



# Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



June 2014



## President's Gouge

I would like to thank all of you who came out and assisted with the Cowboy Music Festival the first week of May. We had another great show in spite of the wind that roared down the mountain all three days. We had several return customers from last year who said they were hoping we were going to be there. One couple from the Mid-West who were in Reno for the bowling competition made it a point to come to Genoa just to see if we were there. During the show, we had four individuals who wanted us to participate in their craft shows and I attribute this to our outstanding booth. We also used our new tents and signs, which I think added a lot to our booth. The sidewalls we got with the tents prevented the wind from blowing items off our tables. It was another great craft fair and we had great participation from our members. We had two lathes going the whole show and this brought a lot of attention to our booth. Big thanks for all of the help.

Our June meeting will be held at Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. John Nikakis will be demonstrating offset turning. John has done some outstanding work with this turning method and I am sure you will find his program very interesting. John did some offset turning during the Genoa fair and I found myself watching him turn, and realized that he was not using a special chuck or any special tools.

In July, we will be holding the club BBQ. In addition, Frank Miller has a friend, Andy Chen, who will be visiting in July and he has graciously agreed to put on demonstrations for our club while he is here. When more information is available for the events, we will be getting it out to members. Please visit Andy's website and check out some of his work: <http://andycustomcraft.artistgalleryonline.com>.

If you have a special interest for future demonstrations, please let one of the board members know and we will see if we can accommodate you. We are always looking for members to demonstrate, so if you have a program or project you would like to share with the other members, please let us know. – John Compston, President

### Turn Here for Safety

When running a lathe in reverse, it is possible for a chuck or faceplate to unscrew unless it has been securely tightened or locked on the lathe spindle.



## Pictures from the Craft Fair





[Photos by Paul Cote and Ken Crosby]

## Hangin' at Zuni (May Hands-On Report)

Had a good turnout at the May hands-on. Fourteen people give-or-take by my count, more than expected with it being Memorial Day weekend. Got to the shop early at 7.30 a.m. to get the Zuni Blend coffee going. Turned around, here is Ron Burdg standing there with a Starbuck's cup in his hand. Ron has a bounce in his step since he decided to sell his business that he has spent a lifetime building and nurturing. It is always hard to sell something that has been a lifetime in the making, but once the decision has been made, it gets easier. Now Ron is looking forward to new adventures and things he has put off doing. With Ron showing up early, we were able to sit down and shoot the BULL. We figured out everything good and bad with the club, and then we solved all the political problems in the country. The only problem is the next time we get together we will not remember one of the great ideas we came up with.

One of our new members Dale Pappas made his first hands-on traveling all the way from north of Reno. So naturally, I had to give him the grand tour of the woodsheds, Belly Acres, the whole Mary-Ann. While we were inspecting the clubs wood stash, my Kathy showed up saying Porter needs you in the ER immediately! Wayne comes to my place to bark orders at me that he can't get away with at home with Maggie, and we know Rusty won't listen. I am really glad I am here so Wayne can relieve his frustrations. That's what Vice Presidents are for.

We had five or six lathes going. Pete Robinson was working on a box elder bowl that had a premature liftoff at home. He got some advice, good and bad, on how to repair its life threatening injuries. Looks like it will live to see another day.

John Ebel brought a beautiful lamp he turned out of walnut that he needed some input and advice about how to drill out the center to electrify it. More good and bad advice - the result was a success. Brian Scott came by to check us out, kicking the tires to see if he wants to join CVW. I got some positive feedback from him. Brian would be a nice addition as he actually was born in the 1900s and not the 1800s like the rest of the membership.

As usual, I picked up a couple of tips. Dale showed an easy way to mount a roughed bowl on the lathe to true up the tenon. Ron Burdg showed me some tips on the drill press. Ignorance is bliss and I am a very blissful guy. I learn this stuff at our hands-on and I laugh to myself, "Why didn't I know that"? It's all good. That is why we have hands-on sessions to help each other. The best advice on woodturning I ever received when I got into turning was from Malcolm Tibbetts. He said if you are new to turning and want to get better join a woodturning club.

The meeting wrapped up around noon and members cleaned up and tucked the lathes away in the trailer snug and secure. John Ebel was last to leave. On the way out he picked up a Banksia pod said, "Boy, I sure would like to learn how to turn one of these". I said no time like the present - back on the lathe and by 4 p.m. we had a pepper shaker out of a Banksia pod.

