

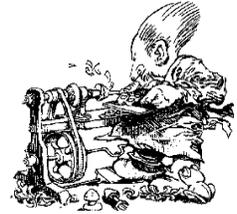


Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

Where did 2016 go? I cannot believe it is August already. Five more months and another year will be in the rear view mirror. I had plans to paint the house this spring and build a pond where the lower green used to be on the old golf course. I was going to be the best turner west of the Pecos. Too many other things to mention. The only thing I have accomplished is making my to-do list bigger. It is the size of the bible. One thing I will finish is the Gouge for August, so here we go.

We held the club meeting July 9th at Wayne's shop and had a light turnout. There were only about 30 members in attendance. Two years ago that would have been a record setter but by today's standards just OK. Because it is summertime the members are busy with all the summer fun.

The board met before the monthly meeting. After reviewing the membership list, the board approved three new members to the club, Curtis Kortemeier, and Andrew and Amanda Rothwell. We had one guest in attendance, Jacob Terry Anderson (Annette and Terry's newest Grandson). Annette guarantees a future club president in the making. I am very happy to report Dave Colon's wife Pat is on the mend recuperating from her recent health issues. Dave reports she is out of the hospital in the rehab facility and is expected home in a few days. Really good news. Four of our members volunteered to help with cleanup after our club meetings. I understand Wayne is paying them out of his own pocket, what a guy. Bet they are going to be disappointed with the amount and type of currency. I want to thank Nik Nikakis for all that he does as the club Secretary and Librarian. I could not do the Gouge without his very helpful minutes reports. I am long past committing things to memory. Thank you, Nik. You are the greatest!

Annette gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$11,072.00 in the bank with no outstanding bills. She also had a handout with a description of the presidential duties so that anyone wanting to run for the job knows what it entails. If you did not attend the meeting and want a copy contact Annette. I can personally attest it is worth doing just for the paycheck. Remember a few years ago the picture of the government employee/bureaucrat sitting in his Las Vegas hotel room spa filled with bubble bath wearing his gold chain with a glass of champagne, all on our tax dollars. Well, being president of CVW is even better than that. You have a Secret Service contingent of Ricky and Lucy at our hands-on meetings. In addition, at our monthly meetings, you have Big R (Rusty) who is twice as big as the Zuni Pines pair, and if he licks you long enough, he will draw blood. The biggest plus is you can give Wayne Porter orders! Pretty hard to turn down a job with all these perks. The Carson City Chamber of Commerce is doing a good job selling our turnings, averaging 3 pieces a month. They have asked us to restock their shelves which is a positive sign.

Frank Miller showed off the new parting tools he is making for the club. We now have all the gouges, 3-sided diamond tools (my favorite), and skews that Frank makes at almost free prices. If you have not tried out Frank's tools, you are missing out. You can take them for a test drive at one of our hands-on. Ron Burd is now selling Eze-Lap diamond sharpening tools and should have them available at our next regular meeting.

Turn Here for Safety

Many accidents to woodturners occur while using saws, especially band and chain saws. Learn and follow the safety guidelines for this equipment.

Our summer picnic will be held on August 13th at the Aspen Park Clubhouse, 1380 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville, NV 89410. We are having the annual picnic instead of our regular meeting. It starts at 11:00 a.m. We have our setup and cleanup crews in place, and we will send out reminders so there are no excuses or memory lapses. Donna Dimmick will be contacting everyone about attending and bringing those out-of-this-world side dishes. Jerry Johnson and Pierre Mathieu are doing the grilling using John Drown's famous secret marinade. Rumor has it two of the ingredients are Frank's Fantastic Finish and Zuni Farms Wood Balm. We will have tables setup for members to show off their turnings. The challenge this month is using dyes in your turnings. In addition, we are having an auction of donated turnings by six of our members. Should be a lot of fun. This is our first time using Aspen Park for a club activity. It is a really great complex and it is FREE. We have already booked it for our Christmas party. Thanks again to Jerry Johnson for finding this new location.



