



Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

It doesn't seem possible that we are already into the second month of a new year. We started off the year with our meeting at Rich Sheldrew's shop, and we would like to thank him for the use of his shop.



Thanks also go to Wayne Ferree for discussing and diagramming several aspects of woodturning safety during the meeting.

As we found out during the pen turning demo, not everyone has the necessary equipment to turn a pen. Anyone wishing to turn a pen that does not have the required equipment can use mine. Just let me know and I will get it to you. If you need some assistance, I will also offer my services.



During the meeting we discussed several possible programs for this year. The one that seemed to get the most attention was to set up several lathes and have hands on training for anyone needing it. Our February 13th meeting will be held at Rich's shop again, and we will have three lathes available for hands-on training. If you have some wood that you would like to donate please bring it to the meeting. We will also have some wood available for training purposes. Please bring



your tools to the meeting as there may be members who would like to try a tool that they do not have. Anyone wishing to participate in the hands-on training must be a member of CVW and AAW, otherwise our insurance does not cover that individual. I had my second shoulder surgery on Thursday, January 28th so I will need to get a couple of members to pick up my and Dave Rich's mini-lathes and get them set up at Rich's shop prior to February 13th.



My son-in-law is the Principal at the Silver Stage High School in Silver Springs, NV. He has asked me to come to his school and give a demo on pen turning and Christmas ornament turning. He wants to give his shop students a project to turn that they can complete and take with them. I will evaluate how this goes at his school and this may be an avenue for club outreach if they would like us to come back and work with his students.



During our meetings I hear individuals discussing topics that would be of interest to many of our members, and I realize that it is hard to get everyone together to discuss a particular topic. An excellent way to disseminate this information is to prepare a short article that can be included in our newsletter. You do not need to be a professional writer to be able to prepare a short article; I am a good example of this fact. Bill Draper, our editor, will assist in proof reading and making necessary corrections. It is important to get useful information to our members, so please consider contributing an original article to the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our February 13th meeting. - John Compston, President

Benefits of Being a Member of the Carson Valley Woodturners

There are many benefits of being a member of a local woodturning club. The following are several areas that I have found beneficial to me as a new woodturner.

Techniques and Skills Development: Demonstrations by invited turners and local club members who share their techniques have provided me with untold ideas for projects I would like to try. I have been able to improve my turning skills by implementing some of the techniques used by the presenters. We have had a number of turners who use certain types of turning tools almost exclusively in their demonstration, and I have been able to take their techniques and apply it to my turning. At last year's craft fair I observed Dave Mills and Paul Cote use several different gouges, and determined that I was not using my tools to their best advantage. I have continued to improve on what I observed at that time. Wayne Allen has had a huge influence on me and the projects I am willing to attempt. When I first started attending the CVW, I was so new I did not know how to start a simple bowl. Dave Rich had myself and another new turner come to his house where he demonstrated the basics of starting a bowl. This included mounting the bowl and turning a foot, mounting on the chuck, and the basic roughing of the bowl. From that first instruction, and from much information obtained from other members during monthly meetings, I have been able to improve my turning and am not afraid to tackle more complex turning projects. Every time we have a show-and-tell and members discuss their techniques from turning to finishing, I obtain valuable information that I would not be able to get otherwise.

Communication and Information: Each meeting provides a sharing of information regarding other projects completed during the show-and-tell. During these times I have obtained information on finishing techniques; for example, surface preparation, sanding, staining, and application of finishes. The club provides a great resource regarding local, regional, and national events. It also provides special presentations from visiting woodturners. The club provides an excellent opportunity for showcasing your turnings at the annual Chili Cook-Off. The club has a library containing instructional videos, as well as many publications available to club members to check out at no cost to the member. Mailings from AAW, other chapters, and instructional sources are made available to club members. The club publishes a monthly newsletter prepared by Bill Draper that keeps the members informed of club activities and topics of interest. Each member should participate by providing an article for the newsletter. Even though you may not think you have anything of interest, I can assure you that many of the problems you have faced in your woodturning have also been encountered by other club members, and we can all learn from your solutions.

Development Personal Skills: Not everyone wants or needs to be a club officer, however, volunteer roles offer opportunities to develop and improve your personal skills in areas such as public speaking, turning demonstrations, and project management. Project management is enhanced through participation in club projects, event planning, and management. Some members have indicated that they were not good at giving demonstrations, however, when the time came for them to demonstrate, they did an outstanding job. Without some of the individuals providing demonstrations, I would not have been able to improve my own turning skills.

Marketing and Purchasing: Being a club member allows us to take advantage of discounts not available to non-club members such as Hartville Tool and Exotic Woods USA. The club has also received gift cards from Craft Supplies USA, Larry Hughes (previously Woodcraft and now Woodworking Source), and Ron Burdg of Sierra Mold that we have raffled off at club meetings. Ron has also provided special pricing for club members for items he manufactures. Through Ron we were also able to take advantage of bulk purchase of sanding disks from Apex Saw Works in Reno. Club members also discuss other purchasing opportunities during club meetings. Our club also takes part in the annual Chili Cook-Off Craft Fair to provide exposure for our club, where members can demonstrate their skills and showcase some of their turnings.

