



Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



December 2012



President's Gouge

Thank you Wayne for hosting our November meeting, and special thanks to all of you who showed up on Friday to assist with the set up, and stayed late to clean up after the meeting. We had an excellent presentation by Jack Wayne from Washington. His program was "Board turning – turn a board". Jack also left us with two items that he turned during the demo. Wayne Porter will finish these projects, and they will be auctioned off (along with other items) at the Christmas Party.



Speaking of the Christmas Party, it will be held at Dave and Patricia Colon's residence on Saturday, December 15th. Donna Dimmick will be contacting club members the first week in December to find out if you are planning to attend and discuss what you can bring. The Christmas Party will take the place of our December meeting. (There is more information below.)

December is going to be a busy month for the club. We will be holding a hands-on session on Saturday, December 1st at Dave Mills' shop. We also will be participating in the Douglas High School Christmas Craft fair on Saturday, December 8th, and holding our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15th.

Please don't forget that to be able to participate in a hands-on session, you must be a paid member of the AAW whose annual dues are payable at the first of the year. Also, our annual dues for the CVW are payable at the same time unless you are one of the early birds who beat the rush and paid at the last meeting.

Annual CVW officer elections were held at our November meeting. John Compston (President), Wayne Porter (Treasurer), and Dave Mills (Secretary) ran for another term and were reelected. Mel Swingrover

had previously stated that he would not seek the Vice President position for another year. Gary James indicated that he was interested in running for the office, and was elected.

Gary is already taking his future duties seriously and presented the members in attendance with a survey requesting input regarding programs they would like to see during the next year. The board has created a new "Craft Fair Committee" to research and coordinate the club's involvement in craft fairs. Gary agreed to be the chair, and Donna Dimmick and John Nikakis volunteered to serve on the committee. Thank you all for stepping-up and offering your assistance.

If I don't see you at one of the December events, have a great holiday! – John Compston, President [Photos by John Nikakis.]

December Hands-On Session

OK all you turners, your Board has decided to have a Hands-On Day on December 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Dave Mills' "Zuni Pines Shop". Six lathes will be running to help you round-out your life. Dave Mills, John Compston and I have turned over thirty items for the next craft sale - mostly bowls. If you have something you would like to donate, bring it along. We'll be turning more items for the sale at the hands-on, but if you have something of your own you want to work on, that's fine too. It's a perfect time to get advice on technique or problems you might be having. I always learn something. Well, in my case it's usually re-learning something that I've forgotten in the last month or two. Dave will have the coffee on and he promises not to have too many wood shavings in it this time; so at least come by for that and commiseration.

If you have not been to Dave's shop before, travel south on Highway 88 toward Woodfords, CA. Before you get to the crest of the hill past the border, you will see a national forest sign. Just past the sign there is a road to the left. Take that road then make an immediate right through the gate to Zuni Pines. – Wayne Porter and John Compston

2012 CVW Christmas Party



When: December 15th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Dave & Patricia Colon's Residence
231 Laura Springs Circle
Gardnerville, NV

RSVP to:

Donna Dimmick with the number of persons in your party
at 775-246-0874, or email at ndimmick@sbcglobal.net

Donna will be calling you December 7th – 9th to confirm the number in your party and what type of dish you plan on bringing. Do not worry about the basics, i.e. paper goods; they will be provided by the club, however, serving utensils for your dish would be helpful. Please BYOB labeled with your name. The club will provide sodas, tea, etc. *Also, Dave and Patricia request that you bring a non-perishable food item for donation to less-fortunate families in the valley.*



Gift Exchange Rules: Each person who desires to participate must bring a gift, and put their gift in "the pile". Gifts must be wrapped, but should not be labeled to identify a sender or recipient. Gifts should be inexpensive (\$15 - \$20), and should be considered "useful" and not "white elephants". All

participants will draw a number (from a hat, perhaps) to determine their order. The participant holding #1 will select and unwrap any gift from the pile and then show it to everyone. Each successive participant, in the order determined from the drawing, can either "steal" an already opened gift or be adventurous and choose a wrapped gift from the pile. If the participant chooses to steal, the person whose gift was stolen repeats their turn and either steals another person's gift (they cannot immediately steal back the gift that was just stolen from them) or unwraps a new gift. This cycle of stealing can continue, but will end after any one gift has been stolen three times. Since items can be stolen, the item in your possession is not yours until the game is over (a food item cannot be eaten until the game is over). The game will continue until the last gift has been opened.

