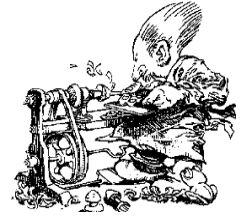


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President's Gouge

Welcome to 2020. I hope the holidays were good to you and that you're ready for another new year. Fun was had by all at our annual holiday party. Donna and her crew did a great job again. Thanks for all your hard work everybody. I presented Wayne Porter with the certificate for Carson Valley Woodturners "Turner of

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the Year" for 2019. Wayne was one of the first club members I met several years ago. He is always one of the first to volunteer his time and skill for whatever the club needs. Thanks Wayne and congratulations. We held a raffle for the table decorations and wreaths made by Donna and her crew. My wife won one. I think she's starting a collection. The auction of several turnings by Jimmy Clewes and Eric Lofstrom along with a few pieces by club members did very well. Wayne Porter did a great job as auctioneer, getting the best price for each turning. Thanks to all the members that donated their work for the auction. Thanks to Patti and Denise for running the Dirty Santa. I got just what I wanted?



The club has just purchased a “Frugal” vacuum chuck for the club’s lathes. To get everybody acquainted with the use and setup of a vacuum chuck Dave Mills and Wayne Porter have volunteered(?) to do an in-depth demonstration. If you have not been to a Dave and Wayne demo it is worth the price of admission.

The club’s fall challenge will be judged at this month’s meeting. If you forgot, the challenge is any toy: Tops, yo-yos, pull toys, or whatever tickles your fancy.

Craft shows are our club’s main source of revenue. We did well in 2019 and hope to do better in 2020. We’ll continue collecting turnings for craft shows and the museum shop. If you have a donation bring it along. I’ll have the

craft show team put together a wish list and remind you all every time I have the opportunity. Nag, nag, nag. Along that same line, annual club dues are due. Bring your check or cash to the meeting.

John “Nik” Nikakis, POTCVW[photos by Paul Cote]

December Hands-On

There was a good turnout at Dave’s Zuni Pines shop. The Zuni blend was brewed, donuts were fresh and there was a large cookie jar full of chocolate chip cookies. The growing security team of Ricky, Maverick and the newest member Peaches were on hand to keep us all in line.





Dave had his Oneway coring system setup with a bowl ready for coring. After a demonstration of the workings of the system, Dave let all who wanted to have a go at coring.

While all this was going on Wayne Porter



was helping with some sharpening tips and a lesson with the roughing gouge and skew chisel. Yvonne borrowed Dave's thread chasing tools and spent most of morning practicing the rhythm and tool technique for cutting threads. I hope to see a box with a threaded lid in the near future Yvonne. In between everything else Dave and Wayne were showing off

the club's new vacuum chuck system and explaining its operation. The shop cleared out for a while when most of us took a trip to the wood shed to stock up for our next turning projects.

Dave, thanks for hosting and for organizing a fun get together. The Zuni blend was good as always and the conversations some of the best. Keep your tools sharp and the shavings out of your coffee.

John "Nik" Nikakis[photos by Paul Cote]

Off Center and Eccentric Turning Between Centers



If you're looking for something to get your mind working on a cold winter day try off center or eccentric turning between centers. You don't need any special tools or chucks, just a drive, live center and a spindle gouge. You can make turnings of discovery or learn from articles and books. Turnings of discovery are fun, just don't use pricey wood.

To do discovery turnings; mount your wood either off center or eccentric and make some cove and bead cuts. Remount do some more cuts and see what results you get. You can mount the wood parallel off center or with twisted points at random or predetermined locations. Be sure to make notes if you want to duplicate your results. Just go for it and have some fun.

John "Nik" Nikakis

Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to the Club Newsletter Editor via cvwnews@charter.net no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the February 2020 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 our club events in his shop.

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