



Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



President's Gouge

We held our monthly meeting on November 14 at Wayne's shop, and had 40 members and one guest, Yvonne Young, in attendance. I think she liked the meeting, because she is now a member. The meeting started with me showing off my new hat turned out of Ash. Totally appropriate, a horse's ass wearing a hat out of Ash. No, I did not turn the hat. I did some horse-trading with a wood turner from Minnesota.

He looked up our club on the internet last summer and was in the area, so he stopped by to look under the hood and check us out. He and his wife even had the Minnesota accent. Ya sure, you betcha. Good stuff.

The meeting kicked off with club business. We had a great response asking for volunteers for the Carson High Craft show, 18 by my count. That is what makes this club special. We had 18 members volunteer for the show plus all the turnings made by our members. We have a membership of 50 + in our club, and almost half volunteered to help. Pretty cool.

We are having our Christmas Party on December 12 with Frank and Jane Miller hosting it. The address is 1564 High Point Court Minden, NV 89423. It starts at 4 p.m. and goes until 8 p.m. It is always a great way to close out the year with our Christmas Party, always a lot of fun. Donna Dimmick will be contacting everyone about attending and what dishes to bring. Paul Cote and Donna are making the entrees. Frank and Jane will provide refreshments. If you wish to bring alcohol that is fine. By popular demand, we are having the annual gift exchange. For every gift you bring you get to draw a number and pick a gift. Cost of the gift should not exceed \$20.00 and be something people can use. I brought a case of toilet paper one year; Bill Draper kept saying it was inappropriate. I think Mel and Dottie are still using it! I call the gift exchange dirty Santa but everybody tells me that is not what it really is. Only problem nobody will tell me what it is called. Situation normal, the president does not know what is going on or what it's called. Now I am only talking on the local level, not wanting to be political. We are also having our annual auction of items donated by our outside demonstrators. This year we have turnings from Jimmy Clewes and Mike Mahoney. It is a great opportunity to get your hands on woodturnings from some of the best turners around. Jimmy Clewes does not sell his turnings so they are pretty rare. We are going to have a little different twist on some of the items but you have to wait until the Christmas Party to find out.

This time of year is a great time to reflect on what you are grateful for. On a personal level, being a better turner than Wayne Porter is up near the top. You knew that was coming. Being the top banana, I am very grateful for the secret service detail. Makes me sleep like a government worker at his desk. I am now implementing expanded duties for them starting in 2016. Keeping the woodshop and my firearms clean and loaded. Finishing the woodshed, including fresh paint. Finally keeping the presidential throne (toilet) at the shop clean and stocked. The two top lieutenants of the secret service detail (Ricky and Lucy) have sworn on a stack of dog biscuits to faithfully carry out their duties, knowing full well if they do not they will face a spanking squad. The security detail informed me they are stretched too thin to carry out these duties. Telling me once Guantanamo is closed they can honor my directive! My question, can you fire a government employee?

Turn Here for Safety

Stay alert. Take frequent breaks. Never operate the lathe while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The club held elections of officers for next year and all but two on the existing board ran for another year. I was hoping for impeachment. Some things just do not work out. Mel (first count) Swingrover stepped down as treasurer, having filled his pockets to the brim. In addition, John Drown our member at large opted for retirement. We had two members run for Mel's seat. Denise Paley and Annette Andersen. Guess what? Tie vote! We had to have a run off. What to do? Draw straws, 100-yard dash, mud wrestling, a duel, but we settled on a coin toss. Annette was the winner or loser depending on your perspective. We also have four new members at large, Wayne Allen, Mel Swingrover, Denise Paley, and Jerry Johnson. Thank you one and all. Having the extra help on the board is REALLY appreciated. John and Mel were the recipients of some really nice service awards. Mel was presented with 40 grit sandpaper and a jar of Zuni Farms Wood Balm. Maybe now Dottie will see some improvement in his work. John Drown received a very special rusty open-end wrench to go with all his other rusty tools. Seriously, big thank you to John and Mel. Now we have a goal list announcement: The new woodshed is 70% completed! All we have left is to finish one wall, hang the doors, and build some shelves. Thanks to the crew and members that donated materials. The shed is 11 x 18 ft. and along with our two 8 x 20 ft. metal containers, it really rounds out our wood storage needs.



