

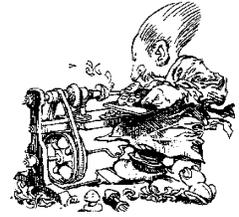


Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



June 2011



President's Gouge

I would like to thank Wayne and Maggie Porter for hosting our last meeting, and to thank Mel for bringing donuts. We had an excellent show-and-tell. I especially want to comment on Gunter's turning of our nation's Capitol Dome. You can see his engineering background and attention to detail in his work. If you compared his drawing to his turning you will see what I mean. Gunter has only been turning about a year and he is giving Wayne Porter a good run for the most improved turner in our club. I also have to complement Gunter on his little history lesson and the question which none of us could answer. Good job Gunter!

Wayne Porter, John Robinson, and I took another trip out to Silver Stage High School in Silver Springs and worked with the shop class. We helped them with the techniques for turning a bowl. We had two lathes going, and by the end of the program, we had two finished bowls. The students were very excited that we worked with them. We left numerous bowl blanks for them to work on during the remainder of the school year. Several of the students wanted to know if we would be back before the school year ended, and I indicated that we would not, to the disappointment of several of the seniors. I told them that we would be back next year to the delight of the students who were going to be there.



It is apparent that they have been very busy since our first couple of trips to the school. They showed us pictures of all of the pens they had turned and several other projects that they had worked on. The shop class had turned pens for the school district to present to the teachers in the district that had reached tenure. Several of the students had even sold some of their pens and were using the profits to purchase additional pen kits. One young lady was excited that after graduating, she was going to live with her grandparents who have a lathe.

Our next meeting will be held June 11th at 9:00 AM at Donna Dimmick's residence located at 504 Windchase Drive, Dayton. It's located in the subdivision just past the Smith's Shopping Center on the left. If you still have problems finding it, her phone number is 775-246-0874. For the program, Paul Cote will be turning a square bowl, and if time permits, Dave Rich will turn a weed pot. (I think he was referring to a flower pot, I hope.) Donna will also be providing the refreshments.

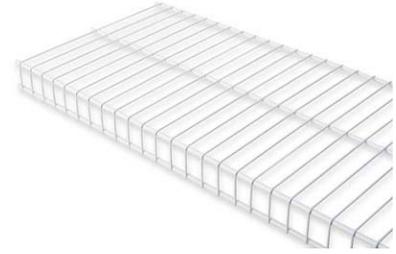
I will be in Atlanta visiting my newest grandson and will not be able to make this meeting. I know you will have a good time, so enjoy! - John Compston, President

Photos from the May Meeting



Woodturning Shop Tip

While I was building a custom wood stand for my midi-lathe, I stumbled across some wire shelving on the clearance rack at Lowes. It fit very nicely under the stand and has a built-in design feature of being somewhat self-cleaning. So, if you are looking for shelves to use around your lathe, I recommend them highly. You could also mount one upside-down (lip up), and at a slight angle tilting toward you. Then what you put on it, such as a chisel, won't roll off. The possibilities are endless. – Bill Draper



Ten Percent Discount at Choice Woods

Through June 4th, Choice Woods is offering a ten percent discount on all orders (EXCEPT LATHES) to anyone who is a veteran of any military branch). For those who have not served, they will give you a ten percent discount if you will turn a gift for a serviceman, a veteran, their families, or anyone else who has played a part in keeping America free. Just use the code **ThankYou** at check out to receive the discount. This discount is good through June 4th. Visit their web site at <http://www.choice-woods.com>, or call 888-895-7779.

Safety

When turning wood, it is important to wear certain personal protective equipment (PPE). Loose clothing should not be worn, all jewelry should be removed, and long hair should be tied back. Wood shavings generated during turning will also need to be periodically removed.

- **Eye protection** is a necessity when woodturning. There are several PPE available for eye protection such as safety goggles, and glasses and visors, some of which feature built-in respirators. Although all of these are adequate for the highest level of protection, a visor that protects the entire head from dust and debris should be worn.
- **Respiratory equipment** and dust collection systems are also important when woodturning or doing any type of woodworking that creates dust. This can range from a simple disposable dust mask, to a full face helmet with built in respirator. Most stand alone respiratory equipment will interfere with dust shields and visors, so devices that incorporate both are available. Many woods create dust that is actually a health hazard. For example, cocobolo (granadillo) dust is known to be toxic (toxic shock). Many people are sensitive to oils carried in walnut, locust, and oak sawdust. Long term exposure to fine wood dust has been linked with an increased risk of developing cancer.
- **Ear protection** - Compared to other power tools, a lathe is a quiet machine. Ear protection should be used if noise is excessive. This may be due to motor noise from a shop dust collector, or the combination of wood and tools being used.
- **Hand/Skin protection** - Gloves should not be used with rotating equipment, since there's always a risk of getting tangled in the machine. Nevertheless, some woods produce splinters that not only puncture skin, but also cause festering sores and/or skin irritation. Polishes and finishes used in woodturning can also be harmful or irritant to skin, often containing organic solvents such as methanol, turpentine, and toluene.
- **Foot protection** - Protective footwear, often leather steel-toe boots, is required for any type of shop activity.

Woodturner's Web Sites

[Beall Tool Company](#) – This company is familiar to most woodturners. They make and/or sell tools for turning, threading, measuring, buffing, grinding, and the famous Pen Wizard. What you may not know is that there is an amazing collection of wood mechanical creations displayed on the web site. Click on the picture to visit the gallery.

[Gallery of Wood Art](#) – The Gallery of Wood Art is sponsored by the American Association of Woodturners. It is located in the historic downtown Landmark Center in Saint Paul, MN, and offers an often surprising and always engaging view of contemporary



works created in wood. Although all pieces on exhibit have been at least partially created on a lathe, the diversity of techniques, subjects, materials, and ideas of each artist keeps each exhibit fresh and engaging. The Gallery of Wood Art also features educational exhibits, a display of vintage lathes, and a gallery gift store offering turnings, books, and DVDs.

Dates to Remember

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

The Association of Woodworking and Furnishings Suppliers (AWFS) will hold their bi-annual fair at the Las Vegas Convention Center on July 20th through 23rd 2011. A large number of suppliers and manufacturers will showcase their latest products and supplies. Many companies are of interest to woodturners. A list of the companies, other information, and registration can be found on their [web site](#).

The *Camping and Turning Rendezvous* will be held in Ellensburg, WA July 8th – 24th 2011. This is an unstructured camping and outdoor turning get-together where like minded folk can relax and share experiences. Bring your own mini lathe and come for as long as you wish during these dates. Contact Julian Lee: julian.s@comcast.net - Telephone 360-299-2900 to confirm your reservation.

The 2011 *Creativity in Woodturning Symposium* will be held by the Woodturners of Olympia (WoO) on July 23rd, 2011 at the Komachin Middle School, 3650 College Street, Lacey, WA. Featured turners are Mike Mahoney and Stephen Hatcher. Mike Mahoney will also host two full-day workshops on the 24th and 25th of July. Additional information and registration can be found on the WoO [web site](#).

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 July 2011 newsletter is June 27th.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Donna Dimmick's shop on June 11th at 9 a.m. The address is 504 Windchase Drive, Dayton. It is in the neighborhood just past Smith's on the north side of Highway 50. We all appreciate Donna's willingness to hold a CVW meeting in her shop.

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