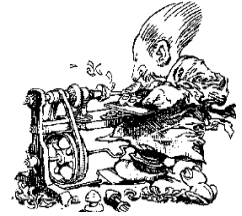


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President's Gouge



Turn Here for Safety

When at the hands on be extra careful. Watch how you carry your tools (don't want to cut anyone) wear safety glasses. Watch out for loose clothing and jewelry.

We're off to a good start for 2020. We had a large turnout with a couple of guests and three new members. Welcome to Randy, Charmain, and Laura. We held the last of our board elections. Thanks, Yvonne for taking on the secretary position. When you see any of the board

members give them a big thank you. Dave Colon, VP; Yvonne Young, Secretary; Annette Anderson,



Treasurer; Wayne Porter, Director; Denise Paley, Ron Burd, Mike Walters, Members at large.

After a little club business Wayne Porter and Dave Mills got into their demonstration of the operation and use of a vacuum

chuck. . They answered many of our questions, raised a few more and taught us a lot about vacuum chucking. Thanks guys. We need more members that are willing to standup in front of the group and share their knowledge.



At this time, we have two outside demonstrators scheduled for 2020. Put these dates on your calendar. April 11th, Len Brissette. July 11th, Craig Timmerman. On the subject of demonstrations, at the February 8th meeting I'll be doing a demonstration of the fundamentals of pen turning. I'll cover the tools, cost and basic process of turning and assembling a Slimline pen kit. Thanks to all of you who brought turnings to share at the show and tell. Jeanette, Mel, Curtis, Dave, Yvonne, Gary Muma, Craig, Ken, Mac, Jerry, John Seher, Wayne Porter and Pattie. Great work everybody.

It's never too early to donate turnings for future craft shows. We can use; Salad bowls, Platters, Natural edge bowls, Utility bowls, Kitchen or grilling utensils, Christmas ornaments, anything from Banksia pods, Yarn bowls and any turned item you would like to donate. Toys, pens, candle sticks, weed pots and on and on and on. See you on the 8th.

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

Hands-On



Instead of playing golf on this beautiful morning, about 20 turners showed



up for the January Hands-on at Dave Mills' Zuni Pines workshop. Though the program was reportedly the use of the vacuum chuck; it was barely discussed.

Lots of learning was going on however. Frank Miller



Craig Steele[photos by Paul Cote]

was teaching sharpening, and then starting Dave Walker on a lathe. Nik POTCVW and Wayne Porter were introducing Charmain to the roughing out procedure on another. I was trying several different hollowing tools and devices under Dave's tutelage, and Gary Muma roughed out a number of dry bowl blanks. A few members were taken to the woodshed (to get wood), and several others were sharing tips and techniques with those at the lathes. If you find any aspect of turning to be a mystery, or overwhelmingly challenging, the monthly hands on is a great opportunity for (expert) help.



Chicken or the Egg? (Project or the Wood?)

What comes first? The project or the wood? Woodturning very often warrants us the freedom to take a block of wood, study it for however long we like and let the wood and our imagination decide what it's going to be. Woodturning also allows us to take our sketch pad and drawing tools or CAD program and create precise plans for a project and then find the right wood to realize our vision.



And then there is everything in between. How often do we start a project and part way through, because of a feature or flaw in the wood, we go in a different direction? A box becomes a candy dish. A calabash bowl ends up being a platter or plate. The hidden surprises that can sometimes hide in a piece of wood are a big part of the fun and adventure of the woodturning craft. Now and then we'll have a project where the turning goes without a hitch but, at the end the wood says it should have been something else. At those times a little embellishment with a carving tool or some dye might give the piece some new life or,

we set it aside until inspiration strikes. There are some projects that allow for little or no input from the wood; pens, handles, pepper mills and so on. For those projects its nice to have a selection of wood that you can study and find the best piece for the job. Whether you're a wood first, project first or somewhere in the middle woodturner it's best not to fight the wood. If the wood doesn't want to be a candle stick it will let you know. So ends our sermon.

John "Nik" Nikakis[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 no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the March 2020 newsletter is March 2..

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, February 8 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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