



Chatter and Catches

The Newsletter of the Carson Valley Woodturners November 2008



President's Gouge

Wow! We had two great demonstrations in two weeks. Many thanks to Brad Stave and Mike Mahoney - two great teachers and turners.

Brad Stave demonstrated lidded vessel turning and finishing using wax to lubricate the abrasive.



Mike Mahoney demonstrated the use of the McNaughton Coring System, completed a hollow-form vessel, and also talked extensively about sharpening.



Our DVD recording is getting better. I will make some copies of the last two DVDs. You can check them out from me. Our slate of officers is almost complete. If you would like to run for an office, call me at 661-714-6818 (cell). The election will take place in December. Did anyone leave a green flannel shirt at the Mahoney demo? The Board is considering a pot-luck dinner in December - any comments? I picked up most of the sandpaper order from Gene Choquette last week on my way to the airport. I went to Oregon for a week of fly-fishing and riding. Our next meeting will be November 8th at 9 a.m. Please, feel free to invite a quest. - Dave Rich

This Month's Program

Have you completed your homework from two months ago? It was assigned in anticipation of the following month's project demonstration, though it was postponed by the two demonstrations above. Everyone should have received the papers regarding making of the "Old-Timer Top". This will be an interactive demo. Come prepared with the top and/or discuss how you would make it. Paul Cote will lead the group project.



Segmented Ideas

Do you have scrap wood lying around your shop that is collecting dust and you don't know what to do with it? Try using it to make segmented bowls, platters, hollow forms, or other segmented projects. One nice thing about segmented projects is that almost everyone has material that is just taking up space in your shop and adding to the clutter. Segmented turning uses wood that is cut up into small pieces. This material can be used to make some of the most interesting and beautiful turned pieces. Many of these

projects can be done for very little or almost no cost, and the wood used is almost always bone dry which is a necessity in making segmented projects. Using scrap wood most probably will not duplicate some of the beautiful pieces made by professional turners that use exotic and expensive wood. But for those who want to experiment with segmented turning, and worry about screwing up expensive wood, this can be an inexpensive way to learn.

For the most part, the scrap wood I'm talking about is the standard 4/4 wood that has been planed down to $\frac{3}{4}$ ". A great source of this wood can be derived from the wood used in pallets. Many of the pallets are made from varieties of Asian hardwoods, ones that you would pay dearly for if you bought them at retail. True, you must prepare the wood by removing all nails and screws. After that, you must use a jointer, planer, and table saw so that the surfaces are smooth and even before cutting it up into pieces. Another source of scrap wood can be gleaned from cabinet shops or finish contractors. It is truly amazing how much useable expensive hardwood is thrown away.

Not too long ago, I picked up several large boxes of cut-off pieces of hardwood from a finish contractor. He was getting ready to haul them off to the dump. I think the longest piece was only about 18", but there were well over 100 pieces. The pieces ranged from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 10" wide. With hardwoods costing anywhere from \$3.50 - \$9.00 a board foot or more, this was a great haul. Still another source of beautiful hardwood is flooring contractors. Again, it is truly amazing how much beautiful flooring material is thrown into the dumpster. A friend of mine installed new hickory flooring a while back. The cutoffs varied from 10" to over 4' long, all at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. The hickory had to be planed down a bit because of the relief grooves on the bottom, but the finished thickness was $\frac{5}{8}$ ". It was beautiful.

The methods used in segmented turning are published in a wonderful book written by Malcolm Tibbetts called *The Art of Segmented Woodturning*. There is also another great book written by Dale Nish called *Woodturning with Ray Allen*. I'm sure there are more, but these two are a great start and can be used as a reference for all segmented work. If you're interested in segmented turning, you should have both of these books.

The group here at Carson Valley Woodturners have several people who work on segmented turnings. If you have questions or need help, come to the meetings. There is always someone who can help.

A nice looking hollow form vessel that is about 6" high and 6" in diameter can be made using only about 3 board feet of material. Do you have a 12" x 3' piece of scrap lying around? – Wayne Allen

General Safety Guidelines

Safety is a very important issue we face whenever we enter our shops or use tools of any type. No matter whether we are new to tool use or have been using them for years, from time-to-time it is important to review safety guidelines as a reminder of the possible hazards and risks we face when using any type of tool. Below are a collection of guidelines that will serve you well. – John Compston

1. Read the manual before operating the tool. Learn the machine's application and limitations plus the specific hazards particular to it.
2. Always use a full face shield. Everyday eyeglasses usually are only impact resistant and safety glasses only protect the eyes. A full face shield will protect the eyes and face. Also use a dust mask if cutting operation is dusty.
3. Wear proper apparel. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewelry which may get caught in moving parts. Non-slip footwear is recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
4. Use ear muffs for extended periods of machine operations.
5. Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations, or expose them to rain. Keep work area well lighted.

