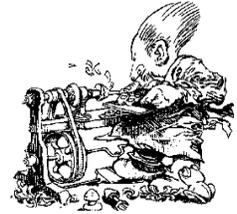




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President's Gouge

We held our summer picnic at Aspen Park on August 13. It was our first time using their clubhouse. What a great facility! Everyone was raving about our new party house; I did not hear one negative comment. One of the people on the set-up committee said they did hear a complaint. If you get enough people together, someone will have a gripe. I am sure some of the survivors of the Titanic complained about the room service. Come to think of it, there was one complaint/concern from Denise Paley. She was worried there was not enough parking to handle our group. Somewhat ironic, I got a call from Douglas County Sherriff's Department during the picnic that Denise's car was being towed for parking illegally. I immediately informed Denise her car was being towed, but she was preoccupied with what she said was a gas problem. I don't know if she was trying to get gas or trying to get rid of some. Naturally, being the gentleman that I am and wanting to be politically correct, I did not inquire any further.

I think it was our biggest attendance ever to a club function; the clubhouse is big enough for the club to grow and still accommodate more members to our picnics and Christmas parties. We have booked it for our Christmas party and for our 2017 picnic a year in advance. Thanks again to Jerry Johnson for finding our new facility. Speaking of our cub reporter, Jerry is doing the write-up in the newsletter from his perspective on the party. Jerry is doing a great job as our new reporter here at the Daily Planet. I am thinking he should be promoted to chief correspondent. The only thing, I don't know whether to call him Lois Lane or Clark Kent. Maybe we need a promotion committee. It probably should be headed-up by a lawyer. Only problem, I do not know a decent one. Oh yeah, the party. Not wanting to step on Jerry's reporting toes, I will be short if that's possible. Thank you to all the volunteers especially the ladies who did all the organizing and back-breaking work. We were supposed to set up a 10 a.m. I thought I would get there early. I

showed up at 8:30 to find Donna Dimmick and Annette Anderson were already on-site setting up. They even had signs printed with all the different food types desert, salads, etc. Big thank you to Pierre Mathieu for the unbelievable barbecued pork and chicken with John Drown's marinade. Wayne Porter did his usual great job running the auction of the member's donations. The club took in an amazing \$1045.00 in the auction alone and that doesn't include the tool sales. Thank you to the members who donated the turnings and a bigger thanks to everyone who opened their wallets. There was also a table for everyone to show off their work. The

Turn Here for Safety

Operators should carefully inspect all parts of the lathe for defects before beginning operations. Strictly adhere to the rules for correct handling of woodturning tools and hand position on the lathe's tool rest. Make sure to follow the guidelines on turning speeds, especially for roughing operations.



quality and variety was really nice. Not wanting to get bogged down, I made another bad presidential decision and opted not to have the members get up and talk about their work. It is because of decisions like that that people are drummed out of office. I will not do that again.

Jerry and Shelly Johnson were seated at a table with some of our new members to the club. They were asking questions about the club, feeling out the lay of the land so to speak. Dale Pappas piped in saying the best thing about the club is nobody has an agenda or a big head. It's just a great group of people who love woodturning. It was good to see some members in attendance who usually don't come out for our parties. To you members who have never come nor attended in years, you never know—you might really enjoy it. If I forgot to thank one of you for your hard work, it was not on purpose. You can call the media and complain or use Facebook or Twitter to crucify me. Rest assured I will see it as soon as I sign up.

The. Search. Is. Over. It has been a long and hard slog, but after looking near and far, the library committee has found the perfect location for the Presidential Library. The good news, it is right in our own backyard here at Zuni Pines (Belly Acres). We explored Arkansas—too close to Bill and you know who. Chicago—too dangerous and probably get shot, and for sure get robbed of all those presidential documents. The committee checked out hundreds of locations in all and they ended up right back here.

