



Chatter and Catches

the Newsletter of the



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President's Gouge

Another year behind us. It's been fun. Thank you all for your support and for allowing me to feel my way through the duties of club president. I hope 2020 goes as well. A lot was covered at the November meeting. We held our annual elections with Dave Colon stepping into the VP position and Ron Burdug moving into a position as a member-at-large. Donna Dimmick has stepped down as secretary. Donna will continue to be our "Party Person".



Thanks Donna. Yvonne Young has graciously volunteered to serve as secretary for 2020. We'll make it official with a vote at the January meeting. The rest of the board will stay on for the next year. Thanks everybody.

Wayne Porter handed out information sheets for the craft show and Donna got the group up to speed for the December holiday party.

I did a demonstration on sanding. I had fun and I hope everybody learned or discovered something new. I know I learned a lot putting the demonstration together. Now the next time a demonstrator says, "we all know how to sand" we can nod in agreement. We continue to have great participation in our show-and-tells and this meeting was no exception. Yvonne Young and Patti Pastrell showed off the pieces they each turned during their three-day session with Jimmy Clewes in his Las Vegas shop. Looks like they learned a bunch and had fun. Dave Colon brought several fine bowls, John Seher had a segmented cookie jar with cookies and an elaborate display stand. Dave Mills showed the natural edge bowl he turned at our last meeting, Ron Brady shared an Aspen vase he made from a tree in his yard. Craig Steele had a nice burl platter,

Turn Here for Safety

Adhere to the rules for correct handling of woodturning tools and hand position on the lathe's tool rest. Make sure to follow the guidelines on turning speeds, especially for roughing operations.



Pierre Mathieu had a skew chisel practice piece to show his progress, Jerry Johnson shared some natural edge bowls of questionable wood type, Wayne Allen brought a nifty segmented vase made from scraps from around the world, and Wayne Porter showed a variety of bowls, platters and a skew chisel practice piece. John Compston donated some fence posts that Dave and Wayne turned into vases for the craft show. Great work everybody, thanks for sharing.

The club's fall challenge is any toy: Tops, yo-yos, pull toys, or whatever tickles your fancy.

The Carson High Craft Show was another success. Thanks to everybody that donated turnings and those who helped with setup, take down and sales.

The club's entry in the Douglas County Historical Society's Gallery of Trees went up on the 2nd and will be on display through Christmas. Stop by and vote for your favorite tree. Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, 1477 Hwy 395, Gardnerville.

See you at our annual holiday party December 14th. There will be a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange with a limit of \$20.00, and there will be an auction with turnings from Jimmy Clewes, Eric Lofstrom and club members. *If you have a piece you would like to donate for the auction bring it along.* Put the date on your calendar.

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



Woodshed Funfest

Just got a call from Perry White at the Dailey Planet, newsletter is going to press and he doesn't have an article about the funfest. Jimmy Olson (NIK) our cub reporter was busy that day putting the final touches on the Wood Turner of the year award so I have been pressed into service.

Had 6 or 7 hearty members brave the valley fog making their way to Zuni Pines (belly acres). Mike Walters texted me asking if we had fog, I replied no, he did not believe me. Can you imagine that? We all know, I never lead people on with faulty misleading information! We really had a beautiful day, sunny, temps in the mid- forties.

Shop was heated, lots of Zuni Blend coffee. All the members were dressed warm for the occasion except Ted Bettker, he was shivering and shaking, saying he didn't think the metal woodsheds would be that cold. This is a guy who used to live in Mammoth Lakes, Ted obviously needs supervision when getting dressed. Besides the members the Zuni contingent of Ricky, Maverick, and Miss Peaches were giving a paw and bark as needed. After Wayne Porter and I discussed where to move what wood where, what to throw in the firewood pile, and what we wanted to recut and seal we got to work. There was the usual argument/discussion on who's way to do it, some things NEVER change. Having seven old timers doing physical labor is comparable to 3 people in their forties, but we hung in there and got the job done. It really made a big difference. We now have a lot more room for the load of the beautiful walnut we are going to Winters California to get in the next couple of weeks. We have to wait for the Walnut grove to dry out before we can plan our trip. We will be sending out an email asking for volunteers. We will be taking two trailer's and 8 members give or take. We did take a lunch break, partaking on Kathy's homemade bean soup, and day-old homemade bread, mm good! After John Ebel used the restroom to pay his taxes, he mentioned the rare and collectable Dave and Kathy's Minden Chevron thermometer on the wall. Commenting how he sure would like to have one. I informed him it was one of a kind, the only other one in existence is in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC, right next to John Dillinger's penis that is preserved in formaldehyde, true story. Now he has used the restroom a zillion times, first time he noticed the thermometer, he has probably always been busy taking aim. Finally, after getting tired of his whining he is now the proud owner of not one but two thermometers, one indoor one outdoor. I better not see them on E bay for sale!

It is a big relief getting the sheds organized, I have been wanting to get it done for months. Thanks to our great members giving a hand, mission accomplished. It is so much easier getting members help instead of doing singlehandedly. We have the best bunch of members and the best wood turning club on planet Earth, bar none. Thanks again, Dave

Christmas Craft Fair



Nevada State Trees

1953 *Pinus monophylla*, the single-leaf pinyon,
1987 Great Basin Bristlecone pine (*Pinus longaeva*)



Nevada designated bristlecone pine as an official state tree in 1987 (single-leaf piñon was the first tree symbol of Nevada, adopted in 1953). All State Trees. From Nevada Legislature: "The bristlecone pine (*Pinus longaeva*) is the oldest living thing on Earth, with some specimens in Nevada more than 4,000 years old.

Pinus longaeva (commonly referred to as the Great Basin bristlecone pine, intermountain bristlecone pine, or western bristlecone pine) is a long-living species of bristlecone pine tree found in the higher mountains of California, Nevada, and Utah. One member of this species, at 5,068 years old, is the oldest known living non-clonal organism on Earth. In 1987, the bristlecone pine was designated one of Nevada's state trees.

Pinus monophylla, the single-leaf pinyon, (alternatively spelled piñon) is a pine in the pinyon pine group, native to the United States and northwest Mexico. The range is in southernmost Idaho, western Utah, Arizona, southwest New Mexico, Nevada, eastern and southern California and northern Baja California.

It occurs at moderate altitudes from 1,200 to 2,300 m (3,900 to 7,500 ft), rarely as low as 950 m (3,120 ft) and as high as 2,900 m (9,500 ft). It is widespread and often abundant in this region, forming extensive open woodlands, often mixed with junipers in the Pinyon-juniper woodland plant community. Single-leaf Pinyon is the world's only 1-needled pine.

Christmas Tree Display

Located at Carson Valley Museum & Cultrual Center
1477 Hwy 395 Gardnerville (Old High School)



Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to the Club Newsletter Editor via cwnews@charter.net no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the January 2019 newsletter is December 30.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

Sorry no meeting this month but we are having a party on December 14th at Aspen Park Facility. 1380 Centerville Lane, Garnerville from 4 pm to 8pm.

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