



Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

A big milestone has been reached for the Carson Valley Woodturners—we have hit the Big 40. I just counted the members list and it's at 40! WOW! When founding members Dave Rich, Wayne Allen, Dave Colon, and Al Mason started the club, I doubt seriously they thought it would ever evolve into what it is today. A video department 2nd to none. With Frank Miller's knowledge that is irreplaceable. Five wood lathes including our newest addition, Mama Bear. A 14 ft. trailer set up to carry all the club's equipment. A wood storage department consisting of two 20 ft. containers, soon to be added on-to, that are full of tons of curing wood. We have a great library where the members can check out CDs by world famous turners. It includes demos by people the club has brought in from out of the area. The monthly newsletter gets better and better each and every issue. That's Bill Draper's baby and he is always improving and tweaking it making it better. Don't forget our website with all of Don McRoberts hard work. It is really well put together. If I can use it, anyone can. Our latest addition is the secret service department with Ricky and Lucy keeping the president safe and secure. Since they have taken over, we have not had anyone jump over the fence trying to get in the White House! Blah, blah, blah. Anyway, seriously Happy 40th Carson Valley Woodturners—a big milestone!

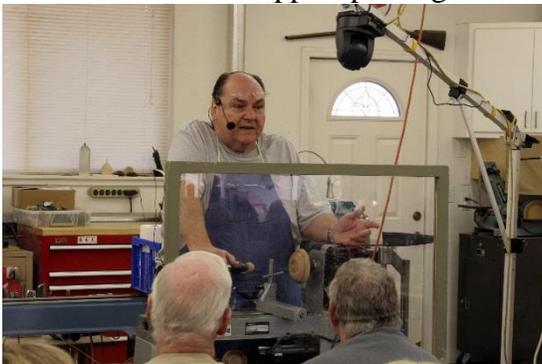
Turn Here for Safety

Consider your work environment. Don't use a lathe in damp or wet locations. Do not use in the presence of flammable liquids or gases, and also keep a fully charged fire extinguisher close at hand. Keep your work area well lit.

The club participated in the Markleeville Fall Art Festival, and we were very successful. Sleepy little Markleeville, population 200, came to life for a day, where 35 craft booths were set up throughout town. The club's booth was located at Markleeville Art and Soul, the best spot in town. We have been offered 20 feet right in front on the street for next year. A Big, Big thank you to Laura and Jim Burt, owners of Markleeville Art and Soul for inviting us. By my fading memory, we picked up some potential new members at the festival.



The club held its monthly meeting on October 11 at Wayne Porter's shop. Pierre Mathieu treated us to an excellent demo on copper spinning. It was very interesting. A big thank you to Pierre.



At the meeting, the membership voted to stay affiliated with the AAW and to pay dues for our board members to meet their requirements. Things in the fire: Adding on to our wood storage, and cutting down three birch trees donated to club. I hope to get the trees down maybe before this newsletter comes out. John Drown is working out details on the shed extension.

We will have our November meeting at Wayne Porter's shop November 8 at 9:00 a.m. John Nikakis will be doing a demo on turning Christmas ornaments for all you Santa's getting ready for the big day. Rumor has it John will be dressed in an elf outfit. Bring your i-phones.

We will not be having a hands-on in November because there is too much going on with the Carson High School Holiday Craft Fair we are participating in. The Fair is November 21 and 22 at Carson High School, 1111 N. Saliman Road, Carson City. Setup is Friday at 12:30 p.m. Sales are from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Saturday sales run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with tear down to follow. This is one of the big fundraisers for our club. I know lots of us are busy making turnings and helping with setup and sales. I cannot thank everybody enough for all you do for the club. Remember if you are making items for the Fair, description cards for them really helps sell the items and it takes a load off of Wayne Porter because he is the guy the job falls to if it's not already done. Don't forget to put your name, date, type of wood, and finish used on bottom of your turnings. Porter owes me \$20.00 for putting this in the newsletter.

Looking to December, our Christmas party is being held at Frank and Jane Miller's home on December 13 starting at 4:00 p.m. Donna Dimmick will be calling members to get a commitment on who is coming and what they are preparing for the potluck. If you have never attended, we have an auction where members donate turnings with the proceeds going to the club. It's a great way to obtain a member's turnings, take their name off, and add yours. We also have a bad Santa dirty Santa gift exchange. No gifts over \$15.00 and it is lots of fun. I am still using my case of toilet paper from two years ago. Wish it were 2-ply. The food is always to die-for. Maybe Paul Cote won't burn the turkey again. His wife used to work for the Nevada State Prison. Electric chairs come to mind.

Almost forgot. On November 4, our country is holding national elections, an important day. But on November 8, the Club is electing board members for the coming year which is almost as important in our little world. All current board members are willing to serve another year (waterboarding helped). If there is someone else you want to get even with, you can nominate them at the meeting. Seriously, the board is a lot of work. If you want to be involved in the club or know someone you think would do a good job, now's the time. There is a lot that goes into making this club what it is. It's much more than just paying \$80.00 a year dues and throwing five bucks in the jar at hands-on. We have a great organization but it takes hard work. Thanks for all member's hard work. We will be collecting dues for next year at the November meeting. If you are not participating in Carson Craft Fair, please stop by the booth if you are in the neighborhood. It's a great event. That's all folks. Make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills, President
[Photos by Paul Cote and Wayne Porter]

October Hands-On Report

The ranch hands, Ricky and Lucy, have been very busy this week searching for the Ebola virus making everything safe and secure for the hands-on. The dynamic duo cornered three of the little buggers. Dad got out his new Ruger SP101 just back from the custom shop. With the 3" barrel, I could not take them down, but the muzzle blast from the ported barrel did the trick. That thing is really loud.