The exact location? The bathroom right beside the shop! Many pluses having it in our own backyard. The Secret Service is already in place (Ricky and Lucy). It has a throne in place for those big events. If it is standing room only, people can peek through the windows. We are in the process of installing a paper shredder for those classified documents that can't be flushed right down the crapper. No personal email server here. Also putting in an extra gun safe to keep those yellow legal pads with all the presidential notes secure for posterity. The only downside is during our hands-on, if you need to use the big white monster and I am holding court, you will have to look in the window to make sure it is not occupied by the elder statesman. We are hoping to have all this completed by the spring of 2017, with the ribbon cutting ceremony in early June. If you would like to donate and be a part of history, you can do it one of two ways. You can make donations right in the big white round receptacle on site, making sure it is biodegradable. Alternatively, you can call us at 1 800 Flush It. Master Charge or Visa accepted. No American Express. With an undertaking this big, the opening date estimate might change. It will be announced on Fox News or for you other types MSNBC or Pravda.

In the good news department, Rudy Lopez will be paying us a visit at the end of September or early October, 2017. He will be doing an all-day demo followed by an all-day hands on. We have been trying to get Rudy for the past 2 or 3 years. He had to cancel originally because his wife had some scary health issues. Rudy never forgot his commitment and now it is all set. He is coming out west to Colorado and Montana at the same time so it will help with the cost of his travel expenses from Florida.

At the September meeting, Jerry and Debra Kermode are paying us a visit Saturday, September 10. Jerry



is a very accomplished turner with a personality along the line of Jimmy Clewes or Mike Mahoney. Jerry will be doing an all-day demo on turning a perfect sphere, wonky offset turning, and turning a natural edge bowl with stitching. Stitching is a way to strengthen turnings using wood splices where there are voids or weak spots in the turning. Probably if you go to Jerry's website, it will be explained better than I am doing. www.jerrykermode.com. He and his wife Debra are also going to talk about how to market your turnings. Jerry was involved with AAW for years in this area, and should have lots to share on the subject. The cost to members is \$15.00. This is an all-day demo so bring a lunch or join Weight Watchers. The club will furnish refreshments. This is our last outside demonstrator for year 2016, a great way

to finish up. We are going to reach out and invite the members of Woodchucks so we might have a full house. Starts at 9 a.m. Show up early to get a good seat, I know Wayne Ferree will. As usual when we

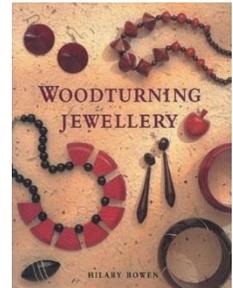
have an outside demonstrator pay us a visit, we will not have the wood raffle or show-and-tell to give Jerry more time to expand our turning knowledge.

The following day, Sunday, September 11, Jerry will be at Zuni Pines holding an all-day hands-on. Same thing applies, bring a lunch and the club provides refreshments. The cost is \$85.00 due and payable on Saturday or Sunday. The club is providing the wood for the hands-on at no cost to the attendees. Three turning projects are planned: Turning a perfect sphere, wonky offset turning, and turning a natural edge bowl. Starts at 9 a.m. We will have Frank Miller assisting Jerry if needed. I will be available to make more Zuni Blend and clean the restroom if needed.

That pretty well wraps it up from the President's desk here at the Western Whitehouse. That's all folks, make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

Book Review

Woodturning Jewellery, Hilary Bowen Fox Chapel Publishing. Hilary takes you through all the steps of making one-of-a-kind, or production-turned jewelry. She covers safety, tools, wood, chucking techniques, design, stains and dyes, inlaying, laminating and much more. There is a technique shown for making miniature detail tools using masonry nails. There is a short chapter on jewelry findings. (The metal attachments fitted on the jewelry.) There are projects for making Earrings, Brooches, Bangle, Rings, and Necklaces. If you are like me and cannot let go of all those small pieces of exotic woods, get this book and try making some jewelry. – Nik Nikakis



Principles of Design for Woodturning – Elements of Design

In the past four issues, we have talked about the principles and elements of design. Here are a few tips and tricks for drawing your design. Use the drawing tools you are comfortable with; anything from pencil and paper to computer software.

