

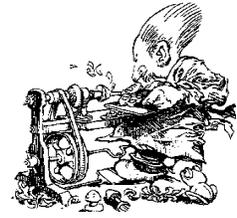


Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



November 2010



President's Gouge

I would like to start off by giving a special thanks to Rich Sheldrew for allowing us to use his shop for the all day demonstration given by Sören Berger. I would also like to thank Dave Rich for all of his hard work in setting up special demonstrators for our meetings, and especially this work on bringing Sören to our club. Dave and Ruth also picked Sören up at the airport and hosted him until he left.

Those who attended were treated to an outstanding demonstration. Sören started off by giving us some tips on the use of several gouges. I have already tried several of his techniques with excellent results. Sören went on to turn a maple bowl with



lid, a wooden scoop, and a lamp shade. During his turning of the lamp shade, someone asked if he had ever broken a lampshade at a demonstration and he answered "no". Well, this must have been a bad omen, because as he was parting the shade from the base it spun off of his hand and hit the floor. Sören felt terrible and said that before he left Dave Rich's house he would turn another for the club.



During our Christmas party we will be auctioning off the items that have been turned for the club by presenters at our previous demonstrations.

My son-in-law is the principal of Silver Stage High School in Silver Springs. He had asked me to come out to his wood shop class and put on a demonstration to see if we could get the students interested in working on the lathe.

On Friday, October 15th, I met with 18 students in the first period advanced shop class and demonstrated the turning of a barrel shaped tooth pick holder. At the beginning of the class I asked how many of the students were interested in the lathe. I had four students raise their hands. At the end of the demonstration, I asked how many would be interested in a lathe workshop, and had ten students raised their hands. I will be working with the principal and shop teacher to work out a schedule for possible workshops for the shop class. It appears that they would like to hold the workshops during school time and they would free the students up for 1/2 day workshops. If this works out, I would propose using the one lathe they



have at the school, and taking two additional mini-lathes. This would allow us to have three students per workshop. We may have to hold the workshops over several days to accommodate all of the students who want to participate.

The Carson Valley Woodturners will be holding officer elections for 2011 at our November meeting. If you have not already given me your nominations, please be prepared to make nominations at the November meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the election.

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting. - John Compston, President

This Month's Program

A special thanks to last month's presenter, Sören Burger. As most of you are aware, we were unsure if the demonstration would actually take place up until two days before. What you may not be aware of is Sören's wife passed away from cancer eight weeks prior to the demonstration. As any of us would, he had a hard time dealing with this. Sören stayed with Ruth and me for several days and we became fairly well acquainted. He was and is still grieving. However, he put on a great demonstration and will be back next year for a hands-on workshop and an all day demonstration.

An apology to those who expected to see Jimmy Clewes at a recent meeting: I booked Jimmy six months ago, but ended up with a last minute conflict with the Woodchucks, and also the Woodworking Source in Reno. My goal is to put together a shared calendar with other groups in the area, so we can head off repeatedly stepping on each other's toes. Jimmy is in fact planning to do a hands-on workshop and an all-day demonstration for us in the spring (April 9, 2011).

I have been receiving inquiries from a large woodworking store chain that is considering locating somewhere in the Carson Valley or Reno area. That's all I can really say about this for now ... I was sworn to secrecy.

Our next meeting will be on November 13th. It will be held at my shop (Dave Rich), in Gardnerville (665 Rocking Horse Road). The presentation will start at 9 a.m. However, if you arrive early, you will have a chance to commiserate with other fellow turners regarding that "catch" you experienced as well as how that piece came out of the chuck and destroyed you and your shop. Come early and get some coffee and some not-so-healthy doughnuts.

Wipe-on finishes are not the only way to finish a project. Come to our November 13th meeting and see what it takes to get professional results. With the new HVLP systems and their high tech spray guns, it can be easier to get that "perfect finish" we all want. Other spray methods will also be covered. Our presenter will be Bob Drotos who will be driving in from Sacramento with his wife for this presentation. Bob has been involved with woodworking for many years. For the past 10+ years, he has been teaching for Woodcraft.

The quantity of our raffle prizes seems to be becoming fewer and fewer. The raffle helps us financially be able to bring in the Sören Burgers, Jimmy Clewes, Mike Mahoneys, and others. Please bring something for the raffle. It does not have to be related to woodturning: a dinner certificate for a local restaurant, wine, cheese, a tool you no longer use, a gift certificate to Harbor Freight or a local store ... something! A special THANKS to Ron Burdgd, our resident tool maker, the Woodworking Source, and Craft Supply for providing raffle prizes.

