



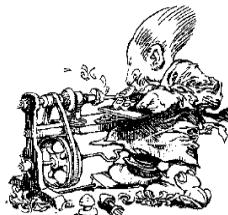
# Chatter and Catches

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## Detail Gouge

I hope you all had just enough turkey and fixings to fuel a nice Thanksgiving nap. At our November meeting after wishing Gary Hathaway a happy birthday, we held elections for the 2018 club board. John Compston is our new President, Ron Burdg is Vice-President, Donna Dimmick is the new Secretary, Annette Anderson is

Treasurer, Wayne Porter is Director, and Denise Paley and Dave Mills are our Members at Large.



Frank Miller and Dave Mills gave an excellent demo on finishing, embellishing, and the ins and outs of tool making. Thanks, guys!

Ralph from The Woodworking Source has offered membership in their Loyalty Program to all club members. For detailed information visit the store or call them at 775-624-9174.

After a lively discussion regarding professional demonstrators, we decided to continue with our current method of scheduling and paying for demonstrators.



The show-and-tell again had an excellent selection, with turnings from "Mac" McCracken, Gary Muma, Denise Paley, Ken Crosby, Dale Pappas, Richard Thomas, Dave Mills, Andrew Rothwell, and

of course Wayne Allen. Dale's magic wands should be a hit with the Harry Potter crowd.

Wayne Porter and his nephew, along with a little help from Dave Mills and myself, did some much-needed repairs and upgrades to the club's wood trailer. Next time you are at Zuni Pines give it a look.



The Carson High Craft Show was a big success for the club, with over \$4,500.00 in sales. Thanks to everyone who donated time or turnings, and a special thanks to Dave, Wayne, Annette and Donna.

The club's Christmas party will

be December 9 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Aspen Park Club House. There will be an auction and secret

Santa gift exchange. Donna Dimmick will be calling you to determine whether you will attend and what dish you will be bringing. We will again be collecting canned food and toys for charity.

As I write this, I plan on setting up the club's tree for this year's "Gallery of Trees" at the Douglas County Museum the day after Thanksgiving. The trees will be on display until December 26. If you would like to make a late ornament donation, stop by and add it to the tree and be sure and stuff the ballot box. – Nik Nikakis, Secretary [Photos by Paul Cote]

## CVW 2017 Christmas Party



**When:** Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Aspen Park, 1380 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville, NV

**Directions:** Take Highway 395 to Sharkey's Casino in Gardnerville, then turn south on Gilman Avenue (NV 756) which becomes Centerville Lane. Aspen Park is about a half mile down on the right. Follow the entrance road (slowly) to the rear of the development to the two large white buildings. Our get-together will be in the building on the left.

**RSVP to:** Donna Dimmick with the number of persons in your party  
775-246-0874, or email at [ndimmick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ndimmick@sbcglobal.net)

Donna may have called you to confirm the number in your party and what type of dish you plan on bringing. Do not worry about the basics, i.e. paper goods; they will be provided by the club. However, including serving utensils for your dish would be helpful. Please BYOB, if desired, labeled with your name. Sodas, tea, etc., will be provided.



**Gift Exchange Rules:** Each person who desires to participate must bring a gift, and put their gift in "the pile". Gifts must be wrapped, but should not be labeled to identify a sender or recipient. Gifts should be inexpensive (~\$15), and should be considered "useful" and not "white elephants". All participants will draw a number to determine their order. The participant holding #1 will select and unwrap any gift from the pile and then show it to everyone. Each successive participant, in the order determined from the drawing, can either "steal" an already opened gift, or be adventurous and choose a wrapped gift from the pile. If the participant chooses to steal, the person whose gift was stolen repeats their turn and either steals another person's gift (they cannot immediately steal back the gift that was just stolen from them) or unwraps a new gift. This cycle of stealing can continue, but will end after any one gift has been stolen three times. Since items can be stolen, the item in your possession is not yours until the game is over (a food item cannot be eaten until the game is over). The game will continue until the last gift has been opened.

**Auction:** We also will be auctioning off some of the items the club has received from demonstrators and individuals over the past year.



## Drill Gauge

There are many ways to measure drills, dowels, or other round materials. You can try to eyeball the piece next to a ruler, use "Virginia calipers" (Crescent wrenches), use calipers or micrometers, or any one of the dozens of other methods. My go-to tool for sizes up to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or 13mm is a drill gauge. When I need to know the body drill size for a screw a drill gauge is quick, simple, and easy to read. I turn finials a bowl-full at a time and save them for later projects. When I'm ready to use one of them, a drill gauge is the ideal way to check the size of the tenon. When making a tool handle a drill gauge



lets me select the drill size regardless of the shape of the tool material, round, square or whatever. The gauges in the photo left to right are; Fractional sizes  $1/16^{\text{th}}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in  $1/16$  steps; Wire sizes

1 through 60; Letter sizes A to Z; Metric sizes 1.0mm to 13.0mm; and the little one is Wire sizes 61 to 80 (.039 to .0135 inches). Prices start at just a few dollars and go up as the quality and precision improve. Most of mine fall in the \$5 to \$10 range except for the small one that ran around \$30. I bought it originally to measure fiber optics and needed a high precision gauge. It now comes in real handy for measuring tiny wires when making jewelry and ornaments. All in all, a drill gauge is handy tool to have in your box. – Article and photo by Nik Nikakis

## 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 [cuvwnews@charter.net](mailto:cuvwnews@charter.net) no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the January 2018 newsletter is January 1.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

There will not be a regular meeting this month. Instead, we will have our annual Christmas party as previously described. Hope to see you there.

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