



# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

Many thanks to Wayne Porter for hosting our June meeting. Sorry that I was not able to attend the meeting, however, I hear that Wayne Allen's demonstration turning of Banksia pods for salt-and-pepper shakers was another outstanding performance. We were lucky that we had the audio/video equipment working even though Frank Miller was unable to assist with the set-up due to a problem with his back. I am pleased to say that we only had to call him once to get instructions. It is apparent that the combined brain power of the four board members does not quite match up to Frank.



Dave Mills is working with John Beaver from southern California regarding being a presenter at our club in September. We are planning to have an all-day demonstration, with a second day for a hands-on session with John. The cost for the second day will be shared between the members attending. We will have seven lathes available so if you are interested please contact Dave Mills. Check out John's website at [johnbeaver.net](http://johnbeaver.net). [John Beaver has an interesting article in the August 2013 issue of *Woodturning Design*.]

Wayne Porter has been in contact with an individual who will print T-shirts for the club. If you are interested and have not yet placed your order, please contact Wayne.

We are always looking for ideas and presenters for our meetings. If you have a topic you would like to see covered, or know of someone who would be a good presenter, please let one of the board members know.

We have a busy summer and fall coming up. The Carson Valley Woodturners will be the "featured artist" at the Carson Valley Arts Counsel in Minden beginning on July 13<sup>th</sup> and running until mid-September. The club's turnings will be on display and for sale. If you are interested in turning items for this sale, please contact one of the board members to get wood to turn. We can use all of the help we can get because we sold a large amount of our stock at the Cowboy Festival. If you have something you have turned, we will add it to our display. If you do not want to sell it, we will mark it not for sale. Please contact Wayne Porter so that we can make sure that we get your items.

We will also need to have items turned for the Douglas High School Craft Fair which will be held in late November or early December. The craft fair will be two days this year. Please consider turning something for the show.

Dewayne Walker and John Nikakis have been working on display cases to be used for displaying items at the craft fairs we attend. It is my understanding that the work is coming along well and should be finished in the near future.

### Turn Here for Safety

*Always check the speed of the lathe before turning it on. Use slower speeds for larger diameters or rough pieces, and higher speeds for smaller diameters and pieces that are balanced.*

I would again like to thank all of the club members who have assisted in turning items for the craft fairs, manning the booth, and setting-up and taking down. Without all of your help, we would not be able to participate in these activities around our community.

We have acquired several new members from our attendance at these events and it is apparent that there are woodturners among us who are looking for assistance in improving their turning skills.

See you at **the July meeting, which will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** for this month only. – John Compston, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

## Notes from the June Meeting

Our June meeting was held at Wayne Porter's shop. It was spotless, and reminded me of my place. The only problem was the absence of Dave's Zuni blend coffee. Wayne did a good job running the meeting in our president's absence. DeWayne Walker set up and ran the audio-video equipment because Frank Miller was laid up with some back issues. Wayne Porter filled us in on our successful participation in the Cowboy Festival and Markleeville Craft Fair. Great job members! The club also voted to put our turnings in *Gadzooks*, the new gallery in Gardnerville, on a trial basis for six months.

Wayne came across a local custom tee shirt vendor, and several members signed up for club tee shirts. If you missed the meeting and want to order a shirt, please call Wayne. Shirts are \$9.50 if my memory is working; with a pocket is \$3.00 extra.

Wayne Allen did a great demonstration on turning Banksia pods. He had examples of different things you can make out of them. For the demonstration, he turned a salt shaker. I am a big Wayne Allen fan. I always learn from him and get ideas, as was the case today. You look at how beautiful Wayne's work is and you forget he is only using one eye without depth perception. I can't do what he does with two good eyes. A big thanks to Wayne for the demonstration. He says there may be another in the future.



Show-and-tell was very impressive. Paul Cote had three excellent pieces: two maple burl accent pieces, one with a dye accent on the rim, and a large vase out of cinnamon burl which is beautiful wood. Wayne Porter had a nice apricot vase and a ma-



ple piece with piercing and some popcorn bowls. John Nikakis had two pieces using the wave effect that were really impressive, and two birdhouses using offset turning. John is one of those technical kind of guys. He sees something and then goes home and comes up with a way to do it. He is among our most improved turners in the club right now.



Speaking of John's wave turnings, we are working on bringing John Beaver in for a demonstration in September. He will be showing us the wave technique in three or four different variations. It will be an all-day demonstration. The charge to members will be \$15.00 with the remainder being picked up by CVW. Bring a lunch; refreshments will be provided. The next day will be an all-day hands-on. The cost is \$600 for the day, and the members who sign up will share the cost. We already have five members committed. Further details and dates will be provided later.

