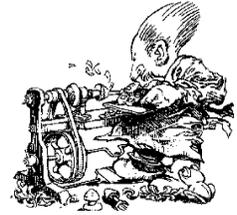




Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the

CARSON VALLEY
WOODTURNERS
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President's Gouge

I would like to begin by thanking Wayne Porter and Dave Mills for all they do for the club, and especially offering their shops for our monthly meetings and hands-on sessions. A special thanks to Dave for demonstrating basic tools and basic bowl turning at our August meeting. I have received very positive comments on Dave's presentation. Sometimes it is good to get back to the basics, especially for the new turners, and for those of us who have been turning and have overlooked or forgotten some of the fundamentals. It does not hurt any of us to go back periodically and review the basics especially if you are not turning all of the time. I myself know when I haven't turned for a while I have to start at the beginning to make sure that I turn safely and reacquire my technique. Thanks again Dave, for a job well done.

Turn Here for Safety
Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Don't force a dull tool. Don't use a tool for a purpose for which it was not designed or intended.

I know that word has been floating around that Genoa will not be holding the Cowboy Festival again next year. This may not be true as there is news that they received a \$10,000.00 grant, and if they can raise \$20,000.00 more, they may hold the event. We will stay on top of this to see if we can participate.

Dave Mills has been approached by the Gallery in Markleeville to have a booth at their Art Fair on October 4th. Dave and Wayne have agreed to set up a booth in which they will be demonstrating and have items for sale. They will be taking some of our products and will supplement it with their own items. Our booth will be one of 22 booths committed thus far. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., so if you would like stop in and see them, you are welcome.

I also would like to thank Pete Robinson for donating five large cottonwood rounds to the club. Dave Mills cut, sealed, and stacked the wood. He said that he got 20 bowl blanks from huge to small and miscellaneous small pieces. Dave said that he has four blanks that measure 31" long and 22" wide. Pete, thanks for donating the wood to the club and Dave, thanks for your hard labors.

I know an individual who wants to have a white birch tree cut down in his yard in the Ranchos and we can have the wood for the club. I will be contacting him to set up a date when we can get the wood.

We still need items turned for the Carson High Christmas Fair. If you are willing to turn something for the fair, please contact Dave Mills to get wood for your contributions.

Our September meeting will not be held on the normal second Saturday. It will be held instead on the third Saturday, September 20th at the usual location. The program will be on turning boxes. Hope to see you all there. – John Compston, President

News and Pictures from the August Meeting

We had another great turnout at this month's meeting. We also had some new faces in attendance that belonged to some very nice people. I hope that they will decide, "I can't do without them". The usual donuts and coffee were present as well as Maggie's banana nut bread. Thank you Maggie, and thank you Ron Burd, for footing the bill for the donuts!



Big kudos to Dave Mills for his demonstration on basic tools and basic bowl turning. There were many positive comments afterward on how members enjoyed the demo. We also enjoyed the friendly bantering that always surrounds Dave. I may have helped a little in that area as well. Dave had asked me to assist a little, and put in my two cents worth if there was something he was forgetting to mention. I know, I know, I know; I talked through the whole demo, but that was not my fault. I might also mention that through the whole show, I only heard one minor catch...but then...my hearing isn't all that good.

I was all set to do the demo for August myself, but had so much on my plate that Dave offered to take my place. I really appreciate him doing that for me; and I'm sure the demo was all the better for it. I hope that sometime in the near future all of you let him know how much you appreciate all the things he does for the members and the club in general. Thanks Dave. You really did put on a good show and imparted a lot of good basic information to the members. We all need a refresher now and then on the basics of turning. Starting with a little spindle work was great, as we should all practice our coves and beads on a regular basis.

Members must have been laying behind the log this past month instead of turning it, as the show-and-tell didn't have as many items on display. That is not to say that what was there wasn't great stuff. Dave Mills' lamp was really something. Wayne Allen brought in a beautiful



Corian bowl inspired by the previous month's demonstration by Andy Chen. There was wood-carving and burning on a platter; tool handles; a three winged bowl with finial; it was all good!

Ron Burdug brought in the tool handles he made for the tools that Frank Miller is "helping" make for interested members. I think Ron sold six or eight of the handles. I know I bought two of them. Ron really did a nice job on those handles and let them go at a great price. You won't find a price like that on the internet...and no shipping! (You can pay me later for that little plug, Ron.)



Once again, members were great about buying raffle tickets for the wood blanks and other items on the raffle table. This is one of the best ways we have for collecting money for the club. If you order from Craft Supplies (Woodturners Catalog) let them know you appreciate the \$10.00 gift certificates they supply for the club. Ron Burdug faithfully donates a \$25.00 gift certificate every month as well, and is forever donating something to the club for one of the lathes. Thank you, Ron. I may as well just say it: I don't think there is a better wood turning club anywhere and it's all due to the membership and the way they pitch in to help each other and the club.