John (Nik) Nikakis did another great demo making Holiday Angels. Nik calls them every day Angels; the reason he does escapes me. He only had one missile launch, and like any turner worth his salt, he blamed it on the wood. A true professional. As usual, he had all the visuals for the white-board and lots of props and examples to pass around. Thank you Nik!



The wood sale and auction was extra special this month. The club brought out the wood it bought at Gunner's and De-Wayne's auctions and discounted the wood 40 to 50%. I think I can say with some authority, we broke all records for wood sales. One thing about wood turners

they can smell a good deal on wood. More good news, we are putting out the last of it at our meeting in January so do not blow all your money on Christmas. Save some for the Black Friday January wood sale.

Show-and-tell is really getting big. It is nice to see the quantity and quality getting better with each meeting. Wayne Allen had his usual array of beautiful work: Handled candy dish, teapot out of Cocobolo and Fir with that great textured paint, segmented serving tray, and a pitcher with stippled paint finish. Earl McCracken made four bowls out of spalted cottonwood. Denise Paley had tree ornaments out of Sea



Urchin, very nice, and ring holders. Ken Crosby had tree ornaments. Jerry Johnson had Holiday Angels and did a nice job. I think this was his first show-and-tell turnings. Nik Nikakis Everyday Angels. Mel Swingrover beautiful basket weave piece. Joel Flamenbaum lidded box with turquoise inlay and pens that he donated to the club. Thanks Joel. Richard Thomas segmented jewelry box and hollow form ornaments. Last but not least, Frank Miller with an India Ink holder and pen. All of it beautiful and really nice. I usually have turnings for show and tell but I find it awkward to talk and critique my own work so I choose not to mention it. Wayne Porter always makes sure to point out any flaws in my work anyway.



We are not having a monthly meeting in December but will have our Christmas Party instead. We will be holding a hands-on in December on Saturday the 19th at Zuni Pines starting at 9 a.m. Address is 20599 State Hwy 88, Woodfords, CA 96120. Make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills [Photos by Paul Cote]

CHS Craft Fair Report

The club participated in the Carson High Fair, it was a big success, went off without a hitch. No wind, rain, dirt, or broken turnings, and we had a full cash box! The install crew showed up at noon on Friday, and we were setup ready for business by 3:30 p.m. It gave us time to relax and check out the other booths before the show opened at 5 p.m. It was a Big improvement over Markleeville where we were scrambling just to get open on time.



As you know, Ricky says every day is different, so is every craft show. You never can count on what is going to sell. On day one, only one large item sold: A platter for \$225.00. The hot items were Angels and bird-houses. That sure to get to heaven guarantee we give with the angels really worked. Truth in advertising? We set up a larger table for the cash box area and it gave us some extra room to set up displays of inexpensive impulse items, we sold a bunch of 2 and 3 dollar items, spinning tops, flowers, etc. In my old food mart days, next to the cash register was the hottest place in the store. You could sell fur balls to cats there.

Day two, a lot of higher priced items sold helping out the bottom line. Years past bottle stoppers were slow. Not this year they were flying out the door. Mostly the lower priced ones with the cork stoppers. It's the same old story you have to have a varied inventory. What sells one year won't be selling the next. Going from memory, which is iffy, we exceeded last year's sales by about \$200.00 to \$300.00, which in this economy, we will take it! The last 2 hours of the show were very slow this year. It's always something. It's the economy stupid. No, let us be honest, it's George Bush's Fault!

Thank you to all the members and significant others that stopped by to give us moral support and check out the goings on. Show ended at 4 p.m. and we were packed up and heading home by 5:15 p.m., another new record. I think even Wayne, the nag, is happy with the way the turnings were wrapped up and put away. Hope is eternal. I want to thank everyone for all the help with the show. You are the greatest!

Looking down the long and dusty road, we are strongly considering adding the Wooster High Craft Show next year. Date is first weekend in October, a 3-day event where 30,000 people attend. Talked to a lot of vendors at the Carson show and they all said it is one of the best around. We have to make an application right away, it sells out early. We will let you know what we decide.

