



Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the

CARSON VALLEY
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President's Gouge

Summer is almost over and I'm sorry I missed the August meeting. However, I understand that it went well. See Dave Mills' following article which summarizes the meeting.

The October Touch of Class Craft Show is quickly approaching, and I would like to ask our members to participate in turning bowls for this show. Anyone wishing to assist should contact Dave Mills to get wood for turning. Wayne Porter will be putting a schedule together for setting up and working this show.

School is starting again and I will be contacting the Silver Stage High School to see when we can work with their students. This is always a rewarding experience and we look forward to the interaction with the shop teacher and students. After I hear from the school and set a schedule, I will be contacting members to assist.

During our October meeting we will be taking officer nominations for the Carson Valley Woodturners for 2013. If you have an interest in serving in one of the officer positions, please email me, or during the meeting you can state your interest. We will vote on the slate of candidates at our November meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting. – John Compston, President

Highlights from the Last Meeting

The August CVW meeting was held at Dave Mills shop at Zuni Pines (Belly Acres). Mel Swingrover did a great job running the show in John's absence. Mel provided the donuts, Dave served his special Zunibucks blend coffee, and Kathy Mills treated members to home-made peanut butter cookies and coffee cake.

The demonstrations were given by Ron Burdg and Dave Mills. Dave's demo was on the Hold Fast™ Vacuum Chucking System. He went through the set-up of the system, its cost, and where you can purchase it. Ron then showed and demonstrated his VaccuumMaster™ systems and talked about the pros and cons of each. I think the demo was helpful to the members who are considering buying a vacuum system. Dave also did a short demo on a jig (Incising System) he tried to copy from what he saw at the AAW symposium in San Jose that uses a small laminate router to embellish turnings while still mounted on the lathe. The members also asked Ron to show the various wood turning tools and accessories he has available to club members. It had been a while since he shared with us all the stuff he makes.

Show-and-tell was very interesting. We had a diverse number of items shown by members. It is really cool to watch everyone's skills develop and improve. Donna Dimmick showed her best turning so far; she has come a





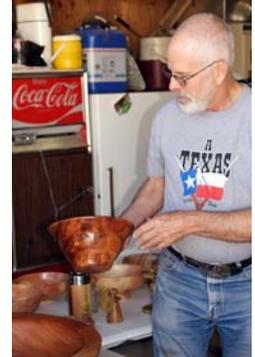
long way. Dave Colon showed three very thin small bowls, two embellished with InLace. He has a good eye for design and shape - something I struggle with. John Nikakis always thinks outside the box and did some nice things



with myrtle burl. He made a very nice earring holder from green poplar incorporating offset turning in the piece and he gave my wife turned earrings that she just loves. Frank Miller



had two nice platters and a layered bowl where he used a new chucking technique. Mel had a carob box with a dyed-black Cindy Drozda finial. Last but not least, Dr. Dave Mills had two pieces that died on the turning table and he tried to bring back to life and was moderately successful. He has been sued for malpractice several times and has won a few cases in court. If



I left anyone out, I apologize. It was not on purpose, but a computer chip error.



The members really enjoyed the raffle. There were many more winners than usual because Gunter was not in attendance with all the winning numbers. Rusty Porter attended in his “dad’s” absence. Everyone agreed he did a great job, and he did not bark out orders at Dave like Wayne does. Our next meeting will be held at Wayne Porter's shop.



I want to thank all the members who show up for our meetings. It's a lot of work setting up for a meeting, but it is worth it if

we can help and share with each other, and improve our craft. That's what it is all about. – Dave Mills [Photos by Paul Cote]

August Hands-On Session Notes

Our monthly hands-on was held on the 25th at Dave Mills’ shop. Eight members were in attendance. I thought Gary Hathaway was too old to have kids but he came by and shared pictures of his brand new baby, a Powermatic lathe. I could see the resemblance to Gary in his pictures. Gary James and Bill Draper turned two nice eucalyptus bowls. They have been sanded and finished. Now we will see if they make it through the drying process. If you picked up any of the eucalyptus at our last meeting and have not turned it, remember to turn it to about 3/8" thick or thinner. Turn it as fast as possible because it dries quickly, and it starts changing shape right away. Sand and finish at the same time because you cannot return to it later. Everything is completed while it is wet; then let it dry naturally to find its final shape. Mel had a previous engagement but he did come by for a cup of Dave's Killer Zuni blend coffee. I want to thank Kathy for another homemade coffee cake. The next time we have a hands-on, and if you have never attended, please give it a try. You don't have to turn. Many of our members just come by to shoot the breeze and watch turning, but most just come for the COFFEE. – Dave Mills

