



Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



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President's Gouge

I would like to give a special thanks to Dave and Kathy Mills for hosting our September meeting. Dave gave an excellent presentation on the process of turning a peppermill. He had prepared several blanks prior to the meeting, and took the time to explain each step of the process with the appropriate demonstration. As I have not turned a peppermill, I found the presentation to be extremely informative. I even purchased a mechanism to try one on my own.



We had another excellent turnout and I want to thank those who brought items for the raffle. The raffle has proven to be an excellent source of funds for the club. This week I spoke to an individual who specializes in property management around the Minden/Gardnerville area, and expressed our interest in finding a place that we could hold our meetings one Saturday a month. He indicated that he had several possibilities for us and figured that it would probably run us around \$100.00 per meeting. If he can find a place for this amount, the money we make on the raffle would just about cover the rental fee. I would like to encourage our members to continue to bring items for the raffle.



At the Genoa Candy Dance Craft Fair I spoke to an individual who had a booth selling turned items. He lives in Incline Village and has sources for black and English walnut in California. He indicated that he would be making a trip to California to pick up wood in the near future, and he said he would contact me when he was making the trip and we could accompany him. We would need to provide our own trailer and bring wood back for our club. I gave him my contact information and he said he would be in touch. Once I hear from him, we will see if we can make the trip with him.

Ralph Benson, a member of the Carson Valley Woodturners and owner of The Woodworking Source in Reno contacted me regarding a November visit to northern Nevada by Jimmy Clewes. Ralph is planning to have Jimmy at The Woodworking Source on November 20th and 21st. On the afternoon of Saturday November 20th, Jimmy will be giving a demonstration. On Sunday November 21st, there will be a hands-on workshop. Ralph has not finalized the workshop; however, there are a couple of options: either two students for an all day session for approximately \$500.00, or a ½ day session for six to eight students for approximately \$100.00. Ralph has graciously contacted the Carson Valley Woodturners before making this offer public, allowing us the opportunity to participate before filling the hands-on with other partici-

pants. Once the workshop has been finalized, we will provide the information to our members so those who want to attend can contact Ralph.

Dave Rich is diligently working on getting presenters for our upcoming meetings. If any of you have an idea for future meetings or know of someone who would be a good presenter, please let Dave know. We are always looking for ways to improve our turning skills.

See you all at the October meeting. - John Compston, President

This Month's Program

Our program will feature Mr. Sören Berger, a very accomplished woodturner from Christchurch, New Zealand. The CVW club will help in underwriting the Saturday, October 9th meeting which will be held at Rich Sheldrew's shop. It will start punctually at 9:00 a.m. The cost for members is \$25.00, non-members \$35.00. Our friends in the Reno Woodchucks will be extended the member rate. The club will also be hosting a two day hands-on workshop at Rich Sheldrew's shop on Thursday and Friday, October 7th and 8th. The cost will be \$100.00 for members, \$150.00 for non-members. We will have room for 10 people. Please contact [John Compston](#) at 775-690-6011, or [Dave Rich](#) 661-733-0415 to confirm your attendance. Once you confirm a spot, you own it. It will be your responsibility to find someone else to attend on your behalf if you can't make it. The bottom line is you are responsible for the money. Lunch and soft drinks will be provided. Please call Dave or John with questions.

SPECIAL NOTE: Mr. Berger has been out of touch with everyone for 4 - 5 weeks, the approximate timeframe when Christchurch, New Zealand, experienced a major earthquake. If we do not hear from him by October 5th, we will cancel his workshops, and all monies will be promptly refunded.

Chain Saw Safety Tips from OSHA

Operating a chain saw is inherently hazardous. Potential injuries can be minimized by using proper personal protective equipment and safe operating procedures.

Before Starting a Chain Saw

- Check controls, chain tension, and all bolts and handles to ensure that they are functioning properly and that they are adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure that the chain is always sharp and the lubrication reservoir is full.
- Start the saw on the ground or on another firm support. Drop starting is never safe.
- Start the saw at least 10 feet from the fueling area, with the chain's brake engaged.

Fueling a Chain Saw

- Use approved containers for transporting fuel to the saw.
- Dispense fuel at least 10 feet away from any sources of ignition when performing construction activities. **No smoking during fueling.**
- Use a funnel or a flexible spout when pouring fuel into the saw.
- Never attempt to fuel a running or HOT saw.

