



Chatter and Catches

The Newsletter of the



March 2009



President's Gouge

Last month's meeting was really interesting thanks to Mel Swingrover. His demonstration of his methods of decorating or enhancing a turned object was great! I was able to adapt a small portion of what he demonstrated to a work of mine. Hey Mel ... once a teacher always a teacher. Mel taught woodshop on Catalina Island for many years.



Our next meeting will be at the home of Mike Phillips in Reno on March 14th. The meeting

will start at 9 AM. For those who want to carpool, we will meet in the Harbor Freight tool store lot at 8:15 AM. Please park away from the store toward the old theatre because they have a parking lot sale that day. Mike's address is 3890 Piccadilly Drive, Reno NV 89509. His turnings of stone and wood are sensational. I would recommend going to MapQuest for specific directions. Take a look at Mike's turnings on his [web site](#).



Please bring a folding chair if possible. Also, please RSVP to me, Dave Rich, at 775-265-3099, or email drich1944@yahoo.com. I would like to be able to tell Mike how many people are coming.

The Carson Valley Chili Cook-off and Craft Fair will be held April 25th and 26th at the Carson Valley Inn. The club has paid for a booth. Members are requested to make items for sale. Small items at low cost (under \$15) seem to sell the best, i.e., ring holders, mushrooms, pens, candle holders, etc. Some segmented bowls made by Wayne Allen sold last year. Please plan to attend and help with the sales and demonstrating on my small lathe. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Most members donate the proceeds from the items sold to the club.

Next month's meeting likely will be at Wayne Porter's shop. We will be voting on a possible change to our by-laws and also will be receiving an update on our club's liability insurance. Remember that we agreed to each bring an item such as an old tool, a book, wine, etc., at least once a year for the monthly raffle. Wayne Allen - it is your turn for April. Thanks in advance. A special thanks to Earl McKie who donated the teak that will be raffled over the coming year.

The Utah Woodturning Symposium is fast approaching on May 14th -16th. I would recommend attending the Craft Supply demonstration and sale on May 13th. I have reserved six rooms at the Hampton Inn and three remain unclaimed. Please call me if you want one of them. Several of the wives will be going. My wife seems to enjoy the area and the shopping, etc.

The AAW 42nd annual woodturning symposium will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 26th - June 28th. I am thinking of going. Is anyone else planning on attending?

Lathe Tool Holder

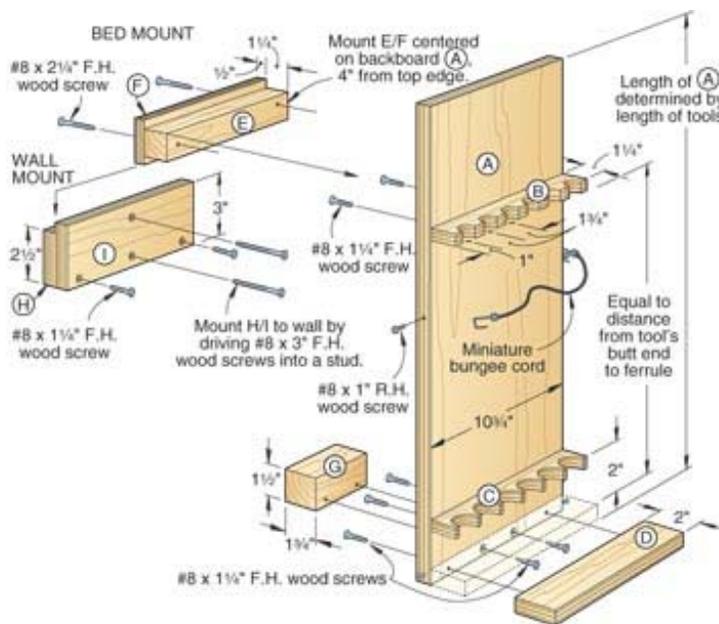
This quick-to-make project slides between the rails in the lathe bed (known as the ways) and cradles turning tools within arm's reach. When not in use, it hangs on the wall out of the way. Feel free to customize it for the number and types of turning tools you own.

To size your tool rest, start by measuring the overall length of your turning tools to determine the length of the backboard (A). We made ours 21", just a bit shorter than most of the tools. Now measure from the butt end of the handles to the ferrules (the ring on the handle near the blade). This determines the distance between the upper rest (B) and base (D), as shown in the illustration below.



Next, measure the diameter of each tool's ferrule and of each handle 2" from the butt end. Cut two 2x10-3/4" plywood strips to make the upper rest (B) and lower rest (C), and mark lines 1-1/4" from one edge. Lay out hole center points along those lines, where dimensioned on part B. Drill holes to match the ferrules in one strip and to match the handles in the other. Rip the rests (B, C) to width, and attach them to the backboard. Then add the base (D). Two screws in each edge of the backboard retain a 10" miniature bungee cord that secures the tools.

The cleat and retainer (E, F) are sized to fit most lathes, but check the distance between the ways on your lathe. The cleat needs about 1/4" clearance to slide easily. Make the wall-mount parts (H, I), and secure this assembly to a wall stud. – WoodMagazine.com



materials list

Part	FINISHED SIZE			Matl.	Qty.
	T	W	L		
A backboard	3/4"	10 3/4"	21"	BP	1
B* upper rest	3/4"	1 1/4"	10 3/4"	BP	1
C* lower rest	3/4"	1 1/4"	10 3/4"	BP	1
D base	3/4"	2"	10 3/4"	BP	1
E cleat	1 5/16"	1 1/4"	9 3/4"	P	1
F retainer	1/2"	2"	9 3/4"	BP	1
G base block	1 1/2"	1 3/4"	4"	P	1
H hanger strip	3/4"	2 1/2"	9 3/4"	BP	1
I hanger cap	3/4"	3"	9 3/4"	BP	1

*Parts initially cut oversize. See the instructions.