Networking and Camaraderie: Monthly club meetings provide for an opportunity to get to know other woodturners in the area, in addition to sharing ideas and techniques for turning and finishing. It is sometimes difficult to get the demonstration going because club members are sharing during the show and tell portion of the meeting. Networking with club members outside of the meetings provides mentoring opportunities where new turners can receive one-on-one assistance from more skilled turners. Club members have traveled together to the Utah Symposium and several members have attended the annual AAW Symposium.

I personally have benefited greatly from my association with the CVW, not only from the improvement of my turning and finishing skills, but also from the opportunity to develop new friendships. Prior to CVW, I did not belong to any service groups or professional associations, and without the CVW, I would not be involved in woodturning. - John Compston

Polycarbonate Clarity



Last week I suddenly realized my face shield was no longer clear. I've had it for years, but the lack of clarity through the shield compounded by old age finally reached the point where I couldn't help but notice the degradation. Upon close inspection, I discovered globs of finish, pits, scratches, and just overall cloudiness. Having never been shy about jumping in with both feet, I decided that cleaning off the finish was the first order of business, and got out the acetone. Well, I then found myself in the market for a replacement face shield window. It seems that while polycarbonate is very resistant to shattering and cracking, it has very poor resistance to chemicals. The acetone ate into the polycarbonate and made it unusable. I spent some time experimenting with automotive rubbing compound to see if I could rub out the damage, but that was like trying to get a politician to do the right thing – extremely difficult. It did polish well, but the surface was still rippled and clarity was poor. The admonishment on the side of the shield to clean with soap and water was now very clear.

My face shield was made by AO Safety, which is an established company, so I decided to see if replacement windows were available, and there are. Many companies on the web have them at prices varying between \$5 and \$20. Bolstered by this knowledge, I wondered if they are stocked locally. I checked the big box stores with no success. However, I made some more calls and found one at Ace Hardware in Gardnerville for \$7.99. I picked it up, snapped it into place on the headpiece, and all is now well. The acetone is back on the shelf waiting for a more appropriate use. – Bill Draper

Product Recall Notices

Recalls are in effect for the following products:

Grizzly G0640X 17" Metal/Wood Band Saw. Some of the recalled band saws do not have a grounding wire installed, which poses an electric shock hazard. For more information, visit www.grizzly.com or call 800-523-4777.

Ridgid R4511 10" Table Saws with date codes between CD0829 and CD0837. The arbor shaft can fail when used with a stacked dado set, causing the stacked blade set to be ejected from the saw, which poses a laceration hazard. For more information, visit www.ridgid.com or call 866-539-1710.

Rockler 27017 LED Magnifying Light Kit and **Rockler 26429 LED Spotlight Light Kit** purchased between March 27, 2009 and October 25, 2009. Defective wiring in the light kits can cause the battery pack to overheat and explode, posing a risk of burn and fire hazard to consumers. For more information, visit www.rockler.com or call 800-260-9663.

Shop Fox D3038 and D3346 Dust Collection Remote Switches. An incorrectly sized wire can overheat, posing a fire hazard. For more information, visit www.woodstockint.com or call 800-840-8420.

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.

FREE ELM: This is a reminder to contact Wayne Porter to get some of the free elm the club obtained from the City of Gardnerville. Hopefully it hasn't turned into firewood!

Woodturner's Web Sites

[Mini-Lathe Duplicator](#) – Several of you in the CVW use a floor model wood lathe from General Manufacturing Company in Canada. What you may not know is that they make a duplicator that is specifically for mini- and midi-lathes that many of us have. Check it out on their web site.

[Staves and Segments](#) – *Wood Magazine* has a detailed tutorial for figuring the angles and sizes of staves and segments used in woodworking and woodturning. Click the link to read the article.

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.



800-345-2396

Craft Supplies USA

Phone Orders:
1-800-551-8876

Web Orders:
www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Exotic Woods USA

Phone Orders:
1-631-651-8651

Web Orders:
<http://www.exoticwoodsusa.com>

Dates to Remember

Super Wednesday at Craft Supplies USA will be held May 5, 2010 at their location in Provo, Utah. The sale opens at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit their [web site](#).

The Utah Woodturning Symposium, which will be held May 6 – 10, 2010, is the longest-running woodturning symposium in the world. The year 2010 marks the 31st anniversary of the event. Participants can select from over 100 demonstrations given by some of the best woodturners in the world. For more information, visit the [symposium's web site](#).

The AAW 24th Annual Symposium will be held June 18 – 20, 2010, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. For more information, go to http://www.woodturner.org/sym/all_symposia.cfm.

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 March 2010 newsletter is March 1st.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Rich Sheldrew's shop on Saturday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m. The address is 1736 Sunset Court, near the intersection of East Valley Road and Toler/Fish Springs Road. We all appreciate Rich's willingness to hold this CVW meeting in his shop.

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