Jerry and Deborah Kermode will be paying us a visit September 10-11 and conducting an all-day demo on Saturday. Jerry is a very talented turner who has rubbed shoulders with the best around, one in particular, David Ellsworth. Jerry will be doing three demos time permitting. Wonky turning between centers, turning a perfect sphere, and turning a natural edge bowl with stitching. Stitching is one of his signature techniques. During lunch Deborah will talk about marketing your turnings. The cost of the demo to members is \$15.00 for the day. Jerry is an accomplished turner with a personality similar to a Jimmy Clewes or Mike Mahoney. It should be a lot of fun. The hands-on will be an all-day affair on Sunday. Jerry hopes to complete all three projects, wonky turning, turning a sphere, and turning a natural edge bowl. Cost is \$85.00 plus supplies. As of this writing the class is full. If you want to be on the standby list let me know.

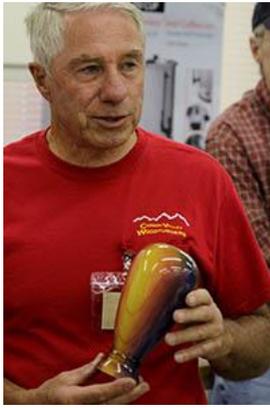
Frank Miller performed our thread cutting demo and he did not disappoint. Great job! Frank had all the props and different steps all worked out. There were lots of examples of the different stages and it was really impressive. I own a thread cutting machine that I have never used, and now I have a leg up on all the how-to steps. The demo ran a little long because the guy running the meeting took too long going over club business. That's on me. Typical presidential ramblings, they are all the same. Politicians just love to hear themselves talk. Frank's thread cutting demo was done using the Baxter thread cutter system. Gary Raines was going to demo thread cutting using hand held cutters but we ran short on time. Gary has promised he will demo it at a later date. Thanks to Frank for a great job and to Gary.



Lots of show-and-tell and the quality was A++. Trying to keep it short and do everything justice. Annette Anderson, cool stitching tool, and a Maple box with Turquoise that was runner-up in the turners challenge. Gary Muma, hard Maple goblet. Ken Crosby, two Maple salt and pepper mills, Cherry bowl with blue glitter inlay. Wayne Allen, two Walnut platters, Walnut dish with seashell inlay which was really clever,



segmented bowl out of Red Oak and Brazilian Ipe, Hickory box with cloth covered PVC Maple bowl with recessed rim. Wayne Porter, two Walnut salad bowls and one was a beautiful graft



piece. Ash hollow form with vertical dyes, blue, orange, and yellow, really unique. I have never witnessed it done like that, probably my favorite. (Don't tell Porter!) Maple hollow form with pink and blue fluorescent rim. Business card holders made out of limb wood, and last but not least, Aspen hollow form.



Our monthly woodturners challenge was using resins to enhance turnings. The winner was Wayne Allen's Walnut bowl with seashells and resin inlay. Not surprising that it was Wayne coming up with the idea. As I already mentioned Annette came in second place with her first box using

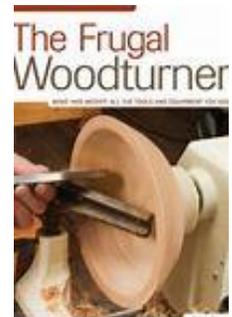
Turquoise inlay. Wayne walked away with a \$10.00 gift certificate from Craft Supply.

The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m. Thanks to everybody that pitched in with cleanup and packing up the trailer. Friendly reminder there is no monthly meeting in August. It is being replaced by our summer barbecue.

That's all folks, make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

Book Review

The Frugal Woodturner, by Ernie Conover. Fox Chapel Publishing, \$16.46. While talking about Cole jaws and vacuum chucks at the hands-on, I was reminded about this book and thought it would be a good one to review. Ernie covers a lot of material: Choosing a lathe; finding good tools, sharpening, finding wood, holding wood on the lathe, inexpensive finishes, and more. He shows many ways to save a buck by making or repurposing tools. His chapter on holding wood on the lathe has saved my butt many times. He even has instructions and drawings to build a Spring Pole Lathe. The photos and drawings are excellent, and the writing is clear and easy to understand. So if you're own a tight budget, cheap (me), or just like to get the most out of your hobby dollars, give this book a look. – Nik Nikakis



Principles of Design for Woodturning – Elements of Design

In this installment, we will talk about elements of design: Color - Value, Texture, Shape - Form - Movement, and Scale - Proportion.

Color - Value. The color should suit the purpose and shape of the piece. If multiple colors are used, they should be similar in the warmth or coolness of the tones and complement each other. Value is the degree of light and dark in any part of the design.

Texture. Texture can be real or implied. Rough to smooth, repetitive pattern, or abstract.