6. Keep work area clean. Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents, and build-up of sawdust is a fire hazard.
7. Children and visitors should be kept a safe distance from work area.
8. Make workshop childproof with locks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.
9. Ground all tools. If the tool is equipped with a three prong plug, it should be plugged into a three-hole electrical receptacle. If an adapter is used to accommodate a two prong receptacle, the adapter plug must be attached to a known ground. Never remove the third prong.
10. Make sure tool is disconnected from power supply while the motor is being mounted, connected, or reconnected.
11. Disconnect tools from wall socket before servicing and when changing accessories such as blades, bits, cutters, fuses, etc.
12. Avoid accidental starting. Make sure switch is in the OFF position before plugging in power cord.
13. Never leave machine running unattended. Do not leave machine unless it is turned off and has come to a complete stop.
14. Keep guards in place and in working order.
15. Use correct tool. Do not use a tool or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed.
16. Use recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may cause hazards.
17. Don't force the tool. It will do the job better and be safer at the rate for which it was designed.
18. Maintain tools in top condition. Keep tools sharp and clean for the best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.
19. Never stand on tool. Serious injury could occur if the tool is tipped or if the cutting tool is accidentally contacted.
20. Remove adjusting keys and wrenches. Form a habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool before turning it on.
21. Don't overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
22. Direction of feed. Feed work into a blade or cutter against the direction of rotation of the blade or cutter only.
23. Concentrate on your work. If you become tired or frustrated, leave it for awhile and rest.
24. Secure work. Use clamps or a vice to hold work when practical. It's safer than using your hand and frees both hands to operate tool.
25. Check damaged parts. Before further use of the tool, any part that is damaged should be carefully checked to ensure that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, mounting, and any other conditions that may affect its operations. Any damaged part should be properly repaired or replaced.
26. Do not operate machine while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
27. Dust warning. The dust generated by certain woods and wood products can be harmful to your health. Always operate machinery in well-ventilated areas and provide means for proper dust removal. Use wood dust collection systems whenever possible. [There will be more on this topic in next month's newsletter.]

More Woodturning Magazine

[From the magazine publisher.] My name is Fred Holder. I am a woodturner and the editor and publisher of *More Woodturning Magazine*. I have been publishing *More Woodturning* on a continuous basis since 1996. It is currently published 10 times each year with combined month issues March /April and September /October. It is currently a 40 page magazine printed in full color on 20 of the pages, and on white 60 pound book paper. It is also available by subscription as a downloadable PDF file from our web site. A sample copy is available at our web site: www.morewoodturning.net.

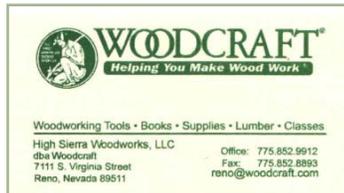
Woodturner's Web Sites

[Robert Sorby](#) – All of you are familiar with Robert Sorby who manufactures many of the turning tools and accessories we all use. What you may not know is that there are [videos](#) on their web site that show how to use them. The list of tools and accessory videos includes cutting threads, off-center turning, the Spiraling & Texturing System, the Easybeader, the Hardwood Scraper, the Hollowmaster, and the Multi Tipped Hollowing Tool among others. They are all very large files, so be patient while they are transported half way around the world by your computer.

[SmartFlix.com](#) – This site is the how-to corollary to NetFlix. They rent how-to DVDs for many topics including woodturning, knife making, finance, and even how to steal a car! The cost is \$9.99 for 7 days and it includes postpaid shipping both ways. Multiple disc sets can be rented at a discount to the single disc price. If anyone tries out this service, please report back to the members.

Resources

The Carson Valley Woodturners wish to express our appreciation for the support provided by generous vendors. Please visit their stores and web sites for your woodturning and woodworking needs.



Craft Supplies USA

Phone Orders:
1-800-551-8876

Web Orders:
www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Dates to Remember

The Marc Adams School of Woodworking (Franklin, IN) will host the first-ever Segmented Turning Symposium - "Exploring Possibilities" on November 14 - 16, 2008. The three-day event is open to anyone who shares the love of wood turning and the precision of woodworking. There will be opportunities to attend workshops, visits with manufacturers, share tips and tricks, consult with technicians from different industries, participate in an Instant Gallery, vote for board members, and establish guidelines for developing a new "Society of Segmented Turners". Visit <http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/>.

The Arizona Woodturner's Association will hold its third Desert Woodturning Roundup on February 6, 7, & 8, 2009 at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ. Visit www.desertwoodturningroundup.com.

The Utah Woodturning Symposium will be held May 14th through May 16th, 2009. Details are still being worked out, and will be posted on their [web site](#) when available.

The Nevada Woodchuck's Lathe Special Interest Group meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Their Beginner's Lathe Group meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at the same time. Visit <http://www.nevadawoodchucks.org/> for more information.

Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via cvwnews@charter.net no later than Monday of the week before the next meeting. The submission deadline for the December newsletter is December 1st.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Dave Rich's shop on November 8th at 9 a.m. The address is 665 Rocking Horse Road in the Ruhnstroth area of Carson Valley. We all appreciate Dave's willingness to hold CVW meetings in his shop.

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