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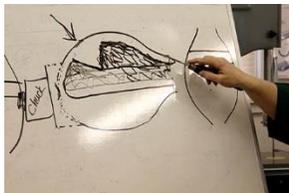
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President's Gouge

This is my last Gouge as I will be resigning as your President effective the next meeting in May due to medical and personal reasons. During the last few months, I have enjoyed and relished the challenges of the club, and I will truly miss the club. Shelley and I have decided after all to move to Alaska. The hospital offered Shelley another position with even more monetary rewards than previously, and I, after a few tests with doctors, have some serious problems showing up. Shelley has always wanted to live in Alaska and I want to make her as happy as possible. We have just returned from a weekend trip making some decisions. We needed to get away and think some things through. I regret not having enough time to finish my term and hope you will not think too badly of me. I know I leave the club in capable hands and hope you really enjoy the new lathes.

Molly Winton has come and gone. There was not as great a turnout as normal, but those who attended were rewarded with a GREAT



DEMO! Everyone was very complimentary of her presentation. She was funny, serious, professional, and



above all, very likeable. We started the meeting introducing Molly and a guest from the Nevada Gourd Society here in the Minden-Carson City area by the name of Kristy Dial, a wonderful lady who is the president of the local club of about 40 members.

Kristy and her club wanted to let us know of a Craft Show featuring wood artists and carvers along with woodturners, and of course Gourd workings at Fuji Park across from Costco in Carson City on Genoa Candy Dance weekend. She has invited members of our club to obtain a booth for Saturday and Sunday showings on September 23 and 24. This will be an individual show and NOT A CLUB FUNCTION. We voted last month to bypass it this year as a club. You may contact Kristy at 619-995-2475. They have some fantastic workings.

When Shelley and I dropped Molly off at the airport, she complimented me on our club and I asked her if she would consider returning sometime and she said, "Yes indeed!" So it seems we made a new friend in the woodturning/pyrography association. You may not know this, but she is on the board of directors for AAW this year!

Turn Here for Safety

When performing a cut parallel to the work, move both your hands and tool together, using the index finger of your left hand as a depth gauge. Always be sure to feed the tool slowly and steadily.



At the Saturday meeting, we also voted on having a slot left open for one more Demo person this year. Jerry Kermode could only fit us in his schedule for next month, and it was decided that that was a bit too soon after Molly. Therefore, I will be calling him and letting him know our decision. He has some new turnings in the works and perhaps will have those perfected for us next year. If anyone has someone they would like to see, please contact one of the board of directors and we will try to arrange it. Thank you to all of you that attended the demonstration. God Bless America and God Bless the Carson Valley Woodturners Club. – Jerry Johnson, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

April Hands-On Report

Shortly after 8:00 a.m., members started showing up at Dave’s Zuni Pines shop to do a little turning, talking, and drinking some of the fine Zuni blend coffee. The project for this hands-on was a natural edge



bowl. Dave gave us a short demonstration of different ways of mounting the blank and shaping the outside of the bowl including reinforcing the bark with CA glue. The new Laguna lathes were quickly put to use and the



shavings started flying. Steve MacLean and Gary Muma had a flying bowl competition; I would call Steve the winner for distance, although Gary had better accuracy, nearly landing his on my foot. Several of the members tried or inspected the three new lathes and all were pleased with the quality. After an hour or so of turning, Dave showed us how to reverse the bowl and turn the inside. A good time was had by all and I look forward to the next hands-on. Thanks to Dave for hosting the meeting and for a fine demonstration.