Shape - Form - Movement. Shape and form are what makes an object appear to vary when viewed from different angles. Movement is the visual flow through the piece. Pay attention to the point at which the flow of shape or direction changes. It should be smooth and gradual or distinct and sharp. Avoid an in-between approach.

Scale - Proportion. Scale refers to the overall size. The size should fit the use. Proportion is the comparison of sizes of objects, lines, or shapes within the piece. Place design feature or transition changes using the rule of thirds or the golden ratio. Avoid the halfway point. For bowls and platters, a good rule of thumb is that the base should be about 1/3 of the diameter of the piece. For closed forms the size of the top opening should be about 1/3 or less of the diameter of the piece. – Nik Nikakis

July Hands-on Report

We had roughly 20 members come out for some great coffee at Saturday's hands-on, and the donuts were as always fresh and good. John Drown delivered his famous sauce for the Bar-B-Que to me and I passed on the knowledge to Pierre that I have it in the refrigerator at home. The sauce is a great combination of something. John would not tell me his secret, but strangely enough, there is less now. Hint. John, you might want to drop by another bottle.

The hands-on featured Frank doing his magic on offset turning and wow, he is really something. Frank as most know is one of those fellows who just naturally has the knack of doing great things. From sharpening to explaining sharpening to great turnings, we are really fortunate to have



him in the club. I had to leave a bit early to show my wife the new feather necklace I was lucky enough



to purchase from Richard while at the hands-on. He does really nice things with small pieces of wood that most of us probably throw in a box to do something at a future date. Way to go Richard! We had talked at the last meeting about his work, and when he showed me some things down at his motorcycle, it was hard to let go. We also had one of the newest members show up and get some tips on turning from Nik and just about everybody. The gang from Reno was also there. It is always a pleasure to see Steve and those guys. For those members who have not made it to a hands-on, remember the idea to have those meetings is to assist and be assisted in woodturning. You will always have more advice and help than you can remember and the best part is its FREE to members of the best wood turning

club in the valley and pretty much in the surrounding area. In closing, all I can say is God Bless America!
– Jerry Johnson [Photos by Paul Cote]

Bosch Recalls Grinder

This recall involves Bosch 1380 Slim small, 4.5-inch angle grinders with date codes 502 through 511. The model number and date codes are located on the nameplate affixed to the underside of the grinder. The grinders are blue and silver with a black label and black and red control buttons. “BOSCH” is printed in red on the side of the product. The grinder can overheat while in use, causing the brush covers to melt and expose the end of the brush holder, posing a risk of burns to the consumer. Contact Robert Bosch Tool toll-free at 844-552-6724 Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m.



and 7:00 p.m. CT, or online at www.BoschTools.com and then click on Important Product Recalls at the bottom of the page for more information.

Dates to Remember

Each year, the SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT) holds one of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world. The Symposium features nationally and internationally recognized woodturners, as well as outstanding regional turners selected from participating clubs and across the country. The **2016 Symposium also will be the 25th Anniversary of SWAT** and will be held on August 26–28 at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave, Waco, Texas. The SWAT Symposium will offer something for just about every level of woodturner. Lead demonstrators include Stuart Batty, John Beaver, Cindy Drozda, Clay Foster, John Jordan, Mary Lacer, Mike Mahoney, and Dick Sing. Visit [SWAT's web site](#) for more detailed information.

The **17th Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held from September 16–18 at the Ranch / Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, CO. It will be hosted by the Rocky Mountain Woodturners. There will be over 42 rotations featuring demonstrators such as Les Bryant, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, Keith Gotschall, Liam O'Neill, and Jay Shepard. For more information, visit the Symposium's [web site](#), or call Allen Jensen at 970-663-1868.

The **AAW** has announced that its **31st Annual International Symposium** will be held in Kansas City, MO on June 22–26, 2017. The current list of demonstrators include Dixie Biggs, Trent Bosch, Jimmy Clewes, Kurt Hertzog, Michael Hosaluk, Rudy Lopez, Glenn Lucas, Andrew Potocnik, Tania Radda, Richard Raffan, Mark Sanger, Merryll Saylan, Betty Scarpino, Al Stirt, Derek Weidman, and John Wessels. Check out 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 September 2016 newsletter is August 29.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

Instead of our regular monthly CVW meeting, we will hold our summer picnic on August 13 at the Aspen Park Clubhouse, 1380 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville, NV 89410. Donna Dimmick will be contacting members for their plans to attend and bring food dishes.

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