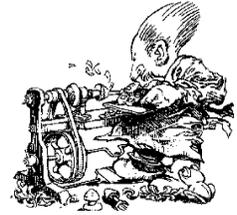




# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge - Reflections

It's that time of year to reflect on 2015 and look ahead to 2016 and the New Year. CVW accomplished a lot in 2015. We now have two metal storage containers and an almost finished wood shed for storing the club's ever-growing assortment of turning woods. The club purchased a new Husky saw with a 42" bar that cuts the big stuff like butter. We went back and forth on what size engine, what size bar, racing stripes, or a camo paint job. When the chips settled, we hit it out of the park. It is a great saw that will last the club for years to come. The club participated in two craft shows: One great, the other not so great. Can't win all the time, but at least the club has decided on no more outside events.

Ricky and Lucy have completed their Secret Service training classes with new uniforms to boot. The two renegades have promised they will not ask for any new uniforms, hats, or holsters in the year ahead. Ricky still wants to put up razor wire on the perimeter - it never ends!

The best thing to happen this year is all the new members we picked up, pretty amazing. Our members are not all local. They travel from Dayton, Topaz, Wellington, North Reno, Carson City, and Bear Valley, CA. We must be doing something right to have our members travel that far just to have that weird guy blow his obnoxious whistle at our monthly meetings. He must have anger issues or maybe he wants to stand out in a crowd, who knows. The next best part, we have no bills, and we have money in the bank!!! Last year I had a list of goals for the club. I think we accomplished all of them. Now I am working off memory, shaky at best. The good part about going from memory; you remember what you want to remember.

There are tons of people that contributed to the club this past year that need to be acknowledged and thanked. If I forgot someone, please accept my apology. Frank Miller does a lot for the club, but without his expertise in running the video department, we would be totally lost. Bill (Perry White) Draper, our newsletter editor, is all Aces. Best newsletter around. Don McRoberts keeps the website up and running flawlessly. The board members that help the President all year long: Wayne Porter, John (Nik) Nikakis, Mel (first count) Swingrover, Ron Burdg, and John Drown. Larry LaMahieu, who has been fired from taking care of Gadzooks, now has the new job of finding outside demonstrators. All kidding aside Larry worked really hard on Gadzooks. Donna Dimmick for all her work on coordinating the summer picnic and Christmas party. Thanks to Dave and Pat Colon for hosting our summer barbecue. I want to thank my good friend Wayne Porter for all the extra work he does through the year for the club. When something really needs to be done, Wayne always steps up. Naturally, I have to hear the belly aching, but it's worth it for the help. Really? Also thanks to Wayne for hosting the monthly meetings which is a big undertaking. Paul Cote for all those X-rated pictures he takes throughout the year. Another big, big thank you to the membership for all the beautiful turnings donated for our craft fairs and Christmas ornament display at the museum. Lastly, I want to thank Big R (Rusty) the only one at Wayne's that really listens to me.

What does the goal list for 2016 look like? We are hoping to bring in at least two quality outside turners for demos. If you have someone in mind you would like to see, let Larry know. He's looking for ideas. Gathering whatever wood we can scrounge, beg, or steal for our wood department is always on the list. I

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want to improve our hands-on, having specific projects every other month or so. I would love to have more members come by Zuni Pines for one-on-one turning sessions. I am usually in the shop turning anyway, except when I am on the two-wheeled machine (bicycle) early mornings. We would like to see more of the members buy up the club wood. The sheds are nearly full now. If we sell more wood we will have room to bring in the different woods we come across. The prices the club charges the members are really reasonable, in fact unbeatable. Before you go online and pay the big bucks give me a call first. I would really like more articles from the members for the newsletter. I write about 70% of the articles for the newsletter. I am running out of things to write, and I am no Ernest Hemingway. I know it gets boring and old to you, the readers. If you come across a new turning technique, new tool, anything turning related, write a short article, and submit it to Bill Draper, our editor. Looking down the road, the club at this time is not anticipating any large purchases. We have five lathes, a club trailer, complete video department and library, and all the storage area we need for wood. If some big item does come up, at least we have some bucks in the bank so we can consider making a large purchase with no government assistance or food stamps. – Dave Mills, President

## Christmas Bash 2015

What a great party! I did not hear a single negative comment. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Fifty-six grownups and two young ones. Skip Allen and his school buddy turned out. The food was unbelievable from the main turkey and ham dishes prepared by Paul Cote and Donna Dimmick to all the side dishes, salads, and desserts brought by the members. This stuff was five star folks. I'm a dessert guy and the dirt pie was sooooo good. Just writing about it makes me want to go back for seconds. I want to thank Frank and Jane Miller for letting us into their home. They had all the bases covered. Thank you to Paul and Donna for the great job on the turkey and ham. Donna coordinated the event and did her usual magic. I don't how she does it - flawless.