My show-and-tell turnings were nothing out of the ordinary: one hollow form piece turned out of incense cedar, and a walnut platter turned out of a piece of graft wood. I did get a big surprise from Mel Swingrover to help me improve my turning quality [Four 120-penny spikes and a pack of 40-grit paper]. He is soooo sweet - in fact I kissed him not once but twice. Well that's about it, got to go for now - Mel's calling. - Dave Mills [Photos by Paul Cote]

## This Month's Program

Wayne Porter will open his shop to us and will demonstrate making a bowl on a pedestal from two different wood species. It should be a very interesting project. Note: Due to scheduling issues caused by vacations and the Arts Council show involvement, **the demonstration and meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday vs. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July**. Please make this important change in your calendar.

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## Observations from the June Hands-On Session

We had our June hands-on at Zuni Pines - one of the best hands-on ever. None of the Brass showed up: John Compston was chasing the elusive trout in Bridgeport, Dwayne Walker had a previous commitment, and Wayne Porter had family in town. So we had no brass, but lots of polish. Wayne wasn't yelling at me like usual. He always says it's because I can't hear, just like on Sargent Bilko.

This is the first hands-on I can remember when I actually got to turn something. I roughed a 17" bowl out of pine, and a natural edge bowl out of smoke tree. That stuff is beautiful; only have 1 blank left. The pine bowl was rather large, so Mel Swingrover and Bill Draper supervised. I thought they just liked to watch me turn, then I found out there was a pool that they bought into when I would launch it. Glad to report no launches. Bill is a great supporter of our hands-on. He never misses a meeting. Frank Miller got out of the traction machine and Jane drove him over. Frank has been having lots of stuff going on with his back, and it was great to see him. Frank and John Nikakis were working on an offset turning piece. John was using a new offset chuck from Penn State Industries that is really cool. John brought some cards he made up (Caring for Your Handmade Wooden Bowl) with the club logo on the back. They will be great to hand out when we sell our wares. He also made up the plans for our spindles for the display stands Dewayne Walker is working on. If anyone wants to turn some of the spindles, let me know and I will get the plans to you.

On a more somber note, we had the service for Betty today. If you did not know her, Betty was our 1958 Ford tractor. She left this earth way too early, only 55 years old! She will be missed but never forgotten as long as we are alive. The service was open casket; really tough looking down on that burned gas tank. Betty had her ornery moments like all of us, dead batteries, oil leaks, hydraulic lines breaking, flat tires but when she was called to duty she never let Zuni Pines down. R.I.P.

Finally, a big thank you to Jane for delivering Frank and the great cookies she baked. She might have a sore back tonight herself after helping Kathy pull weeds. Till next time, I have to go over and sit with Betty and just talk about the good times. – Dave Mills

## Dates to Remember

The **Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT)** will hold their 2013 symposium on August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Waco, TX. Lead demonstrators include Jimmy Clewes, Ashley Harwood, Don Derry, J. Paul Fennell, and Dixie Biggs. Features of the symposium include an Instant Gallery in which woodturners display their work, a Saturday evening banquet that features a raffle of over 30 beautiful turned pieces, a second raffle, using the same tickets, is held during Sunday lunch. This raffle includes a full-size lathe, three midi-lathes, plus an assortment of woodturning tools and accessories. Forty-three vendors will sell equipment and supplies to those attending the symposium at very competitive and usually discounted prices. Lunches are provided during the three-day event. Special Interest Groups will be present for hands-on pen turning, and tool sharpening. There will be a hands-on turning area to try out new tools, obtain one-on-one coaching, or just make some shavings. There will also be activities for spouses. Visit the SWAT web site at <http://www.swaturners.org> for more information.

The **Rocky Mountain Woodturners** will hold their **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium**, September 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Ranch/Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, CO. Participants can select from over 42 rotations, with featured demonstrators David Ellsworth, Binh Pho, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Jason Schneider, Michael Blankenship, Rick Orr, John Giem, Ashley Harwood, and Dale Bonertz. There will also be vendors and a hands-on woodturning area. For symposium information, contact Allen Jensen at (970) 663-1868, or visit the event's website at <http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com>.

## Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via [cwnews@charter.net](mailto:cwnews@charter.net) no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the August 2013 newsletter is July 29<sup>th</sup>. There are no changes in the newsletter production schedule due to the change in the July meeting date.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW get-together will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on **July 27<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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