



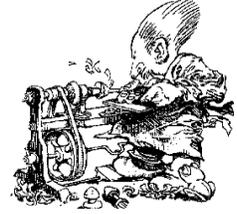
Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

We started 2018 with two great demonstrations, Wayne Porter in January demonstrating burning/air brushing, and John "Nik" Nikakis in February demonstrating finial turning. Nik provided a very informative demonstration on turning finials including two part finials. As one that has not turned finials, I was able to come away with great ideas on how to turn them and how to integrate them into my projects. Nik, great job, and thanks for stepping up to bring this demo to our members.



We had a good turnout with 39 people in attendance. Thank you to all who assisted with the set up and take down. Your help is greatly appreciated and many hands make light work. Thanks again.

We will be putting together a new member roster after the March meeting because there are several 2017 members who have not paid. We have sent emails to these individuals to see if they are going to remain members and we should know by the March meeting. If you have not paid and want to remain a member, please let Annette know so that we can finalize our member list for 2018.

I know that many of our members know the history of this club. However, we have an increasing number of new members who do not know the history. When this club was started back in 2007 there was a core group of individuals, Dave Rich, Dave Colon, Wayne Allen, Al Mason and several others who wanted to provide others in the community with a place to get together to share their passion for woodturning. The club started with eight members and has now grown to over 50 members. It is from this humble beginning that we have progressed to where we are today. In the early days, Dave Rich opened his shop to hold the meetings. As we grew we knew that we needed to enhance our experience during the meetings and have progressed from having no AV capabilities to what we have today with PA and live streaming on a TV to provide better visuals for all in attendance. With membership growth, we ran out of room at Dave's shop, and started using Dave Mills' and Wayne Porter's shops. Ultimately, we ended up at Wayne's shop because Dave's was also not large enough to accommodate our growing numbers. We looked into several options to rent a space to hold our meeting to no avail. During this time Dave, Wayne, and I would get together at one of our shops to work on projects and get pointers from each other. We decided that this was a great assistance in improving our turning skills and felt that the other members could benefit from the same experience. Thus the hands-on sessions were started, and here we are today with two meetings a month. I know those of you who have attended these hands-on sessions will agree that they have greatly enhanced our turning skills.

There are a number of individuals who have given much of themselves to this club, and we thank them for their labors. However there are two individuals, who without their continued efforts, we would not have a club today. Both of these members have served on the board for years and have opened their shops for the club activities. I would like to offer a special thanks to Dave Mills and Wayne Porter for their

Turn Here for Safety

The length of a tool handle should be at least five times the maximum distance you intend to reach beyond the tool rest. This will make sure you have the needed leverage for proper tool control.

continued support. Without their ongoing dedication, we would still be a small group of individuals looking to improve our turning skills. I do not have enough space to list all that these two do for the club, and definitely, without them we would not be the club we are today. Sometimes a simple thank you is all we can offer, so please take the time to join with me in saying a special thank you to Dave and Wayne.



We had a great show-and-tell with items brought in by Ken Crosby, Ron Brady, Ralph Wycoff, Earl McCracken, Yvonne Young, Gary Muma, Richard Thomas, Wayne Allen, Wayne Porter, and yours truly. It is great to see what other members have been working on, and to appreciate the talent we have within our club. – John Compston, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

February Hands-On Report

We had a full house at Zuni Pines for the February hands-on with 23 hardy souls braving the freezing and windy day to partake in the Zuni Blend coffee and four dozen donuts. Dave put on a short demo on using the spindle roughing gouge and turning beads and coves with the spindle gouge. We had a new member join at the hands-on and after some prodding, Keith Fagan worked on roughing a spindle and learning tool technique. Keith said that this was the first time he had ever turned on a lathe. He told me afterward that he is hooked –



big surprise as I think we are all in the same boat.

Richard Thomas worked on one of his ornaments, Ken Crosby turned a finial, and Janis Doyle, with a little help from Frank and Wayne, turned a nice bowl. Katie Johnston worked with Frank on tool technique

using some of Frank “the tool man” Miller’s tools that he makes. We also had a visitor, a possible new turner from Carson City, who attended with Ron Burdg. The remainder of those in attendance ate donuts, drank coffee, and spread the bull. Lots of bull. We had several members who made the trip to the woodsheds and left with wood worth \$150.00 even though the wind was blowing the snow and the woodsheds felt like freezers. Most everyone left by noon. Guess they did not want donuts for lunch. Janis stayed on a little longer to finish her bowl and we were done cleaning up by 1:00 p.m. A good time was had by all and we look forward to seeing you at one of our future hands-on sessions.

Just a reminder: It is not too early to start thinking about the Christmas Craft Fair. We need medium to large bowls, natural edge bowls, or anything you would like to turn for the club. If you turn something for the club for the craft fair, the club will provide the wood at no cost to you. See Dave and get some wood for your donations to the craft fair. One of our newer members indicated that they were interested in turning medium to larger bowls but did not feel comfortable doing this on their own at home. I told them that if they wanted to turn at the hands-on they were welcome to do so even if the program was not bowl turning. There is always someone standing around who is willing to provide whatever assistance is needed to work on one of your projects. Take advantage of the skills and knowledge of those in attendance. There is always someone available to help. See you in March and safe turning. – John Compston, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

Off-Center and Eccentric Chucks

At the February hands-on, Ron Brady and I were talking about off-center and eccentric turning. Our conversation moved on to available chuck systems and as my mind will often do, brand names and suppliers was lost somewhere between old song lyrics and what I might have for lunch. Therefore, when I got home, I refreshed my memory and did a little new research and thought I would pass along some of what I learned.

The photos are of five different systems ranging in price from about \$90.00 to \$500.00: Small Off-Center Chuck System (available from Ron Brown’s Best, \$90.00); Axminster Eccentric Chuck System (available from Woodturners Catalog, \$123.00); PSI Off-Center Chuck System (availability questionable, \$140.00); Sorby Eccentric Chuck System (available at several sources, \$380.00); Vicmarc Eccentric Chuck #3 (available at several sources, \$500.00).



I have had the opportunity to try the Sorby system and an older version of the Vicmarc system and both are on my wish list. I own one of the PSI systems so I included it even though it doesn’t seem to be available at this time. The Ron Brown and Axminster systems both look like they will do a good job and at \$90.00 and \$123.00 might be good to experiment with. Ron Brown also offers two large off-center chucks for doing plates and platters. Each of the systems has a different way of arriving at a similar outcome and take practice.

If you’re going to try this type of turning I recommend doing a lot of research before investing in what may wind up as a pricey paperweight. If you do invest in something, bring it to a hands-on. I would love to give it a try. – John “Nik” Nikakis.

Spindle Roughing Gouge

While surfing the web, I came across a very good video showing how to use a spindle roughing gouge. I think all the members of the Carson Valley Woodturners will learn and benefit from this video. I know I did. Click on the following link to see the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8YYYYA-6jQ>. – Wayne Allen



Dates to Remember

The **39th Utah Woodturning Symposium** will be held May 10-12, 2018, at the Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. There will be over 90 demonstrations by more than 20 international woodturners. The early registration deadline is May 1. Demonstrators include Richard Findley, Eli Avisera, Stuart Mortimer, Benoit Averly, Kelly Dunn, Tom Edwards, Bob Fehlau, Doug Schneider, Dennis Paullus, Pat & Peggy Bookey, Kevin Hicks, Dave Best, Mike Mahoney, Kip Christensen, Susan Hendrix and more. For more information, visit www.utahwoodturning.com or call 801-443-8198.

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.

Demonstrators include Eli Avisera, Mark Baker, Donna Zils Banfield, Jeff Chelf, Kip Christensen, Mark Dreyer, Cindy Drozda, Karen Freitas, Keith Gotschall, Stephen Hatcher, Kristin LeVier, Eric Lofstrom, Tom Lohman, Jon Magill, Guilio Marcolongo, Wayne Miller, Kai Muenzer, Mike Peace, Ed Pretty, Graeme Priddle, Rick Rich, Jay Shepard, Al Stirt, Dan Tilden, Hans Weissflog, Ray Wright, Lauren Zenreich.

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 April 2018 newsletter is April 2.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

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