OK, about the hands-on. The usual suspects started showing up about 8 o'clock. The next thing I know all seven lathes are humming, in some cases grinding, depending on their operator's expertise. Frank Miller was manning the tool making department. Just a lot going on. We had three or four people attending their first hands-on. By my count with my shoes on, 22 members in all showed up. Larry LeMahieu brought his neighbor to her first hands-on. Rumor has it we might be getting a new member along with another first timer, Richard Thomas.

We had seven lathes going on lots of projects. Richard turned his first bowl ever with my excellent advice. He doesn't know yet that better help is available. Gary Muma working on Mama Bear turned a beautiful goblet out of Aspen. Ralph Wycoff was doing a Chinese Ball - really interesting. Hope he has it ready for next month's meeting. John (Nik) Nikakis was turning out Christmas ornaments getting ready for his next demo in November. Dave Colon worked on a bud vase and tried to burn up my Forstner bits drilling out the center. Maybe Santa will bring me a new set. Bill Draper brought his new vacuum system to show it off. It looks a little more refined than mine does. It has its own enclosed case. I asked him where you gained access to work on it. He said there wasn't one. I'm thinking you build a car and can't pop the hood? Pete Robinson mounted the biggest bowl blank I have ever witnessed on one of our midi lathes. Pete turned it very slow so he wouldn't have to chase a vibrating bucking bronco all around the shop. He pulled it off, got the outside rough turned, and took it home to finish the inside. Wayne Porter stole my favorite Frank Miller tool, with the lame excuse it was put in his tool bag by mistake! We've all heard that before. Kind of like the dog ate my homework. We ran out of Zuni blend coffee at 11:00 and was too busy to make more. Yes, it is addictive.

The hands-on wrapped up around noon. Everybody chipped in on cleanup and putting lathes away. I was down at the woodshed at the time. Good timing. After everyone left, Ricky, Lucy, and dad had a communications meeting. Ricky tells me his union representative told him with all the work he and Lucy are doing, parking cars, greeting people, chasing Ebola, they should be issued uniforms. I asked what kind of uniforms they wanted? Ricky tells me he doesn't care, he just wants it made out of camo like dad wears. Then Lucy pipes up and says she wants one like the Phillip Morris Man wore. All we white-hairs remember Johnny Phillip Morris, saying, "Call for Phillip Morris". He had the red jacket with brass buttons and the little round white hat with a chinstrap. I looked him up on Wikipedia. He was 4 ft. tall, same as Dave Rich, and weighed 59 lbs. He was making \$15.00 a week as a bellboy. He got \$100.00 for his first commercial and the rest is history. He was the spokesman for Phillip Morris for 40 years, pulling in \$50,000.00 a year in the 1930s. I informed the help I would bring it up at the next board meeting on the uniform issue and get back to them. Then Ricky says how about a cookie instead. That's all folks. Keep making shavings, not sawdust. – Dave Mills

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CA Finishing Made Easy – A Project Video by Ron Brown

Ron explains and demonstrates his finishing process with CA (Cyanoacrylate) glue while completing three projects, a wood acrylic cast bottle stopper, a natural wood pen, and an ice cream scoop with a wood acrylic handle. Ron is a no-nonsense instructor who shows you how, tells you why, and moves on. If you want to try CA finishing I recommend you take the time to watch this video. Check out Ron's [website](#). Thanks to Gary Hathaway for his recent donation of this video and many others. – John "Nik" Nikakis

Umbellularia (California Bay Laurel)

Umbellularia californica is a large hardwood tree native to coastal forests of California and slightly extended into the state of Oregon. It is the sole species in the genus *Umbellularia*. In Oregon, this tree is known as Oregon Myrtle, while in California it is called California Bay Laurel, which may be shortened to California bay or California laurel. It has been called peppernut tree, headache tree, mountain laurel, and Balm of Heaven.



The tree's pungent leaves have a similar flavor to bay leaves, though stronger, and it may be mistaken for Bay Laurel. The dry wood has a color range from blonde (like maple) to brown (like

walnut). It is also used in woodworking and is considered a tonewood that is used to construct the back and sides of acoustic guitars. The wood is very hard and fine, and is also made into bowls, spoons, and other small items. It is also sold as "myrtlewood". The tree is a host of the pathogen that causes sudden oak death. This tree mostly inhabits Redwood forests, Yellow Pine Forest, and oak woodlands. Bays occur in oak woodlands only close to the coast, or in extreme northern California where there is sufficient moisture. Further reading material may be found on [Wikipedia](#).

Dates to Remember

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, and check the weather before you drive over the hill.

Be part of the first **Oregon Woodturning Symposium!** Interact with today's top demonstrators and up and coming woodturners in a friendly, informal learning environment with over 40 demonstrations to choose from and a full schedule of Special Events. Join us at the [Linn County Expo Center](#) in Albany, Oregon, March 6-8, 2015. There is something for all! Many nationally and regionally recognized turners will demonstrate a host of topics for all woodturners. There will be an Instant gallery, vendor area, banquet, and live auction. Demonstrators include but are not limited to Mike Mahoney, Jimmy Clewes, Trent Bosch, Kirk De Heer, Dale Larson, David Nittmann, Dave Schweitzer, Molly Winton, Eric Lofstrom, Nick Stagg, and Sara Robinson. Visit <http://www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com> or contact Terry C. Gerros, gerrost@yahoo.com.

The **AAW 2015 Symposium** will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, on June 25-28, 2015. More information to follow when available.

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 December 2014 newsletter is December 1.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, November 8 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 club meetings in his shop.

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