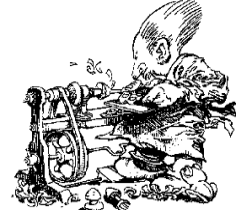




# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

Hi, all. Well, another month has flown by and we are now into September. Despite all of the smoke and heat we have had to endure this summer, we have made it. Hopefully, the days will be cooler and the smoke will disappear so we can have a good fall.

We held our annual picnic at Aspen Park clubhouse and had approximately 50 people in attendance. Special thanks to Donna Dimmick for coordinating the picnic and her sister Ruth Ann Adams for assisting in getting everything in order. I would also like to thank all of you



who helped set up and to take down and clean up after the picnic, and to thank Aspen Park for continuing to allow us to use their clubhouse for our annual picnic and Christmas Party. We had ample amounts of excellent food and a special thanks to John Drown for cooking the pulled pork.

The TV saga continues. The club approved the purchase of a 75" TV, and Frank and Jane Miller drove to Fry's in Sacramento and picked up the TV and at a huge discount. Before we purchased the new TV, Frank researched its compatibility with our existing equipment, and everything looked good. Well that was not the case when they tried to

hook everything together. At our annual picnic the members in attendance approved the purchase of the additional items that were need to make our video viewing and recording compatible. Frank, Nik, Wayne, and Dave have been busy getting everything together and mounting the TV to the ceiling of Wayne's shop so that it should be ready for our September meeting. Thank you all for the work you have done to get this system operational.

Our September meeting will be a presentation by Jane Miller on woodburning. Jane gave us a program several years ago on this topic and it is nice that she has agreed to revisit this with our club. If some of you have not noticed, Frank occasionally will bring in a piece of his work with some of Jane's handwork. It is nice to know that we have many talented members and their spouses that take such pride in our club.

In addition, I want to remind all of you that our October meeting schedule has changed. We will be holding our hands-on session the second Saturday, October 13, and Mike Mahoney will be visiting our club for a demonstration on the fourth Saturday, October 27.

Each year we hold an election for club officers. This year we will accept nominations for officers at the October meeting, and the election will be held at the Christmas party in December.

I also wanted to remind everyone that the Carson High Christmas Craft Fair is coming up fast. I believe it is scheduled for Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17. With the craft fair in November we **will not** be holding our regular monthly meeting, however, we will be holding our regular hands-on session the fourth Saturday. Remember we need items for the craft fair and if you turn something for the

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Always use a dust mask or an air filtration system. Also, wear adequate hearing protection.

club, the club will provide you with the wood. If you are interested, please contact Dave Mills and he can get you wood for your project. – John Compston, President [Photo by Paul Cote]

## August Hands-On Report



There was another small gathering at Dave’s Zuni Pines shop. Ron brought donuts and the Zuni blend was as good as ever. Ricky and Maverick checked all attendees for contraband and treats.

Even with the light turnout, there were a couple of lathes going. Wayne Porter was creating a bud vase from a round of olive, and Curtis turned a small



bowl from a gorgeous piece of elm. John Ebel was working on the finish of a great looking burl bowl with encouragement and direction from Dave. Wayne Allen stopped by with his friend Mark and gave him the tour.

Dave thanks for opening your shop to us all and brewing the Zuni blend as only you can. Keep your tools sharp and the shavings out of your coffee – John “Nik” Nikakis [Photos by Paul Cote]

## Annual Gallery of Trees

We plan to have a tree again at the Douglas County Museum’s Gallery of Christmas Trees Fund Raiser. We can use as many turned ornaments as we can get. So, if you have ornaments that you can loan or donate please bring them to the September or October meetings. If you haven’t made ornaments, give it a try, or come to the next hands-on and I’ll help you get started. – John “Nik” Nikakis

## A Couple of Sources for Pyrography Patterns

With Jane Miller doing a demonstration on pyrography this month, I thought I would write about a couple of ways that I get patterns. The first is the simplest: Adult coloring books. There are thousands of these so-called adult coloring books available, covering a wide range of subjects. They can be found just about everywhere, and prices start around two or three dollars. I even found one at Ace Hardware for \$1.50. There are a few ways to use these books. If you trust your drawing skills, you can copy the picture straight to your project or a piece of paper for transferring. You can use tracing paper to make a good copy. I use my multi-function printer and make a copy scaled to the size I want. Use whatever technique you like to transfer the picture to the project and while burning use the original as a guide for detail and highlights.



The second method requires photo software. I use Photoshop Elements; it currently sells for about \$60. Start with a photo that has good edge detail and is not too busy. First, convert the photo to grayscale (Image/Mode/Grayscale). Next, make a duplicate layer by dragging the background layer to the “Create a new layer” icon. Now invert the copy layer (Filter/Adjustments/Invert or Ctrl+I). This creates a negative of the image. Set the blending mode of the layer to Linear Dodge (Top left of Layer window). The image

will change to all white. At this point, I add a Gaussian Blur filter (Filter/Blur/Gaussian Blur), to create a difference between the two layers. I adjust the blur filter until I am satisfied with the results. Now the image can be sized and printed. Again, you can use any technique you like to transfer your pattern to the project. There are dozens of methods for creating line type drawings from photos. This one is fairly easy and you don't need to be a Photoshop geek to get good results. – John “Nik” Nikakis

## Dates to Remember

The **Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held in Loveland, CO on September 14-16, 2018 at the Larimer County Fairgrounds, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538. There will be at least 35 demonstrations given by turners such as Mike Mahoney, Dale Larson, Jason Breach, Sally Ault, Merryll Saylan, Trent Bosch, Brian Gisi, Doug Schneider, and Michael Roper.

The **2018 Ornamental Turners International Biennial Symposium** will be held on September 20-23, 2018 at the Doubletree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, Washington 98188-3388. Check out the [web site](#) for more information.

The **American Association of Woodturners** has announced that its **33rd Annual International Woodturning Symposium** will be held in Raleigh, NC on July 11-14, 2019 at the Raleigh Convention Center, 500 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. Check out the AAW [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](mailto:cvwnews@charter.net) no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the October 2018 newsletter is October 1.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

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