Auction: We also will be auctioning off some of the items the club has received from demonstrators and individuals over the past year. – Donna Dimmick



Virginia Tech Tree Identification Android App

Virginia Tech Tree Identification brings the award winning Virginia Tech digital dendrology material to your Android smart phone. It contains fact sheets for 969 woody plants from all over North America with an in-depth description, range map and thousands of color images of leaves, flowers, fruit, twigs, bark and form.

Users can narrow the species list for any location in North America using the phone's GPS, network signal, or any entered address or zip code. Basically the application can become "Woody Plants of Where You Are Standing". For example, it can become the "Woody Plants of Southwestern Oregon", the "Woody Plants of Central Park", or the "The Woody Plants of 37.108 lat., -80.452 long., elev. 2118".

Users can further narrow the species list by answering a series of very simple tree attribute questions such as where the plant is growing, leaf shape, leaf arrangement, flower color, or fruit type. The species list can also be narrowed by typing a keyword such as oak, Abies, red, or palm. For example if oak is typed only oaks found in the defined area will be listed.

A feature also allows you to send any tree related question to "Dr. Dendro", a tree expert in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation at Virginia Tech. You can send a tree description or pictures of your plant and experts will help with identification.

Key Features:

- 969 woody plants from all over North America
- Over 6,400 color photographs of leaves, flowers, fruit, twig, bark, and range map for each species
- In-depth description of all plant parts
- Narrows species list based on your location and elevation using the phones GPS, network signal or user entered location
- Search for species by a key word, e.g. maple
- Identify species by answering a series of questions. Pictures are displayed showing what is asked.
- Navigate between species with a push of a button.

This app is FREE at the app store! You will need ~650MB free space on your Android, and a Wi-Fi connection to efficiently download the databases. The app has been tested on a Samsung Galaxy smartphone and 10" tablet, each with 32GB of memory. Visit the [VT web site](#) for more information.

Web Site for Woodturners

[Sanding Jig is the Segmented Turner's Secret Weapon.](#) To make segmented vessels that look great (and won't come apart on the lathe!), you need to be able to make perfect segments. That means the perfect

length and the perfect angle. To do that, you need a very helpful fixture: an angle jig for the disk sander. It creates the most precise segments of all, and is pretty darn ingenious. Check out the jig at the [Fine Woodworking.com](http://www.finewoodworking.com) web link above.

Dates to Remember

The 5th **biennial Desert Woodturning Roundup** symposium will be held at the Mesa Convention Center on February 22nd-24th, 2013. The symposium is hosted by the Arizona Woodturners Association. Featured presenters are Richard Raffan, Malcolm Tibbets, Michael Hosaluk, Molly Winton, David Marks, John Lucas, J. Paul Fennell, Matt Monaco, and Rex Burningham. The event includes a pen turner gathering, live and silent auctions, a vendor area, an instant gallery, and door prizes. Following the symposium, Richard Raffan will teach a hands-on workshop. Further information is available at <http://www.desertwoodturningroundup.com>, or call 480-650-5185.

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 now calling for entries for the Juried Exhibition. Entries will be accepted online beginning November 1st, 2012 through February 3rd, 2013. All applicants will receive email notification by March 31st, 2013. Eligibility, fees, commissions, and other details are discussed on the AAW web site. Registration information will be posted by the end of November 2012.

The **Woodturners of Olympia** will hold their annual **Woodturning Symposium: Creativity in Woodturning** and workshops July 27th – 31st, 2013, in Lacey, WA. Registration starts on January 1st, 2013. Featured demonstrators are John Jordan and Jack Wayne. For more information, contact A. Price at aprice@aol.com.

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 January 2013 newsletter is December 31st.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

There is no regular meeting scheduled in December. Instead, we will hold our annual Christmas party. Details may be found earlier in this newsletter.

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