1. Fold a sheet of paper in half, then unfold and draw one side of your design on one side of the crease. Fold in half and trace the design to other side. Unfold and you have a full drawing.
2. Draw one side of your design, and then hold a mirror with a straight edge at a right angle on the drawing to get an idea of how it will look.
3. Trace over the drawing with a wide marking pen to see how thickness may affect the shape.
4. When you're out and about and see a shape that you like, make a sketch or take a picture.
5. Browse the internet to get ideas, and download a picture to use as a reference.
6. Borrow from nature. We have saucer shaped clouds in our area that would make fascinating bowl shapes.
7. If you're using CAD software, learn and use the mirror command.
8. If you're designing as you turn (winging it), take the piece off the lathe now and then to get a different perspective.
9. To get an idea of shape; use a length of string or light chain as a catenary. (*A catenary is the curve that a hanging chain or cable assumes under its own weight when supported only at its ends. The curve has a U-like shape similar in appearance to a parabola, but it is not a parabola.*)
10. Use graph paper when laying out segmented projects. The squares can be used for seeing how patterns may look or for representing segments.



11. If you're stuck, just start turning and see what turns up. Let the wood guide you. Or as Chevy Chase might say, "Be the wood". – Nik Nikakis

August Hands-on Report

We had approximately 21 people out at Dave Mills' Zuni Farm at the hands-on today. I arrived early to assist in set up but Dave already had the famous Zuni coffee ready and our vice-president had donuts freshly made ! We had several projects going on, typical of a hands-on: A bowl out of OLD, OLD redwood was completed and of course finished with the famous Zuni wax, and some salt and pepper shakers Dave Colon and Dave Mills were working on.

A box was being made with assistance from several members and our newest member was busy working on a small bowl, just to name a few. Wayne was busy assisting with another small bowl. Earl and Nik stopped by to give me some ideas on the redwood bowl. I saw our lovely and talented Treasurer with her husband making sure all was going smoothly. According to our President, he had a special parking area for Mr. Porter but Wayne being the generous person he is, left it open so Richard could park his Motorcycle there. WHATTA GUY! Most of us went down to the woodsheds to see what was new and I believe we actually sold some. Another good day of making sawdust was had by all. – Jerry Johnson

We Had a PARTY

On Saturday, August 13, we had 57 members and family come to the Mountain View Clubhouse in Aspen Park to have a great meal and a great time. We were not disappointed at all. Our master chef Pierre and his wife did an outstanding job. A big THANK YOU Pierre! We have so many members to thank for putting this on and making it a big success. Everybody said having the event at the clubhouse was a great idea. Thank you Donna and Annette for coming so EARLY and starting the set-up. Donna had told



me she would be coming at 8:30 a.m. Well at 7:30 a.m. while I was putting out the signs, here was Donna and Annette driving up to start. Thank goodness I had at least had one cup of coffee. When you have those two gals together, look out!

I was told this was one of the best attendance we have had. I think having it inside with the A/C going made the difference. I had a great conversation with Dave Rich concerning the founding of this club. For those new members who have

not heard the story, it is worth your time. Thank You Dave and all of the following Presidents and members who have made this a really great club. Or as Annette stated, WE ARE A FAMILY. Dale Pappas summed it up correctly when talking to two new members: There is nobody here that has an EGO problem. If a person needs help, there are people standing in line to help and/or give advice. The auction was a great success. I heard the club made around a thousand dollars or more.

Our President and his wife were surprised with a token of appreciation for their sacrifices. Kathy received a pen made from Acrylic that matched her bracelet, and Dave got a one of a kind JELLY BEAN MAN hand made by yours truly. Dave also





received a card signed by every member present (I hope) that stated he was appreciated for his dedication to the club. Thank you Annette for picking out such a great card. In closing, special thanks need to go out to all wives that made so many great dishes to compliment Pierre's cooking.

There is one more thank you that goes to Wayne Porter for doing such a great job not only with set up/clean up but his talent as an auctioneer is unsurpassed! – Jerry Johnson

[Photos by Paul Cote]

Dates to Remember

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 October 2016 newsletter is September 26.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month’s CVW meeting and Kermode demonstration will convene in Wayne Porter’s shop on Saturday, September 10, 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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