



# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

Dave Rich has decided not to seek reelection to the CVW Board. If it were not for Dave and his vision for a woodturning club in Carson Valley, we would not exist. Dave has served on the board since its inception, initially as President then Vice President, and is responsible for where the club is today. I believe the club started with less than ten members and we now have 32 members. Without Dave's leadership and guidance we could not have achieved our current level of success.

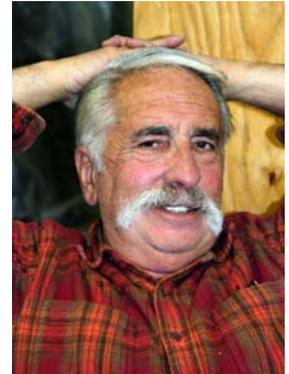
Dave was instrumental in acquiring the grant from the AAW for the purchase of our video equipment and setting up and running the equipment at our meetings. Through Dave, the club acquired carob and black walnut from locations in California. Dave and several club members went to California and picked up the carob. Dave hired an individual in Doyle, CA, who cut the wood into slabs. We then brought it back to Dave's shop where club members cut it into pieces, sealed the wood, and made it available to club members. Dave also went to northern California with several club members and picked up black walnut, which was taken to Rich Sheldrew's shop where Rich cut it into slabs. Several club members then cut it into pieces, sealed it, and made it available to club members.

Dave was also the driving force behind the club becoming involved with the Chili Cook-Off Craft Fair. Through our attendance at this event, the club was able to enhance club activities, and we picked up several new members who saw us there. Dave has always been the first to step up and offer his shop for meetings, his home for our Christmas Party, and for hosting professional turners who travelled to be presenters. Since the club's inception, Dave's vast list of contacts has enabled him to identify and obtain presenters who provided invaluable programs at our monthly meetings.

Dave has also made his time available to beginning turners who needed assistance in getting started. At the first meeting I attended in 2007, it became very apparent that I did not know anything about how to even start a project. Dave offered his shop and his time to me and another member to come to his shop to help us get started. I took advantage of his offer and he guided me through the steps of starting my first bowl. If he had not taken the time to help me in the beginning, I am not sure I would be turning today.

Before I was elected President, I told Dave I would not accept the job unless he would take the Vice President position to which he graciously agreed. I can tell you that I would have been lost without his insight and assistance. I can also understand his desire to become just a member and not be responsible for the operation of the club, and I look forward to seeing him at our future meetings. We all need to let Dave know how grateful we are for his foresight and his leadership in making the club what it is today.

We will be holding our annual election of officers for the CVW at the November meeting. Mel Swinger has stated his interest in running for the open Vice President position. If anyone else is interested please contact me. Dave Mills, Wayne Porter, and I have agreed to seek re-election to our current positions. Any other nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the election. - John Compston, President



## Pictures from Last Month's Meeting



## This Month's Program

Dave Mills will demonstrate some basic bowl turning skills, Wayne Porter will demonstrate sharpening tools, and if time allows, Wayne will turn a flower pot and wood flowers. Future planned programs include a paid guest demonstrator, Kip Christensen, for sometime this coming year - probably July. Details are being worked on at this time. We will also hold our usual raffle, and sell some of the Aspen wood the club obtained a few weeks ago. Lastly, Wayne Porter will begin accepting early payment of CVW annual dues which are \$50 and due January 1<sup>st</sup>. – Mel Swingrover

## 2011 Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held on **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at Dave and Patricia Colon's residence, 231 Laura Springs Circle, Gardnerville, NV. I will be calling each of you around **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** to find out how many people will be attending the party with each member. Also, I will be asking about what you would like to bring for the dinner. Everyone should plan to arrive at **5 p.m.** We would like our members who plan to participate in our gift exchange to bring a gift valued at \$10.00. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 775-246-0874, or email me at [ndimmick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ndimmick@sbcglobal.net). – Donna Dimmick

## Hands-On Day at Dave's

Our first hands-on day using our new Delta midi lathes was quite a success. We had a good turnout with nine members attending: Bill Draper, John Compston, Frank Miller, Dave Mills, Dave Colon, Mel Swingrover, Gunter Kaiser, Paul Cote, and Wayne Porter. I hope it turns into a monthly event. The concept was for the board members to help other members with areas of turning where they were having difficulty. As it turned out, the board members learned a thing or two from Frank Miller as well. I think the club will find that Frank is a real asset in tool techniques and turning ideas. An extra thank you goes to Frank for bringing his mini lathe to the session. In all we had four lathes in operation almost the whole time. We could have uti-



lized one or two more lathes, but did well with what we had. Dave Colon also brought along his grinding station for practice in that area.