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving. Looking forward to seeing everybody at the Christmas Party on the 12th. That's all folks. – Dave Mills [Photo by Wayne Porter]

CVW 2014 Christmas Party



When: Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Frank and Jane Miller's Residence

[1564 High Pointe Court, Minden, NV](#)

Directions: Take Hwy 395 to Stephanie and drive east on Stephanie for 3.2 miles. Turn left (north) on Squires and drive 0.3 miles. Turn right (east) onto High Point Ct. 1564 is the second house on the left. There is parking up the gravel drive and to the right of the shop. There is some space at the top of the paved drive past the garage by the shed. There is limited parking in the street, but it is narrow with ditches to the sides.

RSVP to: Donna Dimmick with the number of persons in your party

775-246-0874, or email at ndimmick@sbcglobal.net

Donna may have called you to confirm the number in your party and what type of dish you plan on bringing. Do not worry about the basics, i.e. paper goods; they will be provided by the club. However, providing serving utensils for your dish would be helpful. Please BYOB, if desired, labeled with your name. Sodas, tea, etc., will be provided.



Gift Exchange Rules: Each person who desires to participate must bring a gift, and put their gift in "the pile". Gifts must be wrapped, but should not be labeled to identify a sender or recipient. Gifts should be inexpensive (~\$20), and should be considered "useful" and not "white elephants". All participants will draw a number to determine their order. The participant holding #1 will select and unwrap any gift from the pile and then show it to everyone. Each successive participant, in the order determined from the drawing, can either "steal" an already opened gift, or be adventurous and choose a wrapped gift from the pile. If the participant chooses to steal, the person whose gift was stolen repeats their turn and either steals another person's gift (they cannot immediately steal back the gift that was just stolen from them) or unwraps a new gift. This cycle of stealing can continue, but will end after any one gift has been stolen three times. Since items can be stolen, the item in your possession is not yours until the game is over (a food item cannot be eaten until the game is over). The game will continue until the last gift has been opened.

Auction: We also will be auctioning off some of the items the club has received from demonstrators and individuals over the past year.



Gallery of Trees

I set up the club tree at the Carson Valley Museum today and it looks good. Our tree is in the Washoe room at the back of the main exhibit room in the left corner. The Historical Society has their Annual Holiday Gala December 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Carson Valley Arts Council is holding an Artisan's Reception December 19 from Noon until 2 p.m. All of our members are welcome at either event or they can visit the museum during normal hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Along with the Gallery of Trees, there will be Snow Globes and Gingerbread Houses. My thanks to everyone that made ornaments. – John Nikakis



Dendrology

[Dendrology at Virginia Tech](#) – Dendrology is the science and study of woody plants. The web site linked previously contains a wealth of information about trees. There are fact sheets on over 900 species. They include technical information about the tree, images of the trunk, leaves, and fruit, and a map showing the areas of the country where the tree grows. You can try to identify an unknown (to you) species of tree using their Tree Identification Tool. You can get the Android tree identification app [here](#), and the iPhone app [here](#). (See if you can identify your Christmas tree using the apps.)

Dates to Remember

The **2016 Desert Woodturning Roundup** will be held February 26, 27, & 28, 2016, at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ. Demonstrators include John Beaver, Rex Burningham, Jason Clark, Art Liestman, Glenn Lucas, Curt Theobald, Betty Scarpino, and Andi Wolfe. Registration information and other details may be found at <http://www.azwoodturners.org/DWR/index.shtml>. Contact [Ana Marie Lappegard](#), 480-620-5185, if you have questions.

The **AAW 30th Annual International Symposium** will be held in the downtown Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart on Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12, 2016. The preliminary list of demonstrators includes Sally Ault, US, Benoit Averly, France, Jason Breach, UK, Seamus Cassidy, Ireland, Robin Costelle, US, Jean Francois Escoulen, France, Richard, Findley, UK, Liam Flynn, Ireland, Cynthia Carden Gibson, US, Michael Hosaluk, Canada, Beth Ireland, US, John Jordan, US, Dale Larson, US, David, Marks, US, Yann Marot, France, Philip Moulthrop, US, Binh Pho, US, Jason Schneider, US, Mark Sfirri, US, and Curt Theobald, US. More information to follow. You can also go to the AAW International Symposium web site [here](#).

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 January 2016 newsletter is December 28.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

There will not be a regular December meeting. Instead, we will hold our annual Christmas Party, which was discussed previously in this newsletter.

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