Materials key: BP–birch plywood, P–pine.

Supplies: #8x1 1/4" flathead wood screws (10), #8x2 1/4" flathead wood screws (2), #8x3" flathead wood screws (2), #8x1" roundhead wood screws (4), 10" miniature bungee cord.

Bill Grumbine DVD Review

At the last meeting, I checked out the two Bill Grumbine DVDs generously donated to the club by Ron Burd. The beginner-level DVD, *Turned Bowls Made Easy*, "takes you from a log in the forest to a bowl you will be proud to give or sell to anyone." It was a well-made, humorous presentation and I learned some new techniques as well as two new terms: Turner's Elbow and Turner's Muscle. You'll have to

watch the DVD to get the definitions. He does most of his work with a single fingernail-grind gouge, and highlights four specific cuts. One of the cuts, the Tangent Cut, had me cringing a bit. I would recommend this cut to the more advanced turner.

Bill's second DVD, *Beyond the Basic Bowl*, is an advanced presentation of bowl turning techniques. He uses a [Vega Bowl Lathe](#) (an interesting but expensive machine) to make a natural edge bowl, a winged bowl, and square bowl, and demonstrate a coring system to make a three-bowl set. This DVD was as well-done as the first, and is recommended to all. Check out Bill's [web site](#) to see a gallery of his work.

– Bill Draper

Hartville Tool Discount Program

During one of our monthly meetings, Ron Burdug indicated that [Hartville Tool](#) has a program where clubs such as ours can receive a discount on materials purchased. I contacted Hartville Tool and they provided me with information relating to the program.

The program has the following benefits:

- “20% Member Discounts – During your club's first year of participation, each participating member of your organization will be given a 20% discount off all our regular priced merchandise. That's right, save 20% off our everyday low price on thousands of highly sought after woodworking items! After the first year of participation, the standard discount will revert to 15%. This discount will not be applicable towards sale or clearance priced merchandise.
- 3% Organizational Rebate – Upon completing your club's second year of participation, we will award an annual 3% rebate to your organization based on the total purchases made by your members. Every purchase made increases the total of the rebate that will be awarded to your club. The rebate will be issued in the form of a gift certificate good toward any merchandise found in our Hartville Tool catalog or on our website. You can use the merchandise earned for club demonstrations, lending programs, or perhaps even club fund raising auctions.
- Free Catalog Subscriptions – Every participating member will be eligible to receive a free subscription to our catalog. This includes both our large annual Master Catalog as well as our supporting bi-monthly promotional catalogs.
- Free “Tool Shavings” E-Newsletter – Members with e-mail will have the option of being added to our monthly e-newsletter list. Issues may contain special money saving deals on tools, new product information, or helpful educational articles.
- Exclusive Group Buy Opportunities – Periodically we will make available special group buy discounts available through this program.”

During our last meeting we discussed participating in this program and all in attendance agreed that we should participate. I compiled a list of all members wishing to participate and forwarded the information and request to Hartville Tool. Once I receive information back from them regarding our club's participation, I will forward the information to the participating members. – John Compston

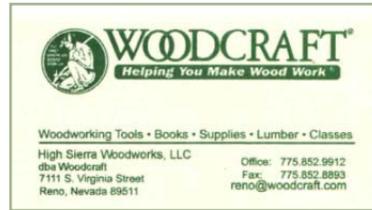
Woodturner's Web Sites

[Bandsaw Tune-up](#) – DIY Network has a wealth of information on their web site on crafts, home improvement, projects, and woodworking, etc. There are many useful articles on shop tool maintenance such as bandsaw tune-up. David Marks conducts the discussion.

[Segmented Turning Symposium Summary](#) – There are many pictures of segmented objects including one that could be a Gordian Knot. There is also a Malcolm Tibbets video summary of the first Segmented Turning Symposium.

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

Wants and Disposals

FOR SALE: Wayne Porter and Dave Rich have large and small walnut blanks for sale. Contact them at the next meeting or call Dave at 775-265-3099.

Dates to Remember

The Woodworking Shows return to the Cal Expo in Sacramento on April 24th through April 26th. Hours are 12-6 on Friday, 10-6 on Saturday, and 10-4 on Sunday. Craft Supplies is expected to be one of the vendors. For discounts, registration, directions, and more information visit their [web site](#).

The Carson Valley Chili Cook-off and Craft Fair will be held at the Carson Valley Inn from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 25th and 26th, 2009. The CVW will have a booth to demonstrate woodturning and sell items to the public.

The Utah Woodturning Symposium will be held May 14th through May 16th, 2009. Details have been finalized, and are now posted on their [web site](#).

The 23rd Annual AAW National Symposium will be held in Albuquerque, NM on June 26th through June 28th, 2009. Details are posted on the [AAW website](#).

The Woodturners of Olympia, WA 2009 "Creativity in Woodturning" Symposium will be held Saturday, July 25, 2009 in Lacey, WA. Eric Lofstrom will demonstrate on woodturning basics. Eric will be followed by Jimmy Clewes who will demonstrate design, shape, form & aesthetics, oriental boxes, turning a twist and long stem goblet, and colorings. For information or registration see <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>.

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 April newsletter is March 30th.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Reno at the home of Mike Phillips on March 14th at 9 a.m. Read the President's Gouge above for details.

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