a combination of a bowl gouge and a bedan tool.



Here Dan is tackling the task of hollowing the vessel using an arm brace and a specially shaped square tool bit. This is always the scary part for most wood turners but Dan had several members try their hand at it and some of our experienced members contributed their techniques

One of our guests, Nathan, tried his hand at shaping the outside of the vessel with some guidance from Dan. Nathan gets a free youth membership and is very interested in wood turning. This is a great benefit of a club, teaching young and old alike the world of wood turning. A membership application is attached to this newsletter



## Up coming events

### Sequoia Woodturners of Fresno:

Several members are going to the David Ellsworth demonstration in Fresno on March 13<sup>th</sup>. It will make a long day as Fresno is about 3 ½ hours each way but it will be well worth the driving time and \$25.00 entry fee to see one of America's top wood turners. When I called in late January there were still spots available. They have a large projection screen and video cameras so everyone should be able to see and a new sound system with mikes so every one can hear.

### Woodworking Shows

May 2-4 is the Woodworking Show in Pomona if anyone is interested. Also, the Costa Mesa Woodworking Show is scheduled for November in Anaheim, but no date set yet for this year.

## 2008 Demonstration Schedule

This is the tentative schedule as determined at the January meeting. As always if we get a chance to have a professional available that we can afford we will change one of these to them.

March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Riedhart – Pepper grinder with Crush Grind
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Martin –
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Corky's for the annual club picnic/pot luck
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Robert De Harrold
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Yost

## AAW News

Angelo lafrate, AAW President, has asked me to forward the following message:

Kip Christensen has informed the AAW that the Utah Symposium will no longer be held at Brigham Young University. In 2008 the Utah Symposium will be held at the Utah Valley State College, which is close to BYU, on May 22 - 24, 2008.

This change in dates is important to the entire woodturning community because the dates no longer conflict with the AAW Richmond Symposium on June 20 - 22 2008. Attendees and demonstrators are now free to attend both Symposia instead of having to choose between one and the other.

For some reason Kip will not be able to get the word out very soon, so the AAW wishes to do so via this mass e-mail to the Chapter Presidents. Please inform your members of this change in place and dates. Angelo can be reached at [angelo@woodturner.org](mailto:angelo@woodturner.org).

### Videographer wanted

If you know an accomplished videographer who consistently gets great shots of demonstrations I need your help.

Our goal is to put the best videographers in the AAW behind the cameras at the 2008 Symposium in Richmond, VA. The best videographers will be given a complimentary symposium registration in exchange for doing the video at six sessions. Videographers will be selected based upon recommendations of club presidents, AAW board members, and Mini Symposium leaders. If your club has a great Videographer, who might come to Richmond, please let me know.

To recommend a videographer for Richmond: Send an e-mail to  
video@hockenbery.net  
Subject: Video Recommendation

Include:

- Videographer's name
- Videographer's e-mail address
- Your name and position
- A brief recommendation (150 words or less)

Thanks for your help,  
Al Hockenbery  
AAW Conference Chair

### **Discount for AAW members**

To AAW club officers, officials, and others to whom it may concern:

The information below can be found at <http://donpencil.com/AAWSPECIALS.htm>

I recently have been providing these discounts to various club and forum members through web pages not generally known to or viewable by others.

The page listed above is for AAW club members. A sample of the JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2008 page is provided below.

I hope this will be of benefit to the members of AAW as it has to others.

You will notice that the Jan-Feb 2008 is rather generous at 20% off. It will decrease in after that and will not always include all of our products, but will still be very substantial and change every month.

You may disseminate the information any way you feel will best inform your fellow AAW members.

The discount code or the above web address can be placed in your monthly newsletter, on the club web site, on a members web site, e-mail to the members, given out at your monthly meetings.

Or all of the above. You are free to use the information as you see fit.

I will be sending you an e-mail every month in time for you to get the information out in a timely fashion for the following months AAW special from Don Pencil Woodturning.

Each month the web address will remain the same, but the code will change and the web page will be updated.

From time to time I am able to ship products free of charge to your club for fund raisers and/or awards. I cannot do it every month as there are over 200 AAW clubs. Let me know if that is something you are interested in and I will put your club on the list.

Also, new product information and special discounts on them will be sent to you for those items as they are available.

Please let me know what else I can do to serve you and your club.

