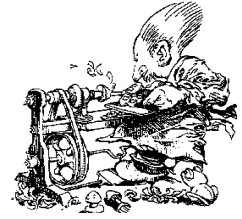




# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

I would like to send special thanks to Pat and Dave Colon for hosting our Christmas party, and a big thank you to Donna Dimmick for putting it all together. We had a good turnout and a great time was had by all. The club raised \$550.00 from the items auctioned off during the party; many thanks to those of you who provided items for the auction.

A New Year begins and things are looking bright for the Carson Valley Woodturners. We had an excellent 2012 and I am looking forward to 2013. We had a busy year with the club participating in three local craft fairs, from which we generated enough funds to purchase our own club trailer. (I can now have my trailer back!) I just received word from our club elves that the new trailer is now complete and all of the club's possessions are securely stored in the trailer. (There is more about the trailer on page 2.)

We have formed a Craft Fair committee chaired by our newly elected Vice President Gary James. Gary has not let any grass grow under his feet and has already recommended that we be involved with the Douglas High School Craft Fair again in 2013. We are also looking at participating at the Genoa Cowboy Poetry Festival. In addition, we have been invited to display our turnings in the Carson Valley Arts Counsel building for a two-month period.

The club now has four Delta Midi-lathes that we use for hands-on sessions, demonstrations at craft fairs, and for our visits to the Silver Stage High School. We are planning another trip to the school shortly after the New Year. The club also upgraded our video equipment with the help of Frank Miller and we are now able to see our demonstrations in detail on a large flat screen TV. We have acquired several varieties of wood that we have made available to members to use in turning items for the craft fairs, and as items in our meeting raffles. We are also offering it to club members for their use at a very nominal cost. I know that several club members are already making contacts to see about getting more wood this year. If anyone hears of someone planning to cut down a tree, please let us know and we will see about getting a group together to obtain the wood.

Fifteen club members attended our December hands-on session held at Dave Mills' shop. We will be holding additional hands-on sessions in the near future where we will be roughing-out bowl blanks so that they will have time to dry and can be finish-turned before our next craft fair. We look forward to you attending one or more of the hands-on sessions. We will let you know where and when the next session will be held. (There is more hands-on news at the bottom of page 2.)

As the incoming Vice President, Gary is heading up our meeting programs, and he would like your input with regards to what you would like to see in the coming year. If you have any suggestions, please be sure to let Gary know.

During the Douglas High School Craft Fair, we talked to the lady in the booth next to ours who does embroidery on hats, shirts, and smocks. Gary is working with her to see about having her embroider our club logo and member names on our turning smocks. Once Gary works out the particulars, we will be checking with the members to see who would like to have these embellishments stitched on their smock.

– John Compston, President

## **This Month's Program**

Wayne Porter will be giving a bowl turning demonstration at the January meeting which will be held in his shop. He will turn a basic bowl, and then undercut the rim, texture around the rim, wire burn, and if time permits, add some color as well. Wayne may be aided by Dave Mills and Gary James. Wayne says, "Guess I had better get busy and learn how to do all that stuff!" – Maggie Porter

## **Trailer Lore and Hands-On News**

Well, it's official! The Carson Valley Woodturners have a new addition to the family - a 16ft. baby boy! Wayne Porter and Dave Mills picked up our brand new trailer in Yerington on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Wayne says it's a boy because it has that thing sticking out the front (tongue). We saved about \$600.00 over others we looked at. Wayne thought he found a great buy on one in Oregon, but looking at the details, his mentor Dave figured out that was the price in Georgia where they are made. I wonder what President Compston would have said when we presented the club with the gas bill for the 2,500 mile trip. The new trailer has to be modified for hauling the lathes and related stuff which should take two or three weeks before it is all done. There are going to be some discussions on how this is accomplished (Wayne's way or Dave's way). We will probably meet somewhere in the middle.

A side note on the trailer search: We drove over to look at the trailer before we made the purchase. Wayne was riding shotgun. It was a little after lunch, and I threw the GPS in the truck. Wayne asked how long it would take to get there. I said an hour. He thought it would take an hour-and-a-half. I set the address into the GPS and drove as fast as I could, wanting to prove Porter wrong! We got to Renner equipment in Smith Valley. Thinking I would save time, I took what I thought would be a shortcut. The GPS starts talking to us saying to turn around because you are going wrong way and all that stuff. (Do you know you can order a GPS now that sounds just like your wife's voice? Of course, I had Wayne which is the same thing.) Now the GPS is saying to go two miles and turn right to get back on track. We came to this dirt road. Wayne says turn right here. It's not a bad road. Then my new girlfriend the GPS says go one mile and turn right again. We come to this trail and we decide this can't be right. We keep going a little farther and the GPS queen is saying we missed the turn. This road was a cattle trail! I have no idea where that trail would have taken us. We turned around and backtracked after wasting 20 or 30 minutes. Took us 1 1/2 hours plus to get to our destination. So two days later we drive over to pick up the new baby. We are talking about what we were going to do to fix up the trailer the way we want. Wayne is driving. Finally I look around and I don't recognize the surroundings at all. I asked if we went by the Texaco station yet and Wayne says he didn't see it. Next thing I know we are in Wabuska. Yes, we turned around and went back to the turn we missed. Another wasted 20 minutes. The moral of the story is two half-wits don't make a dimwit, and it does not matter who is driving.

