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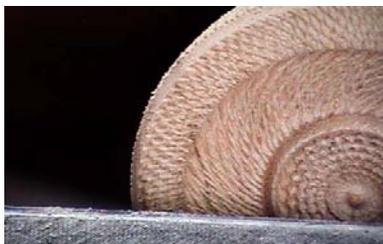
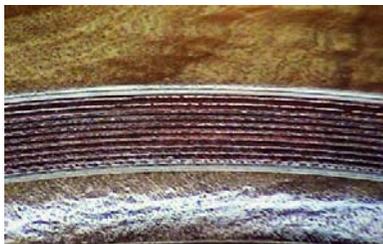


March 2013



President's Gouge

I would like to start off by thanking Wayne Porter for hosting and demonstrating at our February meeting. Wayne, along with Dave Mills' assistance, did another outstanding job in demonstrating embellishment techniques. Also thanks to those of you who brought treats to the meeting. We had a large



group in attendance and the snacks were greatly appreciated by all. I also want to thank Frank Miller for his assistance with running the video equipment during the meeting, and lastly, thanks to those of you who helped clean up after the meeting.



Prior to our February meeting Gary James stepped down as our club Vice President, and DeWayne Walker was elected to replace Gary - welcome aboard DeWayne!



We also announced that we had purchased our own general liability insurance for the club, so now club members who are not

members of AAW can participate in turning activities at our club functions. We are still waiting for bids for insurance for the Board and will be letting you know at our March meeting what the additional cost to club members will be to cover the cost of this supplementary insurance.



We implemented our new club safety program at the February meeting. If you

took the paperwork with you after the meeting, please make sure you bring it back to the March meeting so that we can collect the signed program acknowledgements. We will be making copies of the signed documents, and you will be given a copy that you can maintain in your own records. The club will retain the original signed copy in our files. We also updated our by-laws to include the safety information and have added a safety section to our webpage. I would like to



express our appreciation to Don McRoberts for all of his effort in maintaining our webpage.– John Compston, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

This Month's Program

Our March meeting will be held at DeWayne Walker's shop at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 9th. Ron Burdgd will be demonstrating his wood threader, and DeWayne, Wayne Porter, and Dave Mills will be demonstrating the Vermec Sphere Cutting Jig. These demonstrations should be very interesting to all.

Logos for Turning Smocks and Caps

Mary the 'logo lady' will be at our March 9th meeting. If you want to have your turning smock embroidered with our Carson Valley Wood Turners logo and your name, bring it to the meeting. She will get them back to us ASAP, probably in three or four days. If you have not seen the sample of her work, I will have it at the meeting for you to check out. Be sure to put your name on your smock so she can stitch the correct name on it and return it to the correct person. If you have tee shirts or hats you want the logo on, she can do that also. The price for the smocks is \$15.00 each. If we have a dozen or more, the price is \$12.50 each including your name. I am going to have three done myself so we will probably get the cheaper price. Hats are 10.00, and tee shirts or shirts will be the same price as the smocks. – Dave Mills

Hands-On Report from Zuni Pines

We had our hands-on Friday the 22nd at Dave Mills' shop at Zuni Pines (Belly Acres). We had 10 or 11 people in attendance. Mel Swingrover kept trying to pay for his coffee because he is really hooked on our Zuni blend. It was a fun meeting because it was like new tool day at Christmas. Ron Burdgd brought his new thread cutting tool that he will be demonstrating at our March meeting. Frank Miller had his thread making tool, too, and I had the new Vermec sphere making tool. It was great fun - three different tools being used at one time with others intently observing.

I received the NASA Award for launching the first missile off the lathe shortly followed by my instructor DeWayne Walker's launch. It always makes you feel good when the teacher messes up. My face shield did not help at all when the piece hit me in the hand. This safety thing is good, but Mel telling me to wear it when I went to the bathroom is a bit excessive, I think. I caught Mel in a corner of the shop looking at the Hartville catalog and taking notes. He was making up his lame story to lay on Dottie why he needs all these new tools.

Senior moment: Just remembered Ron Burdgd also brought the new incising setup he has just finished making. I will be doing a demo on it in the near future. I need more time to perfect it a little. Yesterday was a blur as usual when you host an event. I wanted to spend more time on the thread cutting tools. Maybe next time. I learned a lot and hope I can retain more than the 10% I usually do. Wayne Porter says I never retain 10 percent of anything. Got to go now - heading to the shop to put into use everything I learned yesterday before I forget. – Dave Mills

Wood Gathering

On February 2nd, a club work party consisting of John Compston, Dave Mills, Wayne Porter, Frank Miller, and DeWayne Walker caravanned to Elk Point (Lake Tahoe) to gather Ponderosa Pine that Dave Mills' brother Richard had felled the day before. He was kind enough to offer the club as much as we wanted.