Be Well,

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20% off All Don Pencil Woodturning Products (blem, seconds, and SC100P not included)

Use coupon code when you check out: AAW8115SP

### **January 2008 AAW Executive Director Letter**

The January letter is quite long so I printed this link for everyone to be able to read it. Also there is a lot of information on what is going on in the world of wood turning so you should check the website regularly. <http://www.woodturner.org/info/news/>

### **Links**

<http://www.anyexoticwoods.com/online-inventory/index.htm>

Keith Pipoly sent this link to wood turning online. <http://www.woodturningonline.com>

Crush Grind mechanism which is made from ceramic and won't corrode if used for things like salt. Also there is no protruding knob on the top as the adjustment is on the bottom.

<http://www.crushgrind.com/index.php?id=630>

<http://www.woodcraft.com>

[http://www.turnedtreasures.com/project.html/crochet\\_hook.html](http://www.turnedtreasures.com/project.html/crochet_hook.html)

The always popular Woodturner's catalog from Craft Supplies

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>

The AAW website is <http://www.woodturner.org>

### **Newsletter Editor Notes**

If you have any tips or information you would like to have included in our newsletters, please email me at [readman@as.net](mailto:readman@as.net) or catch me at the club meetings.

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



The Antelope Valley Woodturners' Association (AVWA) is a group of men and women that shape wood as a hobby or professionally. The AVWA is open to anyone who would like to try their hand at turning beautiful items from wood.

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## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send application to: AVWA, 9838 Ave S, Littlerock CA. 93543 or contact an AVWA member above. Membership is \$25.00 and includes an AVWA hat and nametag.

## Club Library

Here is a list of the videos in the club library. These videos are available for checkout by club members by asking for them at the meeting or calling Paul Boyd or Dan Yost and arranging to pick one up. I'm sure you will all find some new technique or idea from these and you should enjoy watching the. I encourage every to check them out.

Title	Description/ Comments	Tools /Forms	Format	Time	Date
American Assoc of Woodturners Techniques Video - Vol 1	Who We Are - What We Offer AAW National Symposium Demos by: Ellsworth, Crabb, Scarpino, Johananson and Mailland	Various	VHS	>3 hrs	2002 2000
Techniques Video - Vol 1 AAW Rude Osolnik 'Dean of Woodturners' (Orig)	AAW National Symposium Demos Woodturning Masters Series	Various	VHS		2001 1999
AAW Rude Osolnik 'Dean of Woodturners' (Copy)	Woodturning Masters Series		VHS		1999
Vessels of Illusion w/ Trent Bosch Woodturning w/ Arbortech (orig)	From wood lot to bandsaw to lathe... Use of Arbortech tools	Vessels Arbortech tool demo	VHS	83 min. 55 min	2002 2000
Woodturning w/ Arbortech (copy)	Use of Arbortech tools	Arbortech tool demo	VHS	55 min	2000
Baty Demo - Round Box (Copy 1)	Round Box Demo	Round Boxes	VHS		3/2/2002
Baty Demo - Round Box (Copy 2)	Round Box Demo	Round Boxes	VHS		3/2/2002
Baty Demo - Square Bowl	Square Bowl Demo	Square Bowl	VHS		3/2/2002
Baty Demo - Long Stem Goblet	Long Stem Goblet Demo	Long Stem Goblet	VHS		3/2/2002
Dan Yost & Wes Hall - Pen Turning Bowl Turning & Tool Sharpening	Pen Turning Demo Bowl Turning & Tool Sharpening Demos	Pens Bowls + Tool Sharpening	VHS		3/2/2002
Eli Avisera Demo - Vol 1/2	AVWA Demo by Eli Avisera		VHS		6/27/2004
Eli Avisera Demo - Vol 2/2	AVWA Demo by Eli Avisera		VHS		6/27/2004
Lyle Demo - Day 1/2	Lyle Training Class - Day 1		VHS		
Lyle Demo - Day 2/2	Lyle Training Class - Day 2		VHS		
Hosaluk Demo - Vol 2	Hosaluk Demo		VHS		
Bill Kelly Demo	Bill Kelly Demo		VHS		8/23/2003
Jean-Claude Brule Demo - Segmented Vic Wood Demo	Segmented Vessels Demo Orange Co. Demo by Vic Wood	Segmented	VHS		
Brad Stave Demo (Finials) & Steve Mink Demo (Multi-axis Scoops)	AVWA Demos on Finials & Scoops	Finials & Scoops	VHS		