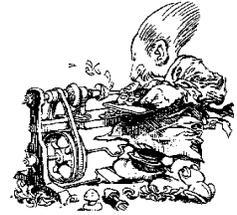




# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

I would like to thank Dave Mills for hosting and demonstrating at the August meeting. Sorry I was not able to attend. However, from the feedback I have received it went very well, and Dave did an excellent job turning a eucalyptus platter. We had four new members join at the meeting and I am sure they enjoyed Dave's demonstration. I know that



we like to get outside demonstrators for our meetings, however, we are very fortunate to have several members of our club who do an outstanding job putting on demonstrations. The thing I like about having club members demonstrate is that they are aware of the skill levels of our members and can present a program that has something for all of us.

Later in August, we had another excellent hands-on session with five lathes in operation. Several new members participated. These sessions are some of the most productive because individuals get to try out new techniques or attempt a project that they might not try if they were working alone.

Our September meeting is on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and will feature John Beaver who will be demonstrating his 'wave' bowl turning. John will also be providing a hands-on session on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, for which we currently have five members planning to attend. The demonstration and hands-on will be held at Wayne Porter's shop. Bring your lunch both days. Drinks will be provided by the club.

Dave and Pat Colon have graciously agreed to host John while he is here for the demonstration and hands-on. Dave and Pat have been great supporters of the club by opening their home for our last two Christmas Parties, and now hosting John. Thank you both for what you do for the club. We have another club member and his wife who have stated an interest in hosting our 2013 Christmas Party. It is greatly appreciated to see our members step up and offer assistance when they can.

Speaking of Christmas, the Douglas High School Christmas Craft Fair is quickly approaching. I would like to task each club member to turn at least one item for the craft fair. Those of you who could provide more than one item would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for larger, more high-end items that seemed to sell well last year. Our stock has dwindled after the Cowboy Festival, so any help we can get on providing additional items for sale will ensure a prosperous event. If you need wood to turn items for the fair, please contact Dave Mills or Wayne Porter.

It is not too early to start thinking of Club Officer elections. If you are interested and willing to serve as a Board Member, please consider it and let one of the current Board Members know. We will be holding elections at the November meeting, so give it some thought.

My summer of camping and following my granddaughters at softball is coming to an end. Sorry I will not be at the September meeting as I will be in Seattle visiting my other grandkids. I am looking forward to

### Turn Here for Safety

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getting back to club activities and doing some turning of my own. I purchased a portable air conditioner for my shop so I hope I will be able to turn a little in the warmer weather next year.

Lastly, everyone in the CVW sends best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Gunter Kaiser. – John Compston, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

## Appreciation

The Carson Valley Woodturners Club has a number of people who give of their time, effort, and money to help this Club exist. You all know who you are, and I would just like to say thank you. A special thanks to Bill Draper (and someone else in that household!), who make sure the newsletter gets out every month. Frank Miller has taken our audio/video equipment to a whole new level, and deserves "all" the credit for that. Setting-up and running the A/V system at every meeting is no small task. Mel Swingrover is handling the video library for us and doing a great job. He is picking up a couple new videos for us this month. Donna Dimmick and Dave Colon have been volunteering to coordinate the Christmas Parties for us the last few years, and they have come off without a hitch. Some of our members have very graciously hosted our presenters. Don McRoberts designed, set up, and oversees our great website with no charge for his labors. I haven't mentioned the Board members because when they are elected, it is expected that they will do their job and keep the Club running on course.

There is, however, one Board Member who deserves special recognition: Dave Mills. Dave is not only the most active Board Member by filling in for other members when needed, but he also donates his property and labor for the cutting, sealing, and storage of all the wood the club acquires. He maintains the club's wood, making sure it gets set out for the raffles and wood sales; donates his shop for meetings; stores and hauls the club's trailer wherever needed; donates more turnings to the club than anyone else; is instrumental in all the club sales and teaching events; always seems to be available to help other members with their turning techniques; etc., etc. I don't know how he does all this and still manages to golf twice a week and put 2,000 miles on his bicycle riding to the top of the local passes, but he does. Thank you Dave!

I guess I just wanted to say that I think we have one of the best woodturning clubs anywhere. There isn't room to express my appreciation to everyone who has volunteered over the years, so I'll just say thanks to all our members for a great "woodturning" experience. If we all stay involved by giving a little of our time to helping out with club activities, I think the Club will continue to be a great asset for its members and the community. – Wayne Porter

## Summary of the August Meeting

We had our monthly meeting at Zuni Pines, aka Belly Acres, with a really good turnout of 24 people and one untrained dog. We had four new members join the club. That's the most we have had join at one time.



I guess nobody told them about the initiation ritual. We will be doing that at a later date after their checks have cleared. People were saying that the great turnout must have been the floor show with Dave Mills performing on Babe the Blue Ox, turning a Eucalyptus platter out of dry wood. Nothing could be further from the truth. The real reason will be later in this report. The floor show was good by most accounts. Of course, I did the demo so I thought it was great, but my perspective is a little biased. I felt a little bit like Houdini when I got done trying to make a platter out of a brick, and succeeding for the most part. There was more sharpening than turning, Ron Burdug said I sharpened my gouges 7 times - and that was just when I turned the bottom of the platter. Quite often the presenter





will not sharpen his tools at all during the demo, but that stuff is hard.