The two trees were topped and limbed; all we had to do was cut the trees into rounds and load them into the four pickups and three trailers that we brought with us. We rolled the rounds down the drive way, up a plywood ramp, and then stood them on end. As it turned out, this was no small feat. The trees meas-

ured up to 32 inches in diameter and were very heavy. Now I know where the term ‘water-logged’ originated.

After completing about three-quarters of the task, Richard’s wife, Vicky, set up a table and chairs on their deck and offered coffee and cake during a much needed break.

After leaving Richard a cord of fire wood and a neighbor a small amount of wood, we packed up and drove to Dave Mills’ Zuni Pines ranchette to unload our bounty, which was a lot easier than loading!



Over the next couple of weeks Dave, Wayne, and DeWayne cut the rounds into manageable size pieces and sealed them. Dave did most of the heavy work. We cut and sealed as much as we thought the club could use, well in excess of 100 pieces of various sizes. The remainder is for Dave’s use.

We would all like to thank Richard and Vicky for their hospitality and generosity. – DeWayne Walker

Pinus Ponderosa

Pinus ponderosa, commonly known as the Ponderosa Pine, Bull Pine, Blackjack Pine, or Western Yellow Pine, is a very large pine tree of variable habit native to western North America, but widespread throughout the temperate world. It was first described by David Douglas in 1826, from eastern Washington near present-day Spokane. It is the official state tree of the State of Montana.



Ponderosa Pine is a coniferous evergreen tree. The bark helps to distinguish it from other species. Mature individuals have cinnamon-red bark with black crevices. Younger trees have black to reddish-brown bark. The tree can often be identified by its characteristic long needles that grow in tufts of two to four (or five) depending on subspecies.



Sources differ on the scent. Some state that it has no distinctive scent, while others state that the bark smells like vanilla if sampled from a furrow of the bark. Sources agree that the Jeffrey Pine is more strongly scented than the Ponderosa Pine.

The National Register of Big Trees lists a Ponderosa Pine that is 235 ft. tall and 324 in. in circumference. In January 2011, a Pacific Ponderosa Pine in Siskiyou National Forest in Oregon was measured with a laser to be 268.35 ft. high. The tree was climbed on October 13, 2011 and directly measured with tape-line at 268.29 ft. high. This is now the tallest known pine. The previous tallest known pine was a Sugar Pine.

Modern forestry research identifies four different taxa of *P. ponderosa*, with differing botanical characters and adapted to different climatic conditions. These have been termed "geographic races" in forestry literature, while some botanists historically treated them as distinct species. In modern botanical usage, they best match the rank of subspecies, but not all of the relevant botanical combinations have been formally published.

Before the distinctions between the North Plateau race and the Pacific race were fully documented, most botanists assumed that Ponderosa Pines in both areas were the same. So when two botanists from California found a distinct tree in western Nevada in 1948 with some marked differences from the Ponderosa Pine they were familiar with in California, they described it as a new species, Washoe Pine, *Pinus washoensis*. However, subsequent research has shown that this is merely a southern outlier of the typical North Plateau race of Ponderosa Pine. – From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. References removed, and edited.

Dates to Remember

The **2nd Annual Woodturning Show and Sale** will be held on May 4th - 31st at the Fred Oldfield Western Heritage & Art Center on the Puyallup, WA, Fairgrounds. Get out of your shop and participate in the fun and excitement of the Northwest's largest woodturning show and sale. Monetary awards will be given for "Best of Show" and "People's Choice". Entry deadline is April 15th. A 15% commission will benefit the Children's "Experience Art Program" at the Center. Call 253-752-9708 for more information.

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 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 28-30th, 2013. Registration permits attendance to demonstrations, panel discussions, and the fundraising Saturday Night Banquet-Auction, which is reserved for AAW members only. The banquet requires a ticket, but after the banquet, the doors will be opened to the public. Complete registration, lodging, and other symposium 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 27th - 31st, 2013, in Lacey, WA. Registration started on January 1st, 2013. Featured demonstrators are John Jordan and Jack Wayne. For more information, contact A. Price at aprice@aol.com or visit their [web site](#).

The **Southwest Association of Turners** recently announced that their 2013 symposium will be held on August 23rd - 25th, 2013, in Waco, TX. Details will follow when they are published. <http://www.swaturners.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 April 2013 newsletter is April 1st.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW get-together will convene in DeWayne Walker's shop on March 9th at 9 a.m. From South Carson Street (US395/50), go east on Clearview Drive to 1175 which is next to a power company sub-station. Take the driveway on either side of the house. The shop is at the rear of the property. Park anywhere. We all appreciate DeWayne's willingness to hold CVW meetings in his shop.

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