Don't forget – we are really in need of donated turnings for this fall's craft sale. Get the wood free from Dave if you are turning items for the club's sale. – Wayne Porter [Photos by Paul Cote]

Just Right (August Hands-On Report)

Ricky's right as usual, every day is different. Had our hands-on today, Aug. 23rd. Not too many to handle, and more than enough showed up. It was just right. Coffee was just right, my opinion. Donuts by Mel and muffins by Kathy—yum, yum. Verbal stuff, same old story, some worthwhile some, well, ---- that's why it's called BS.

John Ebel got his first ride on Mama Bear working on a natural edge cottonwood bowl. John is getting this turning thing down if he just keeps listening to MY advice (hee-hee). Wayne Porter should follow John's example and listen to me! On that



point, we started with a discussion on how to adapt Mama Bear for vacuum chucking. Wayne had his opinion. I had mine. We all know who was right.

Frank Miller kept busy in the tool making department and re-sharpening some of my new tools. If you need help with reshaping and sharpening new tools, Frank is the guy. We have many resources (free I might add) in our club and Frank is one of our biggest. All you have to do is ask and someone in the club will try to help you out.



Dave Colon brought his vacuum system that needed a tune-up. By the end of the meeting with the help of Gary (the talker) Hathaway and Paul Cote, he was back up and running. Dave also bought a Longworth chuck from Gary that I recommended. Boy, I am really looking forward to the big commission check! Gary makes these for our members and does an excellent job. If you are looking for a way to reverse chuck bowls and platters to finish the bottom it is a good way to go. Gary's are cheaper than the store bought units and I think the quality is as good. Not everything can be reverse chucked this way, but a high percentage can.

Dale Pappas was admiring a pine bowl I had turned this week. He was raving about how beautiful the pine was. No, he was not raving about the turner, it's the wood! That's why we are woodturners. Next thing I know he is out tearing into our pine stash and he came away with three nice bowl blanks. Now here is a guy who knows a deal when he sees it.

The star of the day was Bill Draper. Bill overheard me telling Ron Burdg that I had ordered a new vacuum system from frugalvacuumchuck.com. Bill piped up he had just received one and before we knew it he was showing it off. Everybody gathered round while Bill talked about his new toy (tool). Ron asked him to plug it in wanting to hear how loud it was. Bill, being Bill, said he wanted to have it assembled first. Now if you know Bill, he wants everything perfect before he tries it out. If Bill had been an Apollo astronaut, I doubt if he ever would have experienced liftoff. He would have wanted everything just right. We all remember the line in the movie when the astronauts are blasting off someone says, "We are going up in this thing that is built by the lowest price bidder."

Last and least, the bonehead award of the day goes to yours truly, the person pounding out this article on the computer relying heavily on spell check. Pete Robinson brought his trailer to the meeting with five large cottonwood rounds that he wanted to donate to the club. It took three or four of us to unload them. Pete said he wanted to get some wood from our woodshed. We unload the wood then went to the woodshed and Pete picked out three small pieces for turning. Then the dumbest guy in the woodshed (Dave hold your hand up) proceeds to tell Pete how much he owes. Now I had just unloaded five huge pieces of fresh cottonwood as a gift to the club! That is like someone giving you a gun then asking if they can shoot it and you charge them for the bullets. Yes, Pete will be getting a refund and an apology. I spent 5 ½ hours the next day cutting and sealing up Pete's gift. I got 20 beautiful bowl blanks and still have some left to cut up.



The shop is cleaned-up and quiet. I walk past a big pine platter blank that has been sitting there for months. I think of Dale all excited picking out bowl blanks. I get a smile. I think no time like the present and I mount it on the lathe. Thirty minutes later, I have the backside turned. I think this stuff is still beautiful—the wood—not the turning. Ricky and Lucy are pacing and that means time to go home. Tomorrow is another day. – Dave Mills [Photos by Paul Cote]

The Woodworking Shop Extends Discounts to CVW

The Woodworking Shop recently extended their 10% discount to the Carson Valley Woodturners. It applies to all abrasives including the Klingspor brand. It does not apply to power tools. With some exceptions, it applies to many of the items in their extensive catalog.

The club has some administrative details to accomplish before we can use the discount, and a message to members will be sent when we may place discounted orders. One thing you can do now, if you do not already have one, is to establish an online account at www.woodworkingshop.com. The Woodworking Shop recommends that you call in your first discounted order (800-228-0000) to ensure that your account is properly linked with club membership. Send existing and new member information updates to the Club Secretary, John Nikakis, so he can forward them to the company. – Bill Draper

Dates to Remember

The **15th Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held September 12th – 14th 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.

The **4th Segmenting Symposium** will be held October 16th – 19th 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. Visit their website at www.segmentedwoodturners.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 October 2014 newsletter is September 29th.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, September 20th 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 meetings in his shop.

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