Thanks to Dave and Kathy Mills for hosting the hands-on day. Kathy made some great cinnamon pumpkin muffins, and John Compston footed the bill for donuts. Either the coffee was brewed by



Kathy, or Dave has been taking lessons, as the coffee was excellent...and I don't want to hear one more snide comment about Dave making his coffee from used motor oil. Mel, the oil industry deserves no such slander. Dave had his shop all cleaned up and the lathes ready for operation when we arrived. All we had to do was fire them up...and that we did.



I think we all learned something during the session, or at least got a chance to practice our skills. If you were there and had a good time, or learned something new, I hope you will share it with other members at the next meeting.

If you are having difficulty with some aspect of turning, please don't be shy about asking other members for help, even with the most basic techniques, as that is how we all learn. Bad turning habits are easy to learn and hard to break. I know - I've picked up my share of them. Other turners have shown me so much it makes me wonder if I ever learned anything on my own. I don't know one club member who wouldn't be glad to help another turner better his or her skills. The "Hands-on Day" is going to be a great opportunity for us to improve our turning ability. Let's make use of it. (Reminder: Our AAW group insurance policy requires that individuals be current AAW members to actively participate in hands-on activities. They are due and payable January 1<sup>st</sup>.)

My dad, (OK, father-in-law, Wick Weichert), was visiting and was nice enough to take some pictures of the goings on. Great fun you guys - let's do it again. - Wayne Porter

## **CPSC Announces ANPR for Table Saws to Address Hand and Finger Injuries**

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. In an effort to address the large number of serious hand and finger injuries that occur each year, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission voted unanimously to publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) aimed at improving the safety of table saws.

Based on the injury data obtained in a [2007 and 2008 CPSC special study](#) (pdf), staff's injury cost model estimates that consumers suffered about 67,300 medically treated blade contact injuries annually - with an associated injury cost of \$2.36 billion dollars in each of those two years.

CPSC staff estimates from its 2007 and 2008 study of emergency department treated injuries related to table saws, that consumers suffered, on average, about 11 fractures, 11 amputations, and 8 avulsions *every day* from contact with the saw blade.

The ANPR invites written comments from the public regarding the risks of injury associated with table saws and ways in which these risks could be addressed. Following publication of the ANPR, the public will have 60 days to provide comments to the Commission. Comments can be submitted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Commissioner Statements on this vote: [Chairman Inez Tenenbaum](#) (pdf); [Commissioner Robert Adler](#) (pdf). [Editor Note: This is the result of the successful lawsuit against Ryobi for lack of 'proper' safety equipment on their saws.]

## Dates to Remember

The Woodturners of Olympia are presenting their fifth annual symposium, "Creativity in Woodturning" featuring David Ellsworth on July 28, 2012 from 7:50 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. It will be held at the Komachin Middle School in Lacey, Washington. The price is \$90 until May 31<sup>st</sup> after which it will increase to \$100. Youth under the age of 18 attending with an adult can attend for \$10. All prices include lunch and prizes. The day will start with James Leary conducting a "Primer on Spindle Turning – Basic Cuts". He is followed for the rest of the day by David Ellsworth who will be demonstrating his bowl making and hollow form techniques. David will also lead four hands-on workshops which are limited to eight participants per day. Workshops scheduled for Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> will cover cut-rim and natural edge bowls. Workshops scheduled for Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup> will cover hollow forms. The cost for each of the workshops is \$150. For more information or to register for the symposium or classes, go to their web site: <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>, call Al Price at 360-791-0396, or email him at [aprice44@aol.com](mailto:aprice44@aol.com).

## Woodturner's Web Sites

[Crown Hand Tools, Ltd.](http://www.crownhandtools.com) – As many of you are aware, Crown makes a very complete line of woodturning tools and accessories as a part of their overall line of woodworking tools. While they are physically located on the other side of the Atlantic in the UK, their tools are broadly offered by both brick-and-mortar and web stores in the US. If you are in the market for an unusual woodturning tool, check out the [Alan Beecham Skewchigouge](http://www.alanbee.com) on their web site.

[InLace Book.com](http://www.inlace.com) – This web site is a full product line supplier of InLace products. Their pricing is very competitive. For example, a large InLace resin kit sells for \$24.00. Also, they offer actual cost shipping. If you order from this company, please let the rest of us know what you think.

## Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via [cvwnews@charter.net](mailto:cvwnews@charter.net) no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the December 2011 newsletter is November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will be held in Dave Mills' shop on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at 20599 Highway 88 in the south end of Carson Valley. Drive south 4.2 miles past the California border to the Toiyabe National Forest sign and proceed another 75 yards. (If you end up in Woodfords, you went too far.) Turn left on Memdewee Down Street then immediately right at the gate for Zuni Pines, then down the driveway to the green barn on the right. We all appreciate Dave's willingness to hold CVW meetings in his shop.

### Carson Valley Woodturners' Officers

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