Festivities started at 4 p.m. with lots of socializing and shootin' the bull that was followed by the aforementioned feast. Writing about it, I am getting hungry again. The club added something new this year that we



hope will become a yearly occurrence, "Wood Turner of the Year". This year's winner is Wayne Allen - who else! I know of no one in the club that is more deserving than Wayne. What made it extra special was Sally and Skip and his classmate being there to witness Wayne get his much deserved award. I have to say it was pretty emotional for me personally. I am a big fan of Wayne Allen. Wayne was presented a certificate in a nice wood frame proclaiming him as Wood Turner Extraordinaire. It was even signed by the president. No, not that president! He was given a \$25.00 gift certificate for Craft Supply and as his grand prize he received an 18" partially turned bowl



blank out of rotten pine. I had rough-turned it about two years previously. It ended up having a big rotten section in the bottom. As it was unusable, I pitched it outside next to the club trailer where it had been ever since. With my sick sense of humor, I thought it would be a cute little gag gift. Because it had been sitting outside in the elements and was full of water from the winter storms, it probably weighed 20 pounds. Wayne came up to me later telling me he was trying to figure out what he can turn out of it. Knowing the king of making something out of nothing, I bet he will surprise us all. I truly thought I would be hauling that home to burn in the wood stove, never dreaming Wayne would try to make something out of something I gave up on two summers and winters past.

Denise Paley, one of our new board members, had a suggestion for our auction this year. It was to sell tickets and raffle off one or two of our auction items. That way the members would have a chance to acquire a really nice high end turning for the price of a raffle ticket. Good idea with great results for members and the club. The first item to be raffled was a beautiful urn out of Bastogne Walnut with a threaded lid turned by Mike Mahoney. The winners were Rob and Jill Etches. Rob is one of our new members from Bear Valley, CA. Rob and Jill get the award for farthest distance traveled. They drove up from their winter home in Oakland CA. to attend. Jill was jumping up and down when their number was called. Great to see her that excited. The next turning was an oriental lidded box out of figured maple turned by Jimmy Clewes. The winner was Mac (Davis) McCracken, formerly Earl (the Pearl) McCracken. I overheard him say between grins and smiles when his number was called, “WOW, I got

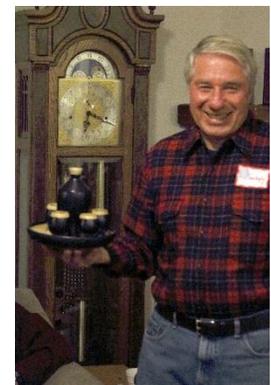


that for a ten dollar ticket!” Denise had a great idea and I think it will become a regular event at our annual party in years to come.



Wayne (the vice) Porter was in charge of running the raffle and auction. He did his usual bang up job of squeezing every last penny out of the attendees. We had turnings donated by Skip and Wayne Allen, DeWayne Walker, Mike Mahoney, and Jimmy Clewes. The attendees

brought their cash and checkbooks. Without going into too much detail, we had an array of beautiful items: Pens, Saki Set, salad bowl, platters, dyed pieces, thin turned bowl. The best assortment and quality ever, I believe. The auction brought in \$1100.00, and added to the raffle money of \$400.00, we took in a total of \$1500.00 big ones!!!! A new record for sure, a very welcome addition to the club’s war chest.



Bill (the Grinch) Draper ran the gift exchange, the game we still don’t have a name for. I think we should have Bill dress up in a Santa suit next year. Maybe I’ll issue a presidential directive? Bill did a great job as he always does. I always pick a low number and that’s not where you want to be in this game. You would think with my high rank and stature in the club I could get a higher number and get in when the gift stealing gets hot and heavy. Donna Dimmick kept getting her gift stolen, but she got the last laugh. After getting stolen for the third time she got to open the last remaining gift and guess what it was? A Wayne Allen original, a beautiful natural edge candy dish! Perfect! Donna was all smiles.



That pretty well says it all about the Christmas shindig. It was a lot of fun with a really great bunch of people. Thanks again to Frank and Jane. They are the perfect hosts. – Dave Mills [Photos by Paul Cote]

## December Hands-On Report

The weather outside was frightful, but we had 14 hearty souls brave the bad weather for the hands-on. What people will do for a great cup of coffee, to be with friends, and maybe even learn something? Yvonne Young showed up for her first ever hands-on. Wayne Porter showed her the ins-and-outs of bowl turning. Yvonne got the grand tour of the shop, and of course, she got to explore the wood shed, coming out with three or four pieces of wood. I think she puts us at five ladies in the club. Dale Pappas showed up to pick up a Mike Mahoney turning Frank Miller had bid on in his absence at the Christmas party. Dale was puny, dealing with a bad cold compliments of his granddaughter. Dale was ordered to leave and not come back until he was feeling better. Old Marines always follow orders. Semper Fi.

