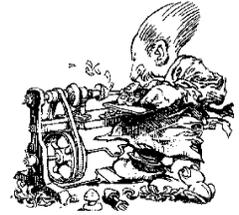




Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

It is a busy time of the year for the Carson Valley Woodturners. We have lots going on. I have been hoping and wishing our president would step down. The only thing is I have been hoping it would be the one running our country, not the president of our club. John Compston has stepped down so he can spend more time with his family and his grand kids. He knows there is a short window in life when you get to experience that, and his priorities are in the right place. I personally, and speaking for the club, want to thank John for all he has done for the club. The club has grown and prospered to new heights under his guidance. I hope that we can build on his success and continue to grow. Don't worry. John is not going to ride into the sunset in his ford pickup. He will still be a very active member of our club. Thanks, boss!

With John stepping down, the board appointed yours truly as president and Ron Burdug as vice president on an interim basis until we hold new elections in November. If you did not make the September meeting, you missed the prank of the day. To start the meeting off, I announced John had stepped down and said the board voted in a president. Then I asked Wayne Ferree to stand up. I proceeded to tell Wayne it wasn't him and the audience including Wayne cracked up. It was a hoot.

We had three new prospective members attend the meeting who kicked the tires and checked us out. I hope they join. That would put us around 40 members if memory serves.

The club is participating in the Markleeville Fall Art Festival on Saturday, October 4 in Markleeville from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wayne Porter, Frank Miller, and I will be staffing the booth. If you get a chance stop on by. We will be set up beside the Markleeville Art and Soul, which is across the street from the Alpine Hotel. There are going to be 35 booths set up throughout town. It looks like it might turn out to be a yearly event. If you have any turnings finished for the club, get them to Wayne Porter or me and we will put them out at the festival.

The club is also going to be selling our wares at the Carson High School Holiday Craft Fair. Wayne Porter has a signup sheet for the event. If you want to give a hand, give Wayne a call. Setup starts at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 21, with sales from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday sales will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is one of our big money making events for the club. Even if you cannot help out, try to come by. It is an excellent craft show.

Turn Here for Safety
Know your capabilities and limitations. An experienced woodturner is capable of lathe speeds, techniques, and procedures not recommended for beginning turners.



We had 29 members attend the meeting. Steve MacLean treated us to a bang-up demo on turning boxes. Five stars—excellent! A big thank you to Steve. We are looking forward to your next demo! Hee, hee. If any of you out there have any ideas for demos, please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas.

Show-and-tell filled up three tables. Most of the turnings donated for our upcoming craft shows. Thank you to all the members. This really helps our club. Our inventory of items to sell to raise money for the club was getting really low. Craft shows are our biggest money makers for our club.



John Drown is heading up the woodshed expansion project. He has six eager-in-mind if not in-muscle helpers. They all signed agreements making it OK to accept verbal abuse and orders. Believe me, I know what that is like working with Wayne Porter.

Frank and Jane Miller have once again generously offered their house for this year's Christmas Party. Donna Dimmick is organizing the event as she always does. It is going to be 4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 13 at 1565 High Point Court, Minden, NV. Dinner is going to be potluck. Donna said to start

thinking about what you want to bring. She will be calling everyone in November. We always have a gift exchange (dirty Santa) with no gifts over \$15.00. We also have an auction where members donate their turnings to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to our club.

Our October meeting will be held October 11 at Wayne Porter's shop. Directions are at the bottom of page 4. Pierre Mathieu will be demonstrating spinning copper starting at 9:00 a.m. Our monthly hands-on will be at Dave Mills' shop at Zuni Pines October 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Keep making shavings, not sawdust. – Dave Mills, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

Award-Winning Photograph

I am a member of the Carson Valley Photo Club and the theme for a past club meeting was, "Man in His Environment." I took the opportunity to take some photo shots at our woodturner's hands-on meeting in July and won a second place ribbon! I believe the hand in the photo belongs to Wayne Porter. If I were certain, I would be obligated to share the prize with him. – Dave Colon



September Hands-On Report

Had a good turnout and more treats than we could eat, even with our old timer's passion for sweets. The morning started with me showing off the new Frugal Vacuum System Frank Miller and I put together.