Got to my house at 4.30 and asked Kathy, “Where’s Lucy?” She says, “I thought she was with you.” We started looking high and low and getting hoarse calling for Lucy. I checked under the porch, woodsheds, shop, garage, pumphouse, up and down the highway, the neighbors, you get the idea. I am thinking she was up at the highway and somebody picked her up. Kathy is as upset and worried as I am. Then she mentions she showed the Trigger Shack (shooting shed) to some friends that dropped by. It was the only place I didn't check! Needless to say, Lucy was glad to get out of prison, mom and dad start to exhale. I got back to the house exhausted at 7.30. We have dinner, as does princess Lucy.

After dinner, I crawl to the couch only to find Ricky and Lucy stretched out and leaving no room for the parents. I take the only available chair, look over to the couch, and smile. Life is good, just like it should be. All is well.

What am I thankful for to the woodturning Gods? I am not the worst turner in the club. What do I regret? That I am not the best in the club. What do I hope for? To be a better turner! Keep making shavings, not sawdust. – Dave Mills

### News from the Woods

Wayne Allen receives newsletters from [North Woods Figured Wood](#). In a recent issue, they linked a YouTube video about spalted wood that should interest most turners. Thanks to Wayne for providing the link that we can view [here](#).

### Nova Infinity Chuck Recall

Teknatool USA Inc. has recalled its Nova Infinity Chuck and Nova Infinity Accessory Slide products sold between November 1, 2013 and January 20, 2014. Testing found instances of over-hardened components that can result in brittleness and failure. Products should be returned for full refund or replacement. For information, visit their website at [www.novainfinitychuck.com](http://www.novainfinitychuck.com) or call 727-954-3433.

### Skewed Points

Ever wonder how fast those detached pieces of your almost-finished masterpiece were moving after that really annoying catch? As you may know from personal experience, the detached pieces can have disastrous consequences if you happen to be standing in the wrong place. The examples below provide the formulas to determine the miles-per-hour speed at the edge of the turning piece using the pen-and-ink method, and the formula components if you want to use a spreadsheet such as Microsoft® Excel. - Bill Draper

Manual method:  $MPH = (RPM * \frac{60 * \pi * D}{12 * 5280})$

Spreadsheet method:

	A	B	C
1	Lathe RPM	3000	<<enter RPM in cell B1>>
2	Item Diameter	16	<<enter item diameter in cell B2>>
3	MPH at Outer Edge	142.80	<<enter formula in cell B3: $= (B1 * (60 * \pi * B2)) / (12 * 5280)$ >>

### Dates to Remember

The [AAW 28<sup>th</sup> International Symposium](#) will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> - 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. 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.

The **SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT)** will hold their annual symposium in Waco, TX, on August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Waco Convention Center. Registration starts March 15<sup>th</sup>. The symposium will feature 54 rotations with 6 internationally recognized turners and 14 regional turners from the 27 chapters of the AAW comprising SWAT. The Symposium features an Instant Gallery, a Saturday night banquet with a raffle of more than 30 pieces, Sunday lunch and raffle with a full-size lathe, and more. There will be about 39 vendors, SIGs, hands-on pen turning, tool sharpening area, and spouse activities. Lunches will be provided for those attending the event. Visit [SWAT's web site](#) or contact [Wayne Furr](#) for more information and a list of demonstrators.

The **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ranch/Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland CO. Participants can select from over 42 rotations. Featured demonstrators are David Ellsworth, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Jason Schneider, Michael Blankenship, Rick Orr, John Giem, Dale Bonertz, Allen Jensen, and David Nittmann. There will also be vendors and a hands-on woodturning area. For more info, visit their website at [www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com](http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com).

The **4<sup>th</sup> Segmenting Symposium** will be held October 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> at the Drury Plaza Hotel in San Antonio, TX. This symposium will address all aspects of segmented woodturning, from decorative vessels to sculptural art. There will be 36 sessions led by John Beaver, Jerry Bennett, Robin Costelle, Dennis Daudelin, Ray Feltz, Lloyd Johnson, Bill Kandler, Dennis Keeling, Craig Kirks, Alan Lacer, Tom Lohman, Wayne Miller, Jim Rodgers, and Malcolm Tibbetts. For more information, visit their website at [www.segmented-woodturners.org](http://www.segmented-woodturners.org).

## 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 July 2014 newsletter is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 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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