



Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



President's Gouge

I would first like to thank all of you who assisted with the craft fair by turning items for sale and for participating during the fair. We have amazing members who put in the time that made this a total success. It was very rewarding to see all of you at the fair, and all of the help was greatly appreciated. We did well enough that we were able to purchase an additional lathe, bringing the club-owned total to four. We now believe that we have enough lathes for the club to use during our hands-on sessions. We picked-up two new members at the craft fair and look forward to seeing them at our meetings. I met numerous people who attended the craft fair and they told me that our booth was by far the best. I would like to thank Maggie Porter for modifying the tablecloths to fit the tables. They were a great addition to our displays and provided a very professional appearance.



We previously discussed the possibility of participating in the July craft fair in Minden, but have turned down the opportunity. During the craft fair, we were approached by three other individuals requesting us to join in their craft fairs. We have agreed to take part in the *Touch of Class* craft sale being held October 19th – 21st, 2012. This craft sale is held in a residence on the Carson Valley Golf Course. They have 1,500 people on their mailing list and provide for the advertising. I have spoken to several people who have attended the craft sale and they speak very highly of the event. We will not be able to turn on our lathes; however, it will be a great venue for us to sell our turnings before the holiday season. Once again, we will ask club members to turn items for this sale, and will be providing you more information as to the types of items that are needed.

The club had 12 members in attendance at the AAW symposium in San Jose on June 8th – 10th. It was a great time with almost too much to do and see. I was able to make contact with Rudy Lopez at the symposium. As you know, he had to cancel his June presentation to our club due to his wife's illness. However, he said that he still has a plane ticket that needs to be used, and that he is talking with several clubs in northern California and Nevada to see if he could get another trip together later this year. Mel is staying in contact with him so that we can get him back on our schedule. I watched his presentation and was very pleased with his program and feel it will be a good demonstration for our club. We are also looking at possibly two more presenters before the end of the year. Frank Miller has a friend coming in from Texas, and Ron Burdug has a friend arriving later in the year. We will keep you posted with regards to topics, dates, and times.

Our July meeting will be held on the third Saturday, July 21, 2012, not the second Saturday. It will be a BBQ at Wayne Porter's house for members and spouses. We also will have a show-and-tell and raffle, and a wrap-up of the Minden Craft Fair. I will not be at the July and August meetings because I will be out of town. I am sure that Mel, Wayne, and Dave will be able to handle these meetings. – John Compston, President [Photos by Maggie Porter]

Sharpie for Detail Work

This tool is a modification of a couple of different tools. Cindy Drozda works with a similar tool, and this cuts similar to Stacey Hager's point tool, the three sided round tool with short bevels.

This is ground from a piece of 3/8 diameter round tool steel. I ground most of the top half of the rod almost 2" back. This has to be at least 1/2 the diameter of the rod you are using. The end is ground to a sharp point and the bottom is conical.



1. Side view
2. Top view with sharp point. Without a flute like a gouge, make sure the tool is not rolled past horizontal when sharpening.
3. Start flat at wide end. Use due caution if belt is moving toward you.
4. Finish at tip.
5. Start before center.
6. Finish grind before horizontal. When



sharpening/forming the back, touch the center of the rod lightly so you will not flatten the sharp point. When rolling the grind on the back of the tool, stop just before you reach horizontal. Where you stop forms the cutting angle, ideally 45 degrees or less. Try different angles to see what works best for you.

7. Start on the bevel/cone and slide the tool back until it cuts. This will put the groove exactly where you want it every time. The further back you bring the tool, the deeper the groove.



8. The tool will produce a clean cut without effort.



9. To turn a bead, start at the top and roll into the groove. It is a smooth action and is near impossible to catch. This tool is cutting on an unsupported spindle 5-to-6 inches out, and less than 3/8" diameter down to 1/16" and less. There is very little pressure from the cut, unlike the use of a gouge, which requires the spindle to be supported.



10. Light cuts work best; this tool is not aggressive.



11. Beginning a cut at the top of a bead is not a problem. It cuts where you put it. The finish is very clean on this walnut.

Have fun turning and be safe. – Frank Miller [Photos by Paul Cote]

Mid-Year BBQ Meeting for the Carson Valley Woodturners

Our July meeting will be a BBQ/Meeting on July 21st at Wayne Porter's shop. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. Bring your wives/husbands/significant others. We will not have a guest demonstration, but we will have a general discussion about our experiences at the San Jose Symposium, and also our experiences at the recent craft show/sale, followed by a short raffle and a short show-and-tell to allow the family members who normally don't attend our get-togethers to see what we are doing as a group. So bring a couple of things to show!

All of this will be followed by a hamburger bash for all in attendance. The club will provide all the needed ingredients. If any member feels they know the proper technique to cook hamburgers, we could use a couple of cooks – any volunteers?? Please call Wayne Porter at (775) 265 7887. We also need a count so we can gather the correct amount of lunch goodies – please RSVP by calling (775) 783 3299 and leaving the number of people who plan to attend.

Mark your calendars and note that this is the third Saturday of the month, not the second which is our normal meeting day for the month. Hope to see you there. – Mel Swingover

Dates to Remember

The **Woodturners of Olympia** are presenting their fifth annual symposium, "Creativity in Woodturning" featuring David Ellsworth on July 28th, 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 31st after which it will increase to \$100. For more information or to register for the symposium, go to their web site: <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>, call Al Price at 360-791-0396, or email him at aprice44@aol.com.

The **21st annual Southwest Association of Turners Symposium (SWAT)** will be held in the Waco (TX) Convention Center on August 24th - 26th, 2012. Lead demonstrators include Barbara Dill, Cindy Drozda, Michael Hosaluk, Todd Hoyer, Johannes Michelson, Joe Ruminski, Hayley Smith, and Steve Sinner. An additional eleven regional demonstrators will be featured for a total of fifty-four demonstration rotations. Last year's symposium attracted over 800 attendees and this year promises to be even more exciting. For more information, visit www.SWATurners.org or contact SWAT President, Janice Levi at jlevi@rightturnonly.net.

The **14th Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held at [The Ranch / Larimer County Fair Grounds](#) in Loveland, Colorado, on September 7th - 9th, 2012. It is sponsored by the [Rocky Mountain Woodturners](#). Featured demonstrators include John Jordan, J. Paul Fennell, Johannes Michelsen, Trent Bosch, and Allen Jensen.

The **3rd Segmenting Symposium** will be held October 18th - 21st at the Horizon Resort and Casino in Stateline, NV. This event will address all aspects of segmented woodturning from decorative vessels to sculptural art. There will be 36 sessions led by a faculty of 14, including John Beaver, Andy Chen, Dennis Daudelin, Ray Feltz, Lloyd Johnson, Bill Kandler, Dennis Keeling, Craig Kirks, Phil Miller, Michael Mode, Dave Peck, Jim Rodgers, Mike Shuler, and Malcolm Tibbetts. For info, visit the website at <http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org>.

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 August 2012 newsletter is July 30th.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW get-together will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on July 21st at 10 a.m. The address is 759 Gansburg Court, just off Highway 88 in Carson Valley. If you find yourself in California, you went too far. We all appreciate Wayne's willingness to hold CVW meetings in his shop.

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