Mel Swingrover accepted an award on behalf of his wife Dottie: two vintage Dave Mills Minden Chevron address books, these are very rare and hard to come by, like the Master Card commercial says: "priceless". Not a lot of show-and-tell stuff. We just had our monthly meeting two weeks before, so



the members had not had much time to finish any artwork. There have been rumors that we might have a John Compston (our club president) sighting in October, but I also heard Elvis might appear, too. Keep your eyes peeled and have your autograph paper ready.

I have been a little down this week with all the club stuff we have been doing. I felt like an underappreciated Wal-Mart worker. The club is a lot of work and Wayne and I are tired. Wayne spoke at the meeting about elections coming up. We could use some fresh blood to help carry the load, so think about running for the Board or helping on a committee. But after the meeting with the great turnout and four new members, I am so pumped I want to get on the bicycle and climb to the top of Ebbets Pass 8700 ft.!

Lastly, do you know why the great turnout and meeting? It's the coffee. The Zuni Blend 80 cups consumed is a Guinness world record! The word is out and spreading like wildfire. I have had four calls from Starbucks today trying to get the recipe but rest assured it is safe and under lock and key. Our next monthly meeting will be at Wayne Porters house on September 14<sup>th</sup> with John Beaver doing an all-day demonstration on wave turning, and a hands-on class on the 15<sup>th</sup> on the same subject. Take care and MAKE SOME SHAVINGS! – Dave Mills [Photos by Paul Cote] [See a finished eucalyptus platter on Page One.]

## Another Great Day of Turning at the Mills Zuni Pines Turning Retreat

Contrary to common belief, Dave Mills did wash the coffee pot sometime between the August General Meeting and the Hands-On Day the following week. I know because I made a special trip to Dave's shop to ensure the pot was clean prior to the hands-on session. No strange growths were detected ... this time. Kidding aside, Dave did an excellent job on the coffee and was once again a great host. He's always there to lend a hand, and provide us with whatever we've forgotten to bring along.

It was another fun-filled day of turning and learning with friends. We had eight members present at the hands-on event, with five lathes in operation. Two of our new members, Joel and Larry, were there and eager to improve their turning skills. Some of us "Old Timers" were there and did our best to ensure they learned all the wrong techniques with some "one-on-one" assistance. I enjoy helping someone who is fairly new to turning. It always takes me back to the days when I was first trying to figure out how to turn the simplest of bowls. I've come a long way from that awkward beginning, and have even further still to go. Learning some new turning technique, or turning something I've never turned before is part of what makes this craft so enjoyable for me.

Mel Swingrover worked on a walnut bowl that was "lookin' good", while Wayne Allen rough turn a couple of bowls for the John Beaver hands-on day (pine and sweetgum). John Nikakis turned a handle for his new ¼" P & N bowl gouge, and Frank Miller spent a good deal of time sharpening other guys tools. Frank was also showing off his new off-center chuck (complete with off-center pen mandrel).

I don't know who brought all the goodies to go along with the Zuni Blend coffee, but thank you. Some of the contributors were Mel with lemon Danish; Kathy Mills with a homemade Peach and Lavender coffee cake (I've never heard of that one before, but it was delicious); and I didn't see who brought the mini

cinnamon rolls, or the chocolate chip cookies. Wow, we had more than we could stuff down our gullets. I'll bet some of you who couldn't show up are really sorry now. Better make it next time.

The chips flew until a little after noon and then everyone helped clean up and pack away the lathes. All-in-all it was another great day with a bunch of really good people. Life is good.

It is rumored that an obscure person of the scientific variety once said, "Pi has a direct relationship to the Theory of Relativity". Therefore it is my theory that all relatives should bake me a pie. And I'm not too particular about whose relatives they are. – Wayne Porter

## Dates to Remember

The **Artistry in Wood Show** will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup> - February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center, 3300 Vista Avenue, Boise ID. Competitors from all skill levels will submit their wood carving, turning, scroll work, fine wood working, gourd art, and pyrography entries for public display and judging. The show will feature demonstrations, vendors, raffles, an auction and banquet, and the opportunity for artists to sell their work. The Idaho show is one of the largest of its kind in the western United States. Contact [Doug Rose](#), 208-387-0492, for more information.

The **AAW 28<sup>th</sup> International Symposium** will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> - Jun 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Phoenix, AZ. "Rising", the theme of the 2014 exhibit, is sponsored by the [Professional Outreach Program](#). As always, you can interpret the theme literally or imaginatively ... the choice is yours. Look for details in the August 2013 issue of [American Woodturner](#). Work must be less than two years old and created at least in part on the lathe. No size limit, but only a few pieces that ship oversize can be accepted. As of July 2013, demonstrators are Alan Carter, Jimmy Clewes, J. Paul Fennell, Douglas F. Fisher, Ron Fleming, Clay Foster, Todd Hoyer, Rudy Lopez, Michael Mocho, Christof Nancey, Joshua Salesin, Neil Scobie, Hayley Smith, Michael Werner, and possibly more. You can respond here to the [Call for Demonstrators](#).

## 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 October 2013 newsletter is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW get-together and John Beaver demonstration will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on September 14<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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