



Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

We are getting closer to the end of the year and a lot is happening. Mike Mahoney came to our October meeting which was held the fourth Saturday of the month. We did this because Mike was going to be at Woods Lake closing his cabin for the winter. It was very nice of him to put on a program for us with such short notice. It helps that he lives in the Sierra Foothills near Plymouth, California. Mike, as always, put on an excellent demonstration for the 45 individuals in attendance, which included several of

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Select stock carefully and inspect it closely before starting a project. Avoid using wood with knots or splits.



the members from the Woodchucks. Mike demonstrated the finish turning of a quarter sawn piece of white oak and applied a finish of his famous Mahoney Oil. He left this piece with the club and we will be auctioning it off at the Christmas Party. Mike also demonstrated the McNaughton Coring System, and turned a hollow



form and threaded on a top. He then finished up with a demonstration on how he sharpens his tools. Frank Miller was able to bring up Mike's website during the demonstration and we were given a tour of Mike's home, property, and shop. We were also able to watch a video demo of Mike making a handled drinking cup. Again, a special thanks to Mike for his excellent presentation.

Mike also said that he had access to some white oak in his area, and if we wanted to make a trip down, we could have some. We will be looking to put together a trip to take advantage of his offer. Mike explained how to quarter saw a log to get the best grain patterns. I am sure if we can obtain some of the oak that our members will be able to produce some excellent pieces.



We have the Carson High School Christmas Craft Fair coming up very quickly. It is scheduled for Friday, November 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have had a number of individuals volunteer to assist with the setup, take down, and sales. I want to thank all of you for stepping up to help with this fair. This is our only money making endeavor and your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any items for the fair, please prepare a write up of the item and bring it with you when you drop it off at the

fair. If you cannot get it to the fair, please let me know and I will try to make arrangements to get it to the club. If you do not have a write up please let me know so that we can have one prepared before the fair. I sent out an email requesting members to turn knitting bowls for the fair. I have heard back from two of our members who will turn one. Please consider turning a knitting bowl as we can use as many as we can get. We had several last year and they sold well. We have already had several people inquire if we were going to have any this year. If you are willing to turn a knitting bowl, the club will provide the wood.

Please plan to stop by the booth at the craft fair and check out our club's great work. Always nice to see familiar faces there. If you have friends or family that would like to attend, please bring them along.

In November, we will not be holding our regular meeting as the Craft Fair will be in its place. However, we will have a hands-on session on Saturday, November 24 at Dave Mills' shop.

Due to the fact that our November meeting will be the Carson High Craft Fair and our December meeting will be the annual Christmas Party, the club held annual officer elections at our October meeting. There were a couple of changes in the lineup. I did not run for re-election and John Nikakis stepped up and threw his hat into the ring for president. The competition was fierce but in the end Nik came out victorious and was voted in as our new president. Ron Burdg, Annette Anderson, and Donna Dimmick were each re-elected to their previous positions as vice president, treasurer, and secretary respectively. Wayne Porter was retained as our Director. We had a little addition to our members at large. Denise Paley and Dave Mills remain as members at large, and Mike Walters was elected as a member at large. I would like to thank all of you who took positions of leadership and accepted the responsibility of keeping this club the best woodturning club in the west.

I also wanted to remind all of you that we will be holding our annual Christmas Party in December and Donna Dimmick will be contacting each of you to see if you will be attending and what you will bring to the potluck. At his request, Bill Draper will no longer be hosting the gift exchange. I have reached out to the members asking someone to take over this function. Yvonne Young stepped up and she will be running the exchange at this year's party. She will be getting information out to you regarding the exchange. – John Compston, President [Photos by Annette Anderson]

October Hands-On Report

It was a lovely cool fall morning in Woodfords for a good turnout at Dave's Zuni Pines shop. There were plenty of cookies, donuts and world-renowned Zuni blend coffee. Ricky and Maverick greeted all with a sniff and a nudge.

Dave had a few tables set up for burning and air-brushing. Jane and Frank Miller along with Wayne Porter were demonstrating the many different tools and allowing members to burn a little and spray a little, and decide what tools to add to their wish list. There were several texturing tools available to try. Dale was trying a couple of texturing tools and a Sorby spiral tool. Dave was experimenting with chatter tool. Frank was helping Craig (a new member) sharpen tools and learn some fundamentals.

Dave, thanks hosting a fun morning. Keep your tools sharp and the shavings out of your coffee. – John Nikakis

More Woodturning Magazine

I got a subscription to the online magazine "More Woodturning" back in the spring and have been enjoying the articles, projects, tool reviews and other information each month since. Go to <https://www.more-woodturningmagazine.com/> and read a free preview magazine and check out the contents of the current month. The magazine is published monthly, and a one-year subscription is \$25.00. – John Nikakis

Umbellularia (California Bay Laurel)

Umbellularia californica is a large hardwood tree native to coastal forests of California and slightly extended into the state of Oregon. It is the sole species in the genus *Umbellularia*. In Oregon, this tree is known as Oregon Myrtle, while in California it is called California Bay Laurel, which may be shortened to California bay or California laurel. It has been called peppernut tree, headache tree, mountain laurel, and Balm of Heaven.



The tree's pungent leaves have a similar flavor to bay leaves, though stronger, and it may be mistaken for Bay Laurel. The dry wood has a color range from blonde (like maple) to brown (like walnut). It is also used in woodworking and is considered a tonewood that is used to construct the back and sides of acoustic guitars. The wood is very hard and fine, and is also made into bowls, spoons, and other small items. It is also sold as "myrtlewood". The tree is a host of the pathogen that causes sudden oak death. This tree mostly inhabits Redwood forests, Yellow Pine Forest, and oak woodlands. Bays occur in oak woodlands only close to the coast, or in extreme northern California where there is sufficient moisture. Further reading material may be found on [Wikipedia](#).

Dates to Remember

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 no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the December 2018 newsletter is November 26.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

We will not be holding our regular meeting in November because we will be participating in the Carson High School Craft Fair instead.

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