

Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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Newsletter

Quote

"Show us a man who never makes a mistake and we will show a man who never makes anything. The capacity for occasional blundering is inseparable from the capacity to bring things to pass." Herman Lincoln Wayland (1830-1898)

Presidents Message



At our January meeting we had a good turnout and I would like to thank Michael Man, Hillview Middle School, and the Westside Union School District for use of their facilities to hold our meeting. At the meeting Michael Mann demonstrated how to make baby rattles. Michael also announced that his wife and he were soon to become grandparents. So on behalf of all the grandparents out there I like to welcome you to the best club in the world; that of being a grandparent.

At the meeting we agreed to change the March meeting to March 9th. The reason is that both the president and vice-president could not be available for the normal meeting date. So I hope to see everyone at my house on March 9th at 9:00am.

Also, at the meeting Bruce Barron suggested we have a challenge where everyone is given a single piece of wood and each member turn it into something out of that piece of wood. The idea seemed agreeable to everyone. Accordingly, at the March meeting I am going to hand out a section of hard maple to anyone wanting to make something for the challenge at the May Woodturning meeting. So let's see what each of us can make out of the same piece of wood.

American Association of Woodturners (AAW) Annual Symposium

This year the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) will have its annual symposium in Portland Oregon from May 23 – May 26. The Symposium only comes to the west coast every few years so make it if you can. Additionally, if you have never been to a AAW Symposium it is great fun and well worth your time.



The AAW Symposium URL
<https://www.aawsymposium.org>

Club Dues

If you have not paid your dues for 2024 please remember to do so:

- The annual dues are only \$25 per member
- Members over age 80 and under age 18 are exempt from paying dues.

Sanding Wax

Recently, I have been using sanding wax on my turnings. This seems to be the latest thing that companies use to help woodturners part with some of their cash. That being said once I tried them, I was hooked. This stuff actually works! There are many commercial bands of sanding wax. I think all the brands all work well. Some woodturners even make their own. Basically, sanding wax is an abrasive powder ranging from courser powders like volcanic pumas to finer powders like diatomaceous earth. These abrasive powders are mixed with a paraffin wax and mineral oil to form a paste. Sanding wax is not expensive and it lasts a long time so I do not bother making my own.

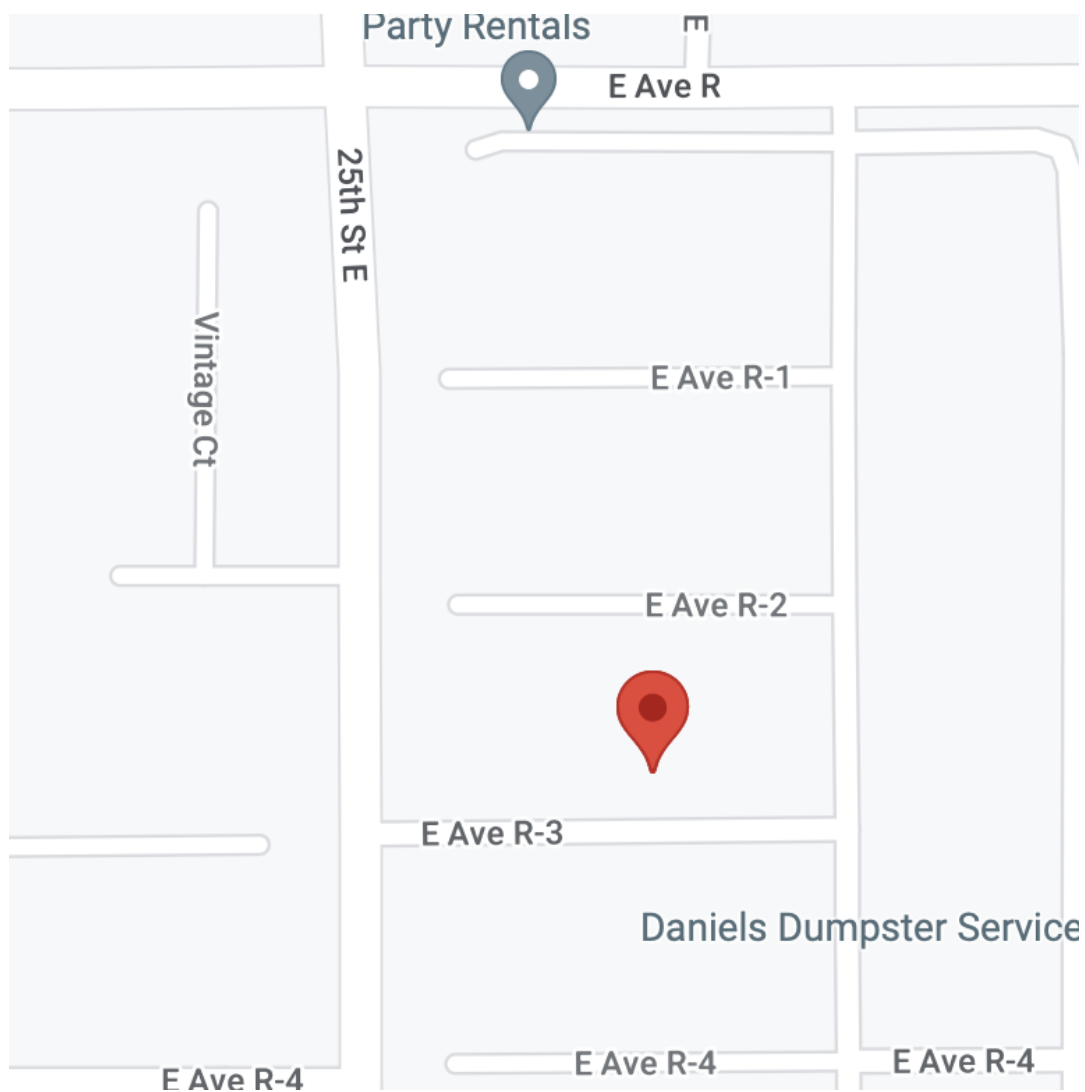
To use sanding wax; sand the turning to around 400 grit. Then a woodturner simply applies the wax to the wood. After the application of the wax, the lathe is turned on while polishing the turning with the lathe is running; simultaneously drying the work piece this a paper towel. You can use the sanding wax after the piece is finished and before the finished is applied. Assuming we have good weather; at the March meeting I will demonstrate how sanding wax works.

Next Meeting – March 9th, 2024 at 9:00am

Our presenter at the meeting will be: Bob Clark

Location:

Bob Clark's Home
2535 E Avenue R3
Palmdale, CA, 93550



Need additional directions call Bob Clark at 661-947-7448 Bob's home phone

Items Needed for the Raffle

If you have wood, tools, or other items you do not need consider donating them to the club raffle. Your donations are tax deductible and help the club with our continuing expenses.

If you need additional directions call my cell at 661-886-0114

Items for the Raffle

Remember, if you are not turning you are standing still.

Bob

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