



Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

We had another good turnout at the February meeting. The mild weather made for a very relaxed morning. After a quick meeting I got into my demonstration of the fundamentals of pen turning. I had fun, doing a show and tell of pens and tools and then turning a simple Slimline pen. I hope all

Turn Here for Safety
Don't stand in front of the chainsaw, if the chain breaks its coming to get you. Get help when lifting heavy logs.



in attendance had a good time. Thanks, Randy, for stepping up to help



with the video.

This month, March 14th, Wayne Porter will be doing a demonstration on tool technique and turning green wood. Wayne does great, dont miss it.

Upcoming demonstrations are; Len Brissette in April doing basket illusion, Gary Raines in May doing seed pods, Frank Miller in June doing two bowls from a single log with no band saw and In July Craig Temmerman doing his torus vase, winged bowls and spheres.



We once again had good participation in the show and tell. Thanks to Jeanette, Gary Muma, Ken, Yvonne, Mike, Pattie, Jerry, Richard, Craig, Wayne Allen, Frank, Dave Mills and Wayne Porter. The show and tell is a great way to share what we're doing, learn a little and get some ideas to take back to our own shops.

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 14th.

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

Winters Walnut Wood Harvest

6:00AM Monday February the 17th. Eight of us set off from Wayne Porter's beautiful home in Gardnerville and headed west. Destination, Winters California. Hours later, after a breakfast stop in Placerville,



we pulled into a walnut orchard somewhere in the Winters area. We unpacked the chainsaws and other



tools and started working on the stumps that had been set aside for us. After a morning of hard work and the help of Robert and his backhoe we had two trailers packed with really great looking walnut. A quick tailgate lunch and Pines to unload the trailers and then head home. If you're lucky enough to get some time and hard work to harvest it. Wayne Porter, Dave Mills, Mike Walters, Dave Walker, John Seher, Lavon Wiseman and Roger Meyer. Thanks to you all.
John "Nik" Nikakis

Hands-On

Cut and Seal Party





Fueled by two stroke mix and that world-renowned



Zuni Pines coffee, the cut and seal crew set about processing the booty returned from Winters, CA on Presidents Day. Those walnut raiders had filled two trailers with immense chunks of what was hoped would be some prime turning material.

On Saturday the pieces were unloaded in front of Dave's shop and the fun began. First cuts revealed some gorgeous wood, drawing some

oohs and ahs and the occasional oh baby! With skillful cuts the rounds were broken down into turning blanks. Some pieces were diverted to the bandsaw crