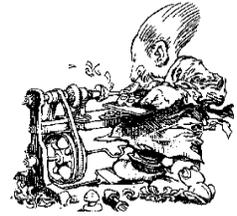




Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

The Carson Valley Woodturners held our monthly meeting May 9 at Wayne Porter's shop. We welcomed our newest member, Patti Pastrell. She hails from Reno. That brings our number of ladies in the club to five, plus Gary Hathaway. Big welcome to Patti!

The May meeting had a different format than usual. After club business, we had the show-and-tell (the Wayne Allen Show). Wayne came up with a bunch of beautiful turnings made out of his usual dumpster

Turn Here for Safety

Remove chuck keys, adjusting wrenches, and knockout bars before operating a lathe. Form a habit of checking for these before turning on a lathe.



diving finds of other people's discarded junk wood. Wayne donated most of it to the club for our craft show sales. Wayne is a heaven-sent gift to the club because of all the great turnings he donates for our fundraising events. On the club's list of assets, Wayne would be #1 at the top of that list. John (Nik) Nikakis had some nice turnings, one piece a small-lidded vase with a John Beaver wave shape. Really nice. Tried to get Nik to donate it, but he was not going for it. I did not press the matter as he is doing next month's demo for ½ price!

We had the seating arrangement reversed from usual so everyone could participate in the auction of Dewayne Walker's shop supplies. The members were also able to buy wood blanks of Gunner's and Dewayne's at some really nice discounted prices. The seating arrangement worked pretty well. Next month we are planning to have the seating towards the restroom door because that seems to be where all the action is. At 10:30 a.m., the members proceeded to Gunner's shop for the auction of his tools and equipment. Wayne "the lip" Porter was the auctioneer par excellence. The other attending board members pitched in with all the other background duties that go with an auction. I want to thank everyone that helped. It takes a bunch of work. Especially Wayne Porter and our treasurer Mel "first count" Swingrover. Our members were able to get some high quality tools and equipment at REALLY good prices. Wayne would not let an item go by without a bid, if no one would bid at opening bid he would ask for any offer then get the others to keep bidding sometimes getting more than the starting bid. The auction got wrapped up at 6:30 p.m. I looked at the clock and thought that must be east coast time! When the dust settled, two or three items were all that were left that were not purchased. When I called Gunner's wife and told what we sold and the money we raised she was blown away. She commented that was twice what she thought it would sell for. In the last two months, the Carson Valley Woodturners have made a difference and helped out two widows at a very tough time in their lives. Not just



the members who put in all the time setting up and running the auction but also the members who brought their wallets and willingness to buy all the items. JoAnn and Lois feel really good that their husband's woodworking tools and equipment mostly went to our members. They think Dewayne and Gunner would have wanted it that way. One day the Grinch auctioneer might show up at our place and all those great deals we fell into will be passed on to some other lucky soul.

Pot Belly Construction, our in-house construction company, had our ground-breaking ceremony for the newest drying shed. Eight members had volunteered but only 3½ showed up. I get a feeling the others were draft dodgers in their younger years. Not to worry. There will be lots more chances to work for nothing. This will take some time. The Empire State Building was built in 12 months. I think we can beat that. Our shed is not near as tall, only 22 stories!

Our hands-on was held at Belly Acres on Saturday the 23rd of May. I was thinking we would probably have a low turnout with all the bad weather and being Memorial Day weekend.



OK, I know. I was thinking. We had a full house of 19 members. Our newest member, Patti Pastrell, attended her first hands-on, and two new members showed up with dues money in hand. That puts us at 50 members. The membership has voted to limit the club to fifty members, so anyone in the future wanting to join will go on our waiting list. With the normal controlled confusion of the hands-on, I did not get the new members' names – situation normal. If you ever have something



delivered to your shop that weighs 900 pounds and you need help moving it, have nineteen people show up for a hands-on. Thanks to everybody that gave a hand. My back is indebted to you forever.



Speaking of Memorial Day, all you vets out there, **THANK YOU!**

Other goings on: We had four or five lathes going, plus the sharpening station, Frank making tools, lots of donut (sinker) sampling, and of course, lots of that famous Zuni blend coffee being consumed. More on that later in this broadcast.



We had the ceremonial pilgrimage to the woodshed. The club took in \$115.00 in wood sales and \$4.00 in tool sales.

I am adding a new section to the Presidents Gouge. Let's call it — **TIPS FOR WOOD TURNERS TO MAKE LIFE BEARABLE.**

First item: If you have 25 people to pick from and you need help backing a trailer into a tight place, make Larry LeMahieu your last choice. Second, if you loan power tools to John Drown, expect him to store them in the back of his pickup where he stores his tools, without a camper shell. Rain or shine!

I have had numerous request for the secret recipe for Zuni Blend coffee from Starbucks Coffee, club members, the local newspaper, etc. After much thought and consideration, I am going to share some of my secrets with club members only. The only other people that know this are Ricky and Lucy, not even my Kathy knows this. First, you never wash the coffee pot for at least 10 days after a hands-on. Preferably, the remaining coffee has mold building up before you wash it. Never wash with hot or warm water, never. It is OK to use mild soap but never scrub hard enough to take the patina off. If you do, you will ruin the

flavor. I will pass on more tips in the future, but rest assured the holder of the secret recipe never tells all. I developed these nuggets of coffee knowledge from being in the gas station business for 35 years. You cannot learn this kind of information at an Ivy League college. Priceless.

Our monthly meeting will be at Wayne Porter's shop Saturday, June 13 starting at 9:00 a.m. The address is 759 Gansberg Court, Gardnerville, NV 89460. John (Nik) Nikakis will be doing a demo on turning a bowl from a board with a different twist.

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

Wood Dust Toxicity

WOOD SPECIES	REACTION	PART OF BODY	POTENCY	SOURCE	OCCURRENCE
Bald Cypress	sensitivity	respiratory	+	dust	rare
Balsam Fir	sensitivity	eyes, respiratory	+	leaves, bark	common
Beech	sensitivity, nasopharyngeal cancer	eyes, skin nose, throat	++ ?	dust, leaves, bark dust	common unknown
Birch	sensitivity	respiratory	++	dust, wood	common
Black Locust	irritation	eyes, skin	+++	leaves, bark	common
Blackwood	sensitivity	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	common
Boxwood	sensitivity	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	common
Cashew	sensitivity	eyes, skin	+	dust, wood	rare
Cocobolo	sensitivity, irritation	eyes, skin, respiratory	+++	dust, wood	common
Dahoma	irritation	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	common
Ebony	sensitivity, irritation	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	common
Elm, Red	irritation	eyes, skin	+	dust	rare
Goncalo Aves	sensitivity	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	rare
Greenheart	sensitivity	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	common
Blackwood (Surinam)	sensitivity	eyes, skin	+++	dust, wood	common
Hemlock	nasopharyngeal cancer	respiratory	?	dust	unknown
Iroko	sensitivity, irritation, pneumoitis alveolitis	eyes, skin, respiratory	+++	dust, wood	common
Mahogany, Honduras	sensitivity, pneumoitis, alveolitis	skin, respiratory	+	dust	unknown
Mansonia	sensitivity, irritation, nausea, malaise	eyes, skin systemic	+++ +	dust, wood dust	common unknown
Maple (Spalted)	sensitivity, pneumoitis, alveolitis	respiratory	+++	dust (contains mold)	common
Mimosa	nausea, malaise	systemic	?	leaves, bark	unknown
Myrtle	sensitivity	respiratory	++	dust, leaves, bark	common
Oak	sensitivity, nasopharyngeal, cancer	eyes, skin, nose, throat	++	dust, leaves, bark	rare
Obeche	sensitivity, irritation	eyes, skin, respiratory	?	dust, wood	common
Oleander	direct toxicity, nausea, malaise, cancer	systemic	++++	dust, wood, leaves, bark	common
Olivewood	sensitivity, irritation	eyes, skin, respiratory	+++	dust, wood	common
Opepe	sensitivity	respiratory	+	dust	rare
Padauk	sensitivity, nausea, malaise	eyes, skin systemic	+	dust, wood dust, wood	rare unknown
Pau Ferro	sensitivity	eyes, skin	+	dust, wood	rare
Peroba Rosa	irritation, nausea, malaise	respiratory, systemic	++	dust, wood	unknown
Purpleheart	nausea, malaise	systemic	++	dust, wood	common
Quebrach	irritation nausea, malaise, nasopharyngeal cancer	respiratory systemic nose, throat	++ ?	dust, bark, leaves dust dust	common unknown unknown
Redwood	sensitivity, pneumoitis, alveolitis, nasopharyngeal cancer	eyes, skin, respiratory nose, throat	++ ?	dust dust	rare unknown
Rosewoods	sensitivity, irritation	eyes, skin, respiratory	++++	dust, wood	common
Satinwood	irritation	eyes, skin, respiratory	+++	dust, wood	common
Sassafras	sensitivity, direct toxicity, nausea, malaise, nasopharyngeal cancer	respiratory, systemic nose, throat	+	dust dust, wood, leaves, bark dust	rare rare rare
Sequoia	irritation	respiratory	+	dust	rare
Shakewood	irritation	respiratory	++	dust, wood	rare
Spruce	sensitivity	respiratory	+	dust, wood	rare
Walnut	sensitivity	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	common
Wenge	sensitivity	eyes, skin, respiratory	++	dust, wood	common
Willow	sensitivity, nausea, malaise	respiratory, systemic	+	dust, wood, leaves, bark	unknown
Western Red Cedar	sensitivity	respiratory	+++	dust, leaves, bark	common
Teak	sensitivity, pneumoitis, alveolitis	eyes, skin, respiratory	++	dust	common
Yew	irritation, direct toxicity, nausea, malaise, nasopharyngeal cancer	eyes, skin systemic nose, throat	++ ++++ ++++	dust dust, wood dust	common common common
Zebra wood	sensitivity	eyes, skin	++	dust, wood	rare

Notes: The information in this chart is based on data collected by Robert Woodcock, RN, BSN, CEN

Irritation – The wood species acts as an *irritant*, causing itching, rashes, watery eyes, and other uncomfortable reactions.

Sensitivity – The wood species acts as a *sensitizer*, causing people to develop allergic reactions after repeated exposure.

Direct toxicity – Chemicals (called *extractives*) in the wood species are poisonous.

Nausea, malaise – Exposure to the wood species cause flu-like symptoms.

Systemic – Reactions are not confined to a specific body part; they affect much or most of the biologic system.

Nasopharyngeal cancer – A cancer that affects the back of the throat where the nasal passages open into it.

Dates to Remember

The **AAW 2015 Symposium** will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, on June 25-28, 2015. Currently announced demonstrators include Mark Baker, Stuart Batty, Jerry Bennett, Michael Brolly, Christian Burchard Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, Lyle Jamieson, Steve Kennard, Craig Kirks, Alain Mailland, Johannes Michelson, Pascal Oudet, Joey Richardson, Avelino Samuel, and Mark St. Leger. For more information, check out the AAW's Symposium web site at <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2015Pittsburgh>.

The Texas woodturning clubs will host their **24th Annual SWAT (South-West Association of Turners) Woodturning Symposium**, August 21-23, 2015, in Waco, TX, at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue. This event features demonstrations, vendors, an instant gallery, raffles, and a banquet. Lead demonstrators include Dick Gerard, Joe Hermann, Kurt Hertzog, Ed Kelle, Malcolm Tibbetts, and Derek Weidman. For more information, including a list of regional demonstrators, vendors, and spousal activities, visit the symposium web site at <http://www.swaturners.org/symposium>.

The 19th annual **Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held on September 18-20, 2015 at the Larimer County Ranch, Loveland, CO. This three-day event has 49 rotations. Glen Lucas, David Ellsworth, Sam Angelo, Michael Roper, Ron Day, Al, Mirman, Doug Schneider, Steve Sinner, Janice Levi, and Vince Wilson are the current demonstrators with more to be announced. More information can be found at www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com.

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 July 2015 newsletter is June 29.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, June 13 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 regular club meetings in his shop.

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