Mac McCracken is determined to break his Easy Wood Tool habit. I gave him a hand with his tool technique and tool sharpening skills, and I have to say he is making good progress. Matt Furginson had the hardest piece of Ash on his lathe. He was also working on his bowl skills. Matt was using some really old tools that came with his Shop Smith. I let him try one of my bowl gouges. I have a feeling Santa might be getting him a new gouge in the foreseeable future. I showed Matt something about mounting a bowl blank using a 4-jaw chuck and he proclaimed, "I never knew that." Then Jerry Johnson chimed saying the same thing. That is what is so neat about our hands-on, the little turning tidbits you pick up. I always learn something. I had planned to turn a lampshade that day but it did not happen. It will be added to my things to do list, which is as big as the Bible, but not nearly as interesting. Paul Tanaka and John Ebel were over in the corner talking gun stuff. Next thing, they are going down to the shooting shack to try out Paul's new toy, another Santa thing I'm thinking. Overheard Nik Nikakis talking to Terry and Annette Anderson about Packard Woodworks. My thought, there goes another tool or equipment purchase.

The meeting wrapped up a little early about 11:30 a.m. Mac was the last one to shut down his lathe. He really wants to get this turning down. I need to get him out to Belly Acres for some one-on-one time. I'll add it to the list! Thanks to everybody with helping with cleanup and putting lathes away. – Dave Mills

## **Santa's Helper**

This time of year I get pretty busy in the ammo reloading department. Bike riding is not happening, the Gallery is only open two days a week and those days are dead. Therefore, I don't have to keep them supplied with inventory. I can tinker in the turning department with things I want to turn and don't have to turn commercial stuff. This is also the time I can catch up on the ammo supply and help Santa out. In years past, it has always been cookies and milk for the big guy in the red suit next to the fireplace. That has all changed. A couple of years back I put out the cookies and milk and a big old sack of reloaded ammunition 45 ACP and 9MM. On Christmas morning, the Mills clan got out of bed to see what Santa left. WOW, unbelievable best presents ever. Ricky and Lucy got the biggest dog bones ever. Looked like Elephant bones. I got a Pendleton shirt. Have you checked out the price of those lately? Kathy got some hot Victoria's Secret outfit. Unbelievable. Interesting thing the milk and cookies were untouched but all the ammo was gone. Santa left a note saying he needed some 223 (assault rifle), 308 caliber for his M-14, and 50 caliber for his machine guns. He has two gun turrets on his sleigh. That's what the 50 caliber is for. Those darn things sell for upwards of five bucks when ammo is scarce. He said with all the bad places he has to go in the world on Christmas Eve, it's a scary place these days. Needless to say, every year I increase my donation to the Santa Express, it feels good to help someone who really needs it. So if you want to help out you can donate all your old brass, especially that 50 caliber you have been hoarding, and I can reload it for old Saint Nick. Maybe Santa will bring the club a new lathe someday?

Our next monthly meeting will be at Wayne Porter's shop Saturday, January 9. Starts at 9:00 a.m. Wayne Porter will be doing a demo on basic bowl turning. He always does a great job with his demos. We are also putting out the last of the wood the club bought at the member's auctions last summer. Going to be some great prices. Bring that left over Christmas money. Address 759 Gansberg Ct. Gardnerville, NV. 89460. That's all folks. Make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills

## **Spindle Roughing Gouge**

While surfing the web, I came across a very good video showing how to use a spindle roughing gouge. I think all the members of the Carson Valley Woodturners will learn and benefit from this video. I know I did. Click on the following link to see the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8YYYYA-6jQ>. – Wayne Allen



## 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](mailto:AnaMarieLappegard@azwoodturners.org), 480-620-5185, if you have questions.

The **2016 Utah Woodturning Symposium** will be held at the UCCU Events Center in Orem, UT, on May 12-14, 2016. Demonstrators currently include Richard Raffan, Rex Burningham, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Michael Hosaluk, Jimmy Clewes, Michael Mocho, Carmen DeLaPaz, Lane Phillips, Linda Ferber, Mike Mahoney, Pat & Karen Miller, Vernon Liebrant, Megan Williams, John Beaver, Chris Pytlik, Janice Levi, Sarah Robinson, Avelino Samuel, Doug Schnider and Pat Johnson, among others! More information including registration can be found on their [web site](#).

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](#).

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## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, January 9, at 9:00 a.m. The address is 759 Gansburg Court, just off Highway 88 in Carson Valley. If you end up in California, you went too far. We all appreciate Wayne's continued willingness to hold club events in his shop.

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