

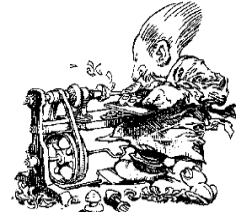


Chatter and Catches

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Detail Gouge

Another month has sailed by and the summer heat has shown up way, way, too early. At least we're not in sunny Arizona.

Mark your calendars for September 30 and October 1. Rudy Lopez will be doing a demonstration on the 30th and a hands-on workshop on the 1st. Rudy does some great natural edge work and has very original designs. If you like photography, his work is outstanding. Visit his site at www.rudolphlopez.com.



While you've got your calendar out also mark the second Saturday in August for the club's summer party. The party will again be held at the Aspen Park facility on Centerville Lane in Gardnerville. Members will be notified about times and other information at a later date.

For those of you who missed the June meeting, I did the best demonstration I've done this year (also the only demonstrating I've done this year). Donna and Annette held me to my promise to open with a song and then I turned three different styles of tops. They all worked, even the "Tippy Top". I hope all who

attended had as much fun as I did.

Turn Here for Safety

Keep your woodturning tools sharp. Dull chisels require you to apply excessive feed pressure that could cause tear-out or perhaps a catch.



At the show-and-tell, Wayne Porter had a hollow form with a branded basket effect and barbed wire around the collar. Steve MacLean brought several bowls and hollow forms that he donated for the November craft show. So, at this time he has the lead in the contest.



As a reminder, the club can use turnings for the fall craft show. Don't wait until the last minute to donate. While I'm talking about donations, I'm going to start collecting ornaments (loaned or donated) for the club's entry in the gallery of Christmas trees at the Douglas County Museum in November and December.

Frank Miller will be demonstrating a three-sided multi-axis box at the July meeting. If you haven't tried multi-axis turning this is a great project to get you turning off center.

Well, if you haven't already done so, get the grill ready for what looks to be a long hot summer. – Nik Nikakis, Secretary [Photos by Paul Cote]

June Hands-On Report

Dave and his Zuni Pines shop were host to another fun-filled hands-on. There was not a large turnout but four lathes were in action most of the time, and Dave was able to work on one of his Banksia pod shakers.



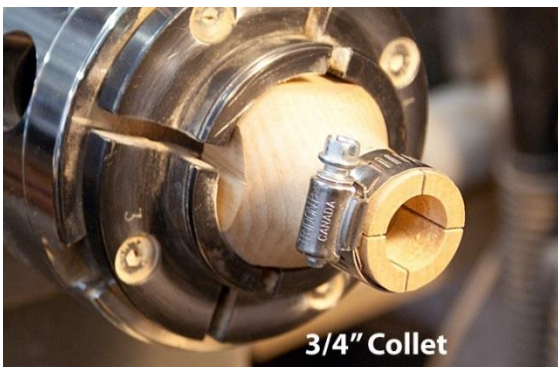
Ralph Wycoff was working on a large burl bowl that I hope to see at show-and-tell soon. Frank, with a little help from Dave and Wayne, was trying some small hollowing tools he is making. Andrew showed up with a four-foot LED shop light that we are going to consider as possible lighting for the club's craft show display. Dave was able to raise one of the Laguna lathes about four inches so those of you over 5'10" won't get a sore back turning. Any of you that have a project that requires a larger lathe or if you just want to get out of your shop, give Dave a call. He'll be happy to have you. Don't let those club lathes just collect dust between



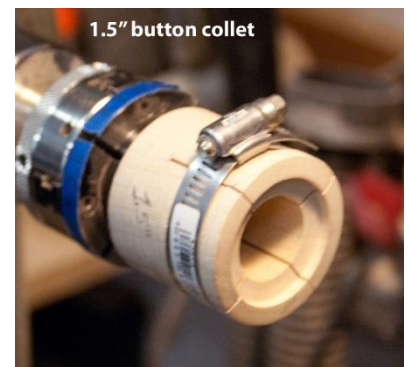
the hands-ons. Dave, thanks for hosting and the Zuni blend coffee. – Nik Nikakis [Photos by Paul Cote]

The Multi-Use Hose Clamp

Wood turners adapt many common items to do different tasks while turning. We turn old hacksaw blades into chatter tools, Allen wrenches into mini hollowing tools, used guitar strings into wire burners, cereal box cardboard into templates, and on and on. One item I use often is the hose clamp. The obvious use is making hose connections for a vacuum chuck. They work great for clamping segmented rings when doing segmented turning. They come in a wide variety of sizes so you are not limited by size constraints. I prefer clamps made of stainless steel that can be tightened with a nut driver. The stainless won't rust from the moisture in the wood or glue, and the nut driver head lets me use a drill for tightening.



You can make a quick collet chuck with a block of wood and a hose clamp. Turn the block round and make a tenon for a four-jaw chuck. Drill a hole to match the piece you want to hold. Cut a shallow channel near the end to hold and guide the hose clamp. Now with a



saw make two cuts to about the depth of the drilled hole. (A wider kerf will allow for more adjustment.) You now have a custom collet chuck. A small hose clamp can be used as a height stop for your tool rest. This can save a little time when you have to change the angle of the tool rest often for a project. When

doing larger inside-out turnings, hose clamps can be used for doing the inside turning. Leave some waste on the ends so that the indents from the clamps can be cut away if necessary.

That's just a few things that hose clamps can be used for and I'm sure that many more can be found. Next time you're at the hardware store pickup an assortment of hose clamps and add them to your box of tricks. You'll be glad you did. – Article and photos by Nik Nikakis



Lathe as Art?

The wooden lathe pictured to the left was made from one 2"x4"x8" piece of fiddle-back maple using glue only.

This work of art was found in the Wood Magazine.com Newsletter dated 7/10/2008, and was made by a craftsman identified only as myrmac2000.

Dates to Remember

The American Association of Woodturners has announced that its **32nd Annual International Symposium** will be held in Portland, OR, on June 14–17, 2018 at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97232. Check out the AAW [web site](#) for more information as it becomes available.

Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via cwvnews@charter.net no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the August 2017 newsletter is July 31.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting and demonstration will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, July 8, 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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