



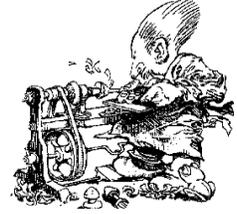
# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

I would like to start by thanking all of you for your support this last year. It was a great privilege serving as the club president during 2018 after taking a break from officer duties for a few years. I especially want to thank the board for their support and for all they do for the club.

We finished off the year with our annual Christmas Party where we had nearly 60 people in attendance. Good to see all of you there. We had a couple of special guests with Paul and Jane Tanaka in attendance. Paul had not attended many meetings this last year and it was good to see him at the party. We also had a great surprise as Pierre Mathieu donated \$4,000.00 to the club, for which we are extremely grateful. I want to thank those members who turned items to be sold at the auction. We raised \$1,150.00 from the auction. Wayne Porter also donated a large walnut vase that he had turned at one of our meetings. This item was raffled off and we raised \$330.00 for the vase. Donna Dimmick put together the secret gift bags and these were also raffled, and we made \$140.00. All of which totaled \$1,620.00. A special thanks goes to Donna Dimmick for coordinating the Christmas Party and to all of you who assisted with the setup, take-down and clean-up.

During our Christmas Party we make a presentation for the "Turner of the Year." This year it was a little different as we had a group of individuals who have gone above and beyond in supporting the club. There-



fore the "Turner of the Year" was actually five ladies who have stepped up and taken on leadership roles within our club. The 2018 "Turners of the Year" were Annette Anderson, Donna Dimmick, Denise Paley, Yvonne Young, and Patti Pastrell. Annette has served as our club Treasurer for several years and runs the payment table at our annual attendance at the Carson High School Craft Fair. Annette is always the first to offer her assistance in any of our club activities. Donna served as our club Secretary this last year, assisted Annette on the payment table at the craft fair, and coordinated both the summer BBQ and the Christmas Party. Denise Paley serves as a board member at large and provides numerous items for the craft fair. She

also acts at the liaison between our club and the AAW relating to *Women in Turning*. Yvonne Young stepped up to take over the coordination and scheduling of outside professional turners to come to our club and demonstrate for our members. She already has presenters scheduled for 2019 and has a couple tentatively scheduled for 2020. Yvonne also took over the gift exchange at the Christmas Party as Bill Draper stepped down after handling this task for the last 10 years. Bill thanks for your service. After last year's craft fair, we were approached by the Nevada State Museum to sell our items at their gift shop, and Patti agreed to coordinate this effort. It took several months to get this all-together, and Patti continues to work with the gift shop staff to keep our items stocked. Also during the year, club members wanted to get new club shirts. Patti stepped in and took over the shirt project. She had several examples at the Christmas

### Turn Here for Safety

When performing a cut parallel to the work, move both the tool and your hands together, using the index finger of your left hand as a depth gauge.

Party and will be working on this with the members at our January meeting. As we indicated at the Christmas Party, these five ladies have really stepped up to provide assistance to the club. Proportionally these ladies make up a small portion of our club, however, they far exceed the male members ratio of our club in providing assistance and leadership. Thank you all for your outstanding assistance and support. Our club needs more members to step up as they have, and become a part of keeping this club headed in a positive direction.

Speaking of our January meeting, we will not be holding a demonstration. This meeting is going to be a business meeting to discuss the future of the club as it relates to meeting locations and where we expect the club to be in 10 years. It is extremely important that you attend, if you can, so that the board can get as much input from the members as it relates to these issues. I am sure that there will be other items discussed that will impact the future of the club.

I want to welcome John Nikakis “Nik” as our new incoming President. We have already had several meetings to discuss issues facing the club in the coming year and I feel that Nik will do an outstanding job. Nik is no stranger to the board as he served several years at the club Secretary and continued this last year in providing support to the board. – John Compston, Past President [Photo by Paul Cote]

## December Hands-On Report

Well what a way to finish off 2018. We had 30 people at our December hands-on which included two new members who joined at the event, John Seher and Russ Browning. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them at the January meeting. I’m not sure what brought out the large crowd, whether it was the thought of Zuni Pines coffee, abundant donuts, or Annette’s sausage and egg casserole. Don’t think it was the turning topic of turning wooden spoons, however, we did have 6 lathes going.

Whatever the reason it was great to see such a large turnout and having so many members turning. Ricky and Maverick were working overtime to try to keep everyone protected, they had to call in backup, and Rusty stopped by to give them a hand. Several members brought in examples of wooden spoons including Denise Paley, Dave Mills, Wayne Porter, and myself. Dave had cut up numerous pieces of wood for those who wanted to turn. I brought several patterns and additional wood that I gave away to those who wanted them. Merlin and Proxxon will get a boost in sales as we had both models of hand held angle grinders with saburr-tooth grinding wheels that several individuals used during the morning.

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Good to see such a fine turnout. Looking forward to another great year for the Carson Valley Woodturners.  
– John Compston, Past President.

## Introducing Our New President

Hi all, your new president here. I live in the Gardnerville Ranchos with my wife of 39 years, Denise, and two little dogs: Kiki and Posey. Along with woodturning and woodworking, I also dabble in photography and I love to play music. I was one of those kids in high school who took woodshop every year, where I learned some basic turning along with the value of always measuring twice and cutting once. After high school, I didn’t touch a wood lathe again until I bought a Craftsman for my home shop in the late 1980s. That lathe collected dust most of the time unless I had a project



A couple of my turnings

that required a turned part. Around 2011 I met a couple of shady characters at a Markleeville craft show who invited me to their monthly club meeting. I was hooked. I try all types of turning, hoping to find a niche, but mostly I do what strikes my fancy at the time. I'm a member of AAW and the online Segmented Woodturners club. I look forward to helping to lead the club this year and in the future. – John “Nik” Nikakis, President.

## Seasonal Club Challenge

The club has had challenges in the past that went so-so, I think mostly because of short notice and little time. Therefore, I'm introducing a seasonal club challenge: Winter (January – March); Spring (April – June); Summer (July – September) and Fall (October – December). Challenge guidelines will be announced at the beginning of the challenge period, with reminders in the newsletter, at meetings, and in emails. I will give more details at the January 12 meeting. If you want to get a head start, the winter challenge is a small bowl with a foot. No larger than 8 inches. If this challenge goes well, we'll present a Spring challenge in April. – John “Nik” Nikakis, President.

## 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 their [web site](#) for more info.

## 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 February 2019 newsletter is January 28.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, January 12, 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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