– Nik Nikakis [Photos by Paul Cote]

Walnut Wood Trip



Wayne Porter, Dave Mills, and Maggie Porter left Gardnerville at 6:45 a.m. Monday morning for our Walnut gathering trip to Lester Farms in Vacaville, California. We were happily welcomed by Maggie’s sister Nancy who keeps an eye out for wood for the club. Once we arrived at the farm the guys were amazed at the size of the tree trunks that they would have to



cut, and chewed each other out over who's idea it was to leave the big saw at home and pack only the two smaller saws. We were lucky enough to get help from Robert, one of the workers at the farm, who had a tractor with forks on the front. This made loading the trailer a much easier operation. Dave and Wayne were feeling their age by the end of the day. Maggie helped out with seal-



ing the stumps. Wayne's new Ford truck made the ride quite nice but it came back very dusty. We left the orchard at 3:45 p.m., just in time to ride in the Sacramento commuter traffic but that didn't seem to bother us because we were loaded down

and having to drive slow anyway. All in all, it was a good day. The weather stayed around eighty and we are all glad the day is over. – Maggie Porter [Photos by Maggie Porter]

Wayne Porter Says:

At the next meeting, I will be turning some kind of goblet out of Theodingup wood in burl. Did I say that correctly? I meant to say The Old DINGd UP wood in the barrel. I haven't turned a goblet in two or three years, but I promise to practice at least once before the meeting. The type of wood will not be a mystery to me, but it may be a mystery to others. The first member to identify the wood correctly will get...nothing, but the fourth person identifying it will get a prize. Don't ask...I have my reasons. Show up on the second Saturday this month and join Dave Mills in making fun of me...it's really cheap entertainment.

Dave will no doubt have some comment about my failure to make right turns. What he did not know is that I have trouble with left turns as well. I was so tired after the wood gathering trip, that on the way home that night (9:06 p.m.), I drove right by my own street. It's a good thing Maggie had volunteered to help Dave and I with the wood (she did all the sealing) and was with me. No telling where I would have been when I woke up.

Cutting and manhandling those huge Walnut stumps is too much work for two guys in their 70's. Next time, we are insisting on at least a couple of 80-year-old helpers. I was thinking of accepting applications for "helpers", but decided I wouldn't bother. We'll hire all comers at the same hourly rate Dave and I get. No faster than we all work, you could become wealthy having done almost nothing. If you don't need the money, come along for the fun. Dave and I were trying to figure out why almost no one comes to one of these outings more than once. Today, I think we figured it out. Some people get what they want in life by working really hard. Other people get what they want some other way, and they won't tell us how. They keep this stinking secret to themselves and it just isn't fair. It could be that someone did tell Dave because the "RAT" is going on vacation and leaving me to cut all these stumps into bowl blanks. So what if he hasn't had a vacation in two years. You'd think that by now he'd be used to not vacationing. Guess I'll have to forgive him and wish Dave and Kathy a great time. After all, he did get eight people to sign up to take his place...EIGHT PEOPLE! I mean that's like 24 Dave's. Dave, I love you buddy. Have a wonderful time. You've earned it. – Wayne Porter

The Skew Chisel

Woodturners seem to either love, or loathe skew chisels. The skew is one of the harder tools to master, but once mastered it can be a useful addition to your tool inventory. Skew chisels are used primarily on spindle work and should not be used to cut face-grain. Skews



can be used for many types of cuts: Planing, Roughing, V-cut, Shoulder, Saucer, Parting, Pummel, Rolling, Coving and Peeling. They can be used to deal with problems like twisted grain or chip-out, and they can be used as a negative rake scraper. Skews are available in many widths from ¼ to 2 inch and larger. Most skew chisels are rectangular when viewed from the end, but there are oval, rounded-edge, and round variations available. The skewed edge can be straight or curved. On a standard tool, the skewed edge is around 65 to 70 degrees and the included bevel between 30 and 40 degrees. Some turners set the bevel by making the length of the bevel 1½ times the thickness of the tool. To use the tool, find a source and learn the different cuts, then practice. (Suggested sources: Alan Lacer, Mike Darlow, Frank Penta). – Nik Nikakis

For Sale

Don't forget Jerry Johnson is having a yard sale this Saturday, May 6. He has sold two saws and an air compressor. He still has some camping stuff to sell, plus a lot of house stuff. He also has some wood to

sell: 4-qtr by 6" cherry, rough-cut wood of various lengths, and some short maple stock. Aspen Park, 114 Centerville Lane, #114.

A 1/2 in. Craftsman Impact Wrench, model 875.16882, and a 3/8 in. Ratchet Wrench, model 875.19932. These air tools are brand new, never been used, still in the box. Sold together, both tools would sell for just over \$100. Asking \$50 for both tools. Check out Sears' website for photos and specifics. Call Dave Colon @ 775-783-8600 or 775-721-8620.