Ron Burdug then brought out a bunch of accessories he makes for the One Way vacuum system that are all adaptable to the Frugal setup. I had forgotten how many different accessories Ron makes for vacuum systems. I know, he showed us all this stuff before but it got lost somewhere in the computer bank between my ears. I have been using the new system for the past week trying to get some inventory finished for the craft shows coming up. I am very impressed with it. It is a big improvement over the Hold Fast system and it is cheaper. I am pulling 21 ½ inches of vacuum verses 15 inches with the old system at 5600 feet!

Denise Paley showed up with her belt sander in need of a tune up. Frank stepped up and came to the rescue. That's Frank - always there to help where needed. Only had three or four lathes going. In fact, I even got to do a little turning. Very unusual for the host to get to turn, which was a treat. I turn 5 or 6 days a week and I get excited if I get to turn at the hands-on? Think I need counseling?

The mystery guest showed up - our illustrious leader, President John Compston. He commented he had not had a bowl gouge in his hand since April! The boss took six bowl blanks I had roughed and dried in the cooker (kiln) home to get ready for our upcoming craft show.

Gary (the talker) Hathaway was hawking his wares selling his Longworth chucks. He wore Joel Flamenbaum down into submission and sold one. Joel said he bought it just to get Gary to quit talking.

The session wrapped up around noon, and the members did a great job cleaning up and helping put lathes away as usual. Boy, that really is appreciated. After the crowd left, I went back to turning the piece I was working on earlier. I am turning and daydreaming thinking about what a great group of people we have in our club. Kathy always tells me how blessed and lucky we are living at Zuni and having our health, and doing pretty much what we want to do. The club is an extension of that, with the members helping each other out trying to learn and get better at our craft. It's pretty special. There is always someone willing to step forward and give a hand.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next hands-on in October. Remember if you need advice on turning, marital advice, on whether to tell the spouse about that new tool you bought and tell what you actually paid, how to vote in the next election, or sexual advice (a little limited these days). Anything at all. Just show up next month. All that for just 5 bucks! – Dave Mills

Let's Be Claro About This

Many of us have referred to the walnut available to us locally as black walnut. Many of us have heard of Claro Walnut and its revered status as a top-notch walnut variety. We also have seen the lighter colored walnut in our club's walnut supply. I decided to do some research and see what the differences are. I referred online to The Wood Database (www.wood-database.com) and came up with the following.

Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) is native to the Eastern United States. It might be available here, but not in large quantities. The lighter colored walnut is English Walnut (*Juglans regia*) that is grafted onto California Walnut (*Juglans californica*) in orchards to improve production. California Walnut is also known as Claro Walnut (*Juglans hindsii*). Grafted wood from orchard trees may have a colorful streaked appearance near the graft. The graft area is sometimes referred to as Marbled Walnut and Bastogne Walnut. Claro (Clear)?

We all know that wood moves (sometimes dramatically) when it dries. Here are the shrinkage properties for English Walnut and Claro Walnut, both of which are in our wood stash. – Bill Draper [Wood information reprinted with the permission of Wood-Data-base.com]

	Radial	Tangential	Volumetric
Claro	4.3%	6.4%	10.5%
English	5.5%	7.5%	13.0%
Bastogne	Somewhere In-Between.		

The Woodworking Shop Extends 10% Discount to CVW

Our discount has been set up. Well, at least mine has. I didn't check on everyone. The discount applies to all abrasives and many other items in the catalog. It does not apply to power tools and discounted or close-

out items. The amount of the discount will appear at checkout. One other benefit is their \$7.99 flat rate shipping cost on smaller items.

If you have an online account at www.woodworkingshop.com, you can place an online discounted order. Otherwise, the Woodworking Shop recommends that you call in your first discounted order (800-228-0000) to ensure that your account is properly set up and linked with club membership. Send existing and new member information updates to our Club Secretary, John Nikakis, so he can forward them to the company. – Bill Draper

Dates to Remember

The Business of the Arts is a two-part workshop for artists, wannabe artists, arts organizations, and musicians. The workshops will be held at the Copeland Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, October 18, and Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Topics include business planning, copy-right and legal issues, taxes, building sales, portfolio, pricing, finding money, apprenticeships, marketing, and social media. The workshop is free to Friends of the Carson Valley Arts Council, and \$15.00 for others. Call 775-782-8207 for more information and to register.

The **4th Segmenting Symposium** will be held October 16 – 19 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.

The Woodworking Shows will return their three-day consumer marketplace to Cal Expo in Sacramento on November 7 through 9. \$10.00 online, \$12 cash at the door. Visit their [web site](#) for more information.

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 November 2014 newsletter is October 27.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, October 11 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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