I am selling the walnut I have at reduced cost, and the proceeds (100%) will go to the club. It would also be nice if a different club member each month would bring the treats, perhaps something other than doughnuts. If you would like to take responsibility for the November meeting, email me or call 265-3099. - Dave Rich

Safety Tip

Be aware of what turners call the “red zone” or “firing zone.” This is the area directly behind and in front of the workpiece - the areas most likely for a piece to travel as it comes off the lathe. A good safety habit is to step out of this zone when turning on the lathe, keeping your hand on the switch in case you need to turn the machine off. When observing someone else turn, stay out of this zone. For anyone who has been turning, we all know about the red zone, as most, if not all of us, have had something come off the lathe without the best results. This is one of the main reasons that we constructed shields to be used during the craft fair. In addition to being aware of the red zone, always check the speed of your lathe before turning on the switch. - John Compston

Can I Make and Sell *Wood*® Magazine Projects?

In the November issue of the subject magazine, a reader asked if it is OK to make and sell projects found in the magazine. The answer from Marlen Kemmet, *Wood*® Magazine’s Managing Editor was, “It depends.” Here is the rest of his reply. “Most of our projects are designed by members of our staff, and you can make as many as you like of those for yourself or as gifts. We do put a limit of 25 on these projects if you intend to sell them. Check the credits at the end of the articles. If you see the project designer’s name anywhere above the list of photographers [on the staff listing page], that designer is a staff member. Projects designed by non-staff designers can only be built for yourself or as gifts; you cannot sell these projects. Brian Simmons, our freelance woodturning consultant, designed the toothpick holder [in this issue] and holds the design rights, so you cannot make and sell the holders without authorization from Brian.”

While this is obviously *Wood*® Magazine’s policy, it probably isn’t a giant leap to speculate that other publications have similar policies. It would certainly seem to be advisable to check with the intellectual property owner before you go into production mode on something you found in a publication. - Bill Draper

Shop Tip

Most of us use Anchorseal Green Wood Sealer to protect our prized green wood logs and blanks from drying too fast and checking or splitting. If you need to seal green wood frequently, you could be as annoyed as I was with continual opening and closing the gallon or larger can. Several months ago my wife was on the way to the trash can with an empty plastic fabric softener container that has a spring-loaded dispenser valve, and the proverbial light bulb lit up. I washed out the container with hot water, and then funneled the Anchorseal from my gallon can into the repurposed container. Now when I need a small (or larger) amount of Anchorseal, I dispense it into a tuna can, and then seal my wood. This greatly reduces waste, and I no longer have the annoying can to mess with. - Bill Draper

Woodturner’s Web Sites

[Squidoo \(Woodturning\)](#) – Squidoo is a web site that permits individuals to create their own web sites that focus on their specialties and passions. Woodturning and its many sub-specialties are well represented. You can find many pages of project details, demonstrations, and videos. Some samples of topics available are [Woodturning Wood Goblets](#), [Woodturning Blanks](#), [Pen Turning](#), [Bowl Turning Basics](#), [Woodturner's Wish List](#), and [Inlaying Woodturnings](#).

[More Woodturning](#) – *More Woodturning* is a magazine for turners who mostly turn wood. It is a 40-page magazine that is published 10 times each year and is available by mail and as a PDF download. It is designed to provide guidance in woodturning techniques and to keep you informed about what is happening in the woodturning craft, such as new equipment, new tools, new techniques, new projects, shows, places to sell, and so forth. Their stated purpose is to provide information on technique, along

with product reviews, new product announcements, and general news of interest to woodturners. [Click here](#) to download a free sample copy.

Dates to Remember

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. Demonstrators include Jerry Bennett, Andy Chen, Dennis Daudelin, Jamie Donaldson, Kurt Hertzog, Lloyd Johnson, Bill Kandler, Dennis Keeling, Jim Rodgers, Bill Smith, Curt Theobald, Malcolm Tibbetts, and Dale Zimmerman. Visit their [web site](#) for further information.

The Desert Woodturning Roundup will be held February 18th – 20th, 2011, at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ. Scheduled demonstrators include Mike Mahoney, Lyle Jamieson, Christian Burchard, Mark Sfirri, Stephen Hatcher, Don Ward, Al Stirt, Ron Goble, and special guest Betty Scarpino. Events include an Instant Gallery, vendor area, and panel discussions. For more information, visit www.desertwoodturningroundup.com.

The 2011 Idaho Artistry in Wood Show will be held Saturday, February 26th and Sunday, February 27th 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. Registration will take place on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 12-6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Information and prospectus can be found at <http://swiwt.wordpress.com> or emailing jswagsinc@aol.com or fglench@cablone.net.



The 25th Annual American Association of Woodturners Symposium will be held June 24th – 26th at the St. Paul RiverCentre in St. Paul, MN. Currently, demonstrators include Dixie Biggs, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, Clay Foster, Dick Gerard, Michael Hosaluk, Todd Hoyer, John Jordan, Jerry Kermode, Ray Key, Bonnie Klein, Alan Lacer, Dale Nish, Hayley Smith, Al Stirt, Chris Stott, and Malcolm Tibbetts. Visit the [AAW web site](#) for details and updates.

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 December 2010 newsletter is November 29th.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will be held in Dave Rich's shop on Saturday, November 13th at 9 a.m. The address is 665 Rocking Horse Road, in the Ruhentroth area of Carson Valley. We all appreciate Dave's willingness to hold this CVW meeting in his shop.

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