Chain Saw Safety Tips from OSHA

Operating a chain saw is inherently hazardous. Potential injuries can be minimized by using proper personal protective equipment and safe operating procedures.

Before Starting a Chain Saw

- Check controls, chain tension, and all bolts and handles to ensure that they are functioning properly and that they are adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure that the chain is always sharp and the lubrication reservoir is full.
- Start the saw on the ground or on another firm support. Drop starting is never safe.
- Start the saw at least 10 feet from the fueling area, with the chain's brake engaged.

Fueling a Chain Saw

- Use approved containers for transporting fuel to the saw.
- Dispense fuel at least 10 feet away from any sources of ignition when performing construction activities. **No smoking during fueling.**
- Use a funnel or a flexible spout when pouring fuel into the saw.
- Never attempt to fuel a running or HOT saw.

General Chain Saw Safety

- Clear away dirt, debris, small tree limbs, and rocks from the saw's chain path. Look for nails, spikes or other metal in the tree before cutting.
- Shut off the saw or engage its chain brake when carrying the saw on rough or uneven terrain.
- Keep your hands on the saw's handles, and maintain secure footing while operating the saw.
- Proper protective equipment must be worn when operating the saw. Hand, foot, leg, eye, face, ear, and head protection are required.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing.
- Be careful that the trunk or tree limbs will not bind against the saw. Watch for branches under tension, they may spring out when cut.
- Gasoline-powered chain saws must be equipped with a protective device that minimizes chain saw kickback.
- Be cautious of saw kick-back. To avoid kick-back, do not saw with the tip. If equipped, keep tip guard in place.

Woodturner's Web Sites

[Segmented Project Planner](#) – The *Segmented Project Planner* is a computer program created to assist you in the process of designing segmented projects for the wood lathe; making the task easier, faster, and more accurate. The program provides the most comprehensive support available for segmented vessel design and construction. It runs on the PC under all current Windows versions and, with the help of Virtual PC, on the Mac as well. The cost of the program is under \$40.00, and can also be downloaded for a 30-day free trial. The web site also contains free plans, hints and tips, wood information, and much more information of interest to segmented turners.

[Segment Calculator](#) – Looking for a quick method to calculate the measurements for the segments in your bowl project? This online calculator provides the results quickly after entering only three parameters. Curiously, the results were provided using up to 16 decimal places for the test parameters entered. Perhaps giving results in fractions up to 64th's of an inch might have been better.

Dates to Remember

The **38th Annual Utah Woodturning Symposium** will be held May 11 through 13, 2017, at the Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. Demonstrators include Nick Agar, Stuart Batty, Rex Burningham, Kip Christensen, Kirk DeHeer, Barbara Dill, Karen Freitas, Kurt Hertzog, Greg Jensen, John Jordan, Dale Larsen, Raleigh Lockhart, Mike Mahoney, Guilio Marcolongo, Wesley Piley, Marcus Reed, Dick Sing, Curt Theobald, Craig Timmerman, John Wessels, Tom Wirsing, and more. You can visit their [web site](#) for more information.

The **AAW** has announced that its **31st Annual International Symposium** will be held in Kansas City, MO, on June 22–26, 2017 at the Kansas City Marriott. Book a room before May 26 for the show rates. The current list of demonstrators includes Sam Angelo, Bruce Berger, Dixie Biggs, Trent Bosch, Jason Clark, Jimmy Clewes, Janet Collins, Anthony Harris, Michael Kehs, Janice Levy, David Lindow, Kurt Hertzog, Michael Hosaluk, Rudy Lopez, Glenn Lucas, Harvey Meyer, Andrew Potocnik, Tania Radda, Richard Raffan, Mark Sanger, Merryll Saylan, Betty Scarpino, Thomas Stegall, Al Stirt, Jason Swanson, Derek Weidman, John Wessels,, and Tom Wirsing. 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 June 2017 newsletter is May 29.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, May 13, 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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