



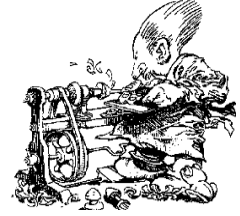
# Chatter and Catches

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## President's Gouge

Wow! The last meeting of the summer provided us with a great turnout. Thanks to all who came out. For those of you who didn't make it you missed an excellent demonstration of turning and coloring maple burl. Wayne Porter gave us one of the best in-club demonstrations I think we've seen. Way to raise the bar Wayne.



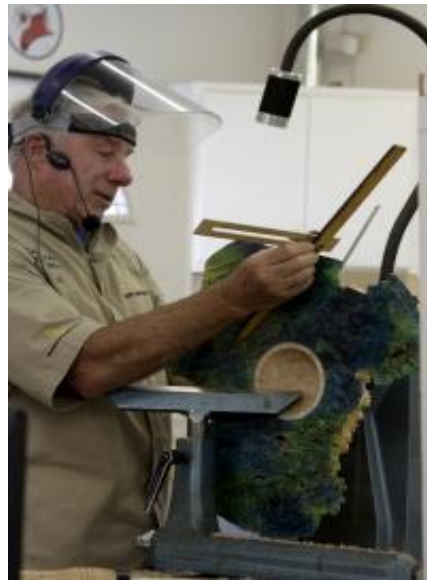
With such a large turnout we had the tables full for show and tell. Thanks to John Seher, John Drown, Denise Paley, John Compston, Ken Crosby, Yvonne Young, Wayne Allen, Jim Curnow, Curtis Kortemeier, Dave Mills, Patty Pastrell and Wayne Porter. Great work and thanks for sharing.

Several members brought dusk masks or hoods to share and discuss with the group. Of course, after sending out an email reminding everybody to bring theirs, I left mine at home. After a good discussion with plenty of input the bottom line is, every should use some type of mask or hood. Your mask or hood should, fit well with no leaks around the nose or the edges, allow you to breath easily, not fog-up your glasses or hood and be comfortable enough so that you will use it. Thanks for the input and insight everybody.

### **Turn Here for Safety**

Before the lathe is turned on, ensure that all clamps & fittings are secure & that the work piece is free to turn.





This month Dave Mills will dazzle us with his, skill, wit and technique as he demonstrates his process of turning a natural edge bowl. I'm already getting giddy.

We will be judging the club's summer challenge at this month's meeting. The club's summer challenge is holiday ornaments or decorations.

The Carson High Craft Show is just a little over a month away. (November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>) There will be no hands-on in November due to the dates of the craft show. We can still use your donations: Salad bowls 12 to 16 inches, Platters 10 to 14 inches, Natural edge bowls any size, Utility bowls 8 to 12 inches, Steak flippers, Christmas ornaments, anything made out of Banksia pods, Yarn bowls 7 to 10 inches. Remember to use a food safe finish when appropriate.

John "Nik" Nikakis, POTCVW [photos by Paul Cote]

## Hands on





## Pointed Mandrel

Wayne Porter picked up a bunch of steak flippers for the club and I volunteered to turn a few. I thought I would turn them the same way I do tool handles, drill the shaft hole first then use a small cone on my live center in the hole and turn between centers. When I measured the shaft size of the flippers and



found them to be  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch I was reminded of a pen mandrel that I modified for turning registration pens from slimline kits. The mandrel I use is based on a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch collect on an MT2 taper with a through hole. This allows the length of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch shaft to be adjusted for different project sizes. The only modification I made was to grind a point on the end of the shaft op-

posite the threaded end, simple and does not damage the mandrel for making pens and such. To use; drill a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch hole about 1.5 inches or so, adjust the mandrel so it will easily reach the bottom, bring up the tail stock and turn between centers. (I add a spacer or two so I can cut right down to the end) If the piece slips just tighten the quill. Depending on the wood you use, you may be able to finish the end with the tail stock out of the way.

John "Nik" Nikakis[photos by John "Nik" Nikakis]



## Wood Dust revisited

Our brief discussion of Dust Masks at the September meeting was an important start towards dealing with this real health issue. Most of the various woodworking catalogs, including Amazon, have a selection of Dust Masks.

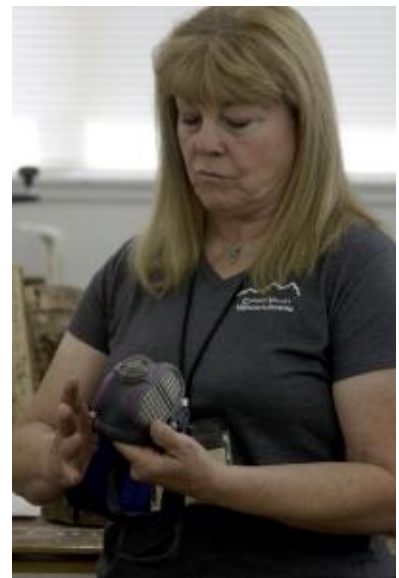


Let me digress at this point with a personal story:

A number of years ago, I took my aging Staffordshire (15 year old Pit Bull) to a special dog hospital in L.A. to have a malignant tumor removed with a “Cyber Knife” type machine. Three massive radiation sessions over a 5 day period and Buster was cancer free. He lived for almost another 3 years, dying at the age of 18, late one night of a stroke.



The facility in L.A. is such a wonderful place, and while there, I requested a tour of the extensive facilities. One of the patients was a middle aged Terrier (8 or 9 years old) being treated for lung cancer. And to the point of my story, he was not a smoker, by rather the beloved pet and “Shop Dog” of a Woodworker. The dog was a victim of wood dust.



The potential harm we all face from wood dust is a serious hazard. The dust we Wood Turners should be most concerned about is the very fine dust generated by Sanding. These

fine particles remain airborne and pose a danger to our lungs. Two important facts: 1.) If the Mask does not fit (seal) tightly around the mouth and nose, it is ineffective. 2.) If breathing does not become more labored as the filters in the Mask become clogged with dust, the seal is broken and the Mask is ineffective. I remember seeing the “Dust Bee Gone” mask that one of our members use to wear, covered with

a solid outer layer of dust on the mask. At that stage the Turner was inhaling dust through the mask edges.

My suggestion for Club members: Have two Masks in your shop, one quality light weight mesh construction mask that is comfortable to wear, and is worn full time any time you are in the shop. The second mask should be a quality **Respirator** that is worn when sanding (I purchased the Elipse P100 that Patti Pastrell uses). Change or clean the filters often (vacuum, don't use compressed air) and of course, also have a vacuum system attached to your shop equipment.

Wayne Ferree[photos by Paul Cote]

## Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to the Club Newsletter Editor 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 November 2019 newsletter is October 28.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, October 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 our club events in his shop.

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