

# Antelope Valley Woodturners Association



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## Newsletter

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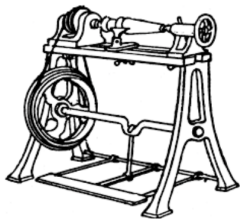
“Things are the way they are because they were the way they were”  
Fred Hoyle

### Presidents Message



Our January meeting was a bit of an oddity. First the severe Covid outbreak forced us to do a Zoom meeting. Then for some reason my Zoom meeting failed to work. I have yet to figure out what went wrong. I was able to send out a recorded copy of the meeting. For those of you who did not see it; if you copy and paste the following link to your internet search engine you can view it:

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I would also like to say that our own Michael Mann recorded a great demo on making bottle stoppers. A YouTube link to Michael's demo is:

"Making a Bottle Stopper"  
<https://youtu.be/oqNGSbE3R9s>

Mann Made Wood Products YouTube Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFC7YeOmZQZEcP8dj3pZyqw>



What I especially like about Michael's demo is that it exposed the fact that woodturning is about the skills you develop. Additionally, with small pieces of wood that some people would call “scrap” you can create beautiful projects.

**Officers**



**Bob Clark - President**

**Michael Mann – Vice President**

**Matt Stewart – Treasure**

**Don Morton – Past President**

**Bob Clark (acting) – Web Master**

**Bob Clark (acting) – Newsletter Editor**

**Bob Clark (acting) – Recording Secretary**

**(Open) – Club Librarian**

The Fred Hoyle quote at the top of this newsletter “Things are the way they are because they were the way they were”. Reminds me of something I heard once, it was a twist on that old axiom: “Practice makes perfect”. One should say: “Perfect practice makes perfect”. Along those lines, I have heard professional woodturners say: “Every cut is a practice cut”. In other words, make every cut like you were finishing a gallery ready work of art. As you do that you will be building your skills.

The past few weeks I have started working my own skill building. I had a sphere turning jig that I had never used. To remedy that deficiency, I made one sphere then another. After the first two spheres, I thought I would try to turn one free hand. I had seen a demo or two in my time on how to turn a sphere. So, the next logical step was for me to go onto YouTube where I discovered there are as many different ways to turn spheres as there are woodturners.

I tried one method and I can say that my first free hand sphere turned out so well I made another. Then another. It is so much fun when I come in from the shop my wife asks me “How many balls did [I] make today”? I had all this anxiety about turning spheres and it turned out to be so much fun. I also developed skills I did not know I had. My only stress turned out to be what piece of wood will I turn next.



**World Wide Woodturners**

In the past few weeks, I have been attending to online wood turning meetings of the World Wide Woodturners. They meet every week on Wednesdays at 4:00pm our time. It is great fun, there are free demos each week, they have a fantastic website with all kinds of tips, and best of all there are no membership dues.

The World Wide Woodturners website is:  
<https://worldwidewoodturners.org>

I enjoy their meetings so much because it is like seeing old friends each week. I have even set my Alexa device to remind me of the meetings each week so I do not forget. So please join us.



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It is time to collect our annual dues again.

The dues are the same as in prior years:

- Adult members \$25.00 per year
- Members under 18 years of age – Free
- Members over 80 years of age -Free

Each year the dues we pay just about cover the cost of the club's liability insurance. Additionally, without liability insurance our organization could not continue to operate so your dues are well spent.



### Our Next Meeting :

**Date: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Time: 9:00am**

### Challenge For March

Something useful, not a bowl or vase and not from a kit.

### Presentation at the March Meeting

At the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting Bob Clark will be demonstrating turning Spheres. Bob will be demonstrating the turning of spheres both with and without a jig.



**Bob Clark**



### Show and Tell

Be sure to bring your Show and Tell items to this meeting. Remember, sharing your work is a great opportunity for all of us to learn from each other.

## Our Next Meeting (Continued):

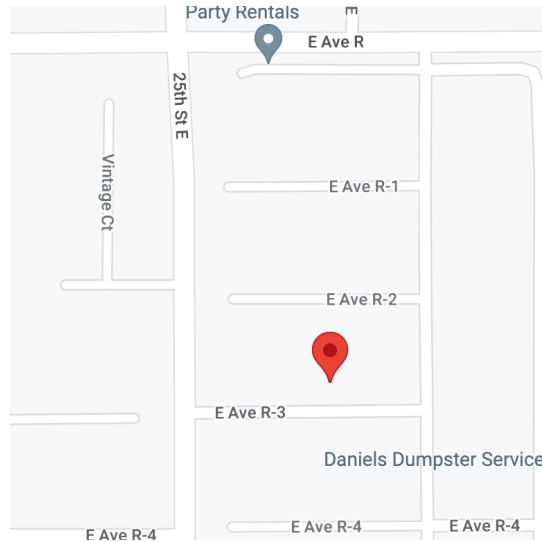
### Location:

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

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**Palmdale**

**Is located between Avenue "R" and Avenue "S"**

**In the East side of Palmdale**



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.



### Vaccine Policy

*The consensus of the membership is that members that have not been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 should not attend the meetings. Additionally, members that have been possibly exposed to someone with Covid should also stay away from the meetings.*

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting

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

*Bob*