General Chain Saw Safety

- Clear away dirt, debris, small tree limbs, and rocks from the saw's chain path. Look for nails, spikes or other metal in the tree before cutting.
- Shut off the saw or engage its chain brake when carrying the saw on rough or uneven terrain.
- Keep your hands on the saw's handles, and maintain secure footing while operating the saw.
- Proper personal protective equipment must be worn when operating the saw. Hand, foot, leg, eye, face, ear, and head protection are required.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing.

- Be careful that the trunk or tree limbs will not bind against the saw.
- Watch for branches under tension, they may spring out when cut.
- Gasoline-powered chain saws must be equipped with a protective device that minimizes chain saw kickback.
- Be cautious of saw kick-back. To avoid kick-back, do not saw with the tip. If equipped, keep tip guard in place.

Woodturner's Web Sites

[Segmented Project Planner](#) – The *Segmented Project Planner* is a computer program created to assist you in the process of designing segmented projects for the wood lathe; making the task easier, faster, and more accurate. The program provides the most comprehensive support available for segmented vessel design and construction. It runs on the PC under all current Windows versions and, with the help of Virtual PC, on the Mac as well. The cost of the program is under \$40.00, and can also be downloaded for a 30-day free trial. The web site also contains free plans, hints and tips, wood information, and much more information of interest to segmented turners.

[Segment Calculator](#) – Looking for a quick method to calculate the measurements for the segments in your bowl project? This online calculator provides the results quickly after entering only three parameters. Curiously, the results were provided using up to 16 decimal places for the sample parameters I entered. Perhaps giving results in fractions up to 64ths of an inch might have been better.

Black & Decker Recalls Random Orbit Sanders Due to Laceration Hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Black & Decker Random Orbit Sanders

Units: About 192,000

Manufacturer: Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., of Towson, Md.

Hazard: The black plastic disc (called the platen) that holds the sandpaper can fly off or break apart during use and the disc, or pieces of the disc, can hit the user or those nearby, posing a laceration hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Black & Decker has received 73 reports of incidents involving the sander's black plastic disc (platen) breaking or falling apart, including 15 reports of injuries from flying pieces, one of which involved a serious facial laceration.

Description: This recall involves Black & Decker random orbit sanders with model numbers RO400, RO400G, RO410, RO410K, RO410LW, and FS3000ROS, and date codes between 200701 and 200929.



The sanders are orange and black. "Black & Decker" is printed on the sanders. The model number is printed on a label on the sander. The date code is stamped on the underside of the sander where the dust bag is inserted.

Sold at: Home center, hardware, and discount stores and by authorized dealers nationwide from January 2007 through July 2009 for about \$40.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled sanders and contact Black & Decker for a free platen to hold the sandpaper.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Black & Decker toll-free at [\(866\) 220-1767](tel:8662201767) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at www.blackanddecker.com

CPSC is interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall, or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting our [web site](#).

Dates to Remember

The Honolulu Woodturners are having their Second Annual Honolulu Symposium October 16th & 17th, 2010. Demonstrators include Jimmy Clewes and many of Hawaii's top demonstrators. For more information visit <http://www.honoluluwoodturners.org>, or call Andy Cole at [\(808\) 778-7036](tel:8087787036).

[The Woodworking Shows](#) are coming to California. They will be in Costa Mesa on October 29th through 31st, and in Sacramento on November 5th through 7th. Details are available on their [web site](#).

The 2nd Segmented Symposium will be held November 11th -14th, 2010, at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN. Everyone interested in segmented turning, is welcome and will benefit. Visit their [web site](#) for online registration and further information.

The Idaho 2011 Artistry in Wood Show will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 3300 Vista Ave. Boise, Idaho. Competitors of all skill levels, from beginners to experts are invited to have their art displayed and judged. The show will include turning and other wood art demonstrations, seminars, vendors, auction, and banquet. Information and prospectus can be found at <http://swiwt.wordpress.com> or emailing jswagsinc@aol.com or fglench@cableone.net

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 regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the November 2010 newsletter is November 1st.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Rich Sheldrew's shop on Saturday, October 9th 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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