This Month’s Program

Our September program will be given by Stacey Hager and is titled, “Some Unusual Tools and Techniques”. The tools to be demonstrated will include the Bedan, Half-round, Point, and Hager parting tool.



He will show how each cuts and why. He will be discussing “Finding the Sweet Spot” (i.e. Turning the Tangent), “Where’s the Bevel?”, and “Why Skew and Shear”. He will also discuss the techniques used to turn the items in the accompanying pictures.



Stacey is from Dumas, a small town at the very top of Texas. At the age of eight, he began sweeping and carrying out shavings at his father’s planing mill and cabinet shop, and began turning at about age 12. He worked there until he was 18. He always thought of the job as a means of earning pocket change. Only later did he realize that he had received a full European-style apprenticeship.

In the course of almost 60 years of working in shops and laboratories, he has stumbled upon a number of things that work for him. He likes to pass on what he has discovered and what others have been kind enough to teach him. He believes it is this enthusiastic eagerness to share ideas, skill, information, and techniques that bonds woodturners into a vibrant, creative community. – Frank Miller



Web Site for Woodturners

[Bell Forest Products](#). Located in Northern Michigan, they are in the center of Birdseye Maple Country. Each week local loggers harvest Birdseye Maple and Curly Maple (Tiger Maple) trees and bring them to area log bids. They regularly visit these bids to choose the best logs available. Once the auction has finished, the logs are delivered to their sawmill which is located one-half mile from their warehouse. They mill the Birdseye Maple and Curly Maple (Tiger Maple) into lumber, and then stack it into one of their dehumidification kilns, where it stays for about one-month until dry. Cue Builders, Bowl and Pen Turners, Bowyers, Game Call Makers, and many other specialty woodworkers love the look of nicely finished exotic wood. Using the power of the internet, they provide over fifty species of exotic wood to woodworkers from around the world. As each new niche woodworking market develops, they are eager to provide the exotic wood species and sizes that meet the demand.

Bosch Recalls SkilSaw Miter Saws Due to Laceration Hazard

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, 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: Miter Saw. **Units:** Approximately 22,149

Importer: Robert Bosch Tool Corporation of Mount Prospect, Ill.

Hazard: The lower guard can break and contact the blade during use, posing a laceration hazard to users.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received no reports of incidents or injuries.

Description: The recalled product is the SkilSaw® 10-inch compound miter saw, with model number 3316 and date codes 111, 112, 201, 202, 203 or 204. The model number and date code are on the lower right side of the name plate located on the motor housing. The SkilSaw logo appears at the top of the upper blade guard and on the dust collection bag.

Sold at: Lowe's Home Centers nationwide and OC Tanner from January 2012 to April 2012.



Manufactured in: China.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the miter saw and contact Robert Bosch Tool Corporation for a free lower guard replacement kit.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact the firm toll-free at (888) 727-6109 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.skiltools.com.

Dates to Remember

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>.

The **2013 Utah Woodturning Symposium** will be held May 16-18th, 2013. Make plans to be part of the highly acclaimed Symposium. Engage with today's top professionals and up-and-coming woodturners in a friendly, informal learning environment with over 80 demonstrations to choose from and a full schedule of special events. The 2013 demonstrators will be announced soon. Registration opens December 1st, 2012.

The **27th AAW International Symposium** will be held at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL, June 28-30th, 2013. The AAW is calling for demonstrators. Submit your application to be considered as a [demonstrator for the 2013 Symposium](#) by the October 15, 2012 deadline. Applicants and their proposals are collected and judged by the Symposium Planning Committee, and then a list of proposed demonstrators is forwarded to the Board of Directors for final selection.

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 October 2012 newsletter is October 1st.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW get-together will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on September 8th at 9 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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