In other club news, we had a hands-on at Zuni Pines on December 1<sup>st</sup> which was attended by 15 members. It was the biggest turnout we have ever had!!! The members were really craving Dave's coffee! Some said they just wanted to use the new bathroom. One of our new members, Bill Rehm, attended his first hands-on and Jane Hiatt was also there. It was good to see Jane - she hasn't joined us since this spring because she has been traveling all summer.

Club members donated numerous pieces for the craft show on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Douglas High School. The quality of the turned pieces has really improved, confirming that we are getting better at what we do. I think the hands-on are really paying off. I have said it before that it really makes me feel good when I see that many members come to a hands-on. You don't have to turn. You can shoot the bull, observe, or just hang out. If anyone needs any help with turning, sharpening, or anything to do with turning, give one of our club mentors a call or email. Mentors can be found on our website. For one-on-one help or advice on tool purchases, you can call Dave Mills (530) 694 2565.

PS: I heard a rumor that one of our members is thinking about a new addition to their family (a new lathe). My lips are sealed. – Dave Mills

## **Bargain Box of End Rolls Product Review**

A “Woodturner’s Must-Have” says the literature. I don’t know about a ‘must-have’, but it is certainly useful, quality sandpaper at a very good price. The [Klingspor catalog price is \\$31.95 for a 20 pound box](#). My box weighed 22 pounds. It contained 19 2.5” - 4” wide rolls of varying (long) length. The roll inventory was as follows: 2-100G, 1-120G, 2-150G, 3-180G, 2-220G, 2-240G, 1-320G, 5-400G, 1-600G. I have no idea why so much 400G was sent, or why no 500G was in the box, but I would be willing to trade some 400G for some 500G. I will really have to accelerate my woodturning and woodworking efforts to use it all, though. – Bill Draper

## **Carson Valley Woodturners Wood Supply**

The club still has English and American black walnut, locust, elm from the bay area (different from the elm here), and cottonwood burl. If you wish to purchase some of this wood, please contact Dave Mills and he will make arrangements for you to look at the wood we have - and he will gladly accept your money.

We also need club members to rough-turn bowl blanks as soon as possible for the next craft fair which will be the Genoa Cowboy Poetry Festival in May. (Club wood used for craft fair items is provided to members at no cost.) Hopefully, this will give us enough time for the turned items to dry so that they can be finish-turned for the fair. – John Compston

## **Hartville Tool Discount Program Instructions**

To order online, go to their web site ([www.hartvilletool.com](http://www.hartvilletool.com)) and shop as usual. When you are ready to check out, be sure to state that you are a Carson Valley Woodturner Member in the checkout notes box and they will give you the discount on all applicable items. The discount will not show on your e-receipt, but it will be indicated on the hard copy that comes with your order.

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## **Apps for iPhones**

The Stanley Works recently introduced an iPhone™ and iPod® touch level application with the introduction of the STANLEY® Level. This new and free application is available online at the Apple App Store, and brings users the accuracy and reliability of real world tools in virtual form. Four interchangeable application skins emulate existing STANLEY® levels to provide consumers with an opportunity to experience, research, and learn about Stanley's extensive line of levels. (This application is not currently available for Android phone or tablet users.)

## **Dates to Remember**

The 5<sup>th</sup> biennial Desert Woodturning Roundup symposium will be held at the Mesa Convention Cen-

ter on February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 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 Big Island Woodturners 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit** will be held at the Wailoa Center, 200 Piopio St. in Hilo, HI. The show will kick off with the "Meet the Artist" Reception on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. The Woodturners Exhibit is free to the public and will be open Monday - Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. during March 2<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Woodturning demonstrations are on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

The **2013 Utah Woodturning Symposium** will be held May 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 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 roster of 2013 demonstrators and further information is available on their [web site](#).

The **27th AAW International Symposium** will be held at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL, June 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The AAW is now calling for entries for the Juried Exhibition. Entries will be accepted online beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. All applicants will receive email notification by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Eligibility, fees, commissions, and other details are discussed on the [AAW web site](#). Additionally, registration information is now posted on the [AAW web site](#).

The **Woodturners of Olympia** will hold their annual **Woodturning Symposium: Creativity in Woodturning** and workshops July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, in Lacey, WA. Registration starts on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Featured demonstrators are John Jordan and Jack Wayne. For more information, contact A. Price at [aprice@aol.com](mailto:aprice@aol.com) or visit their [web site](#).

### 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 February 2013 newsletter is January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW get-together will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on **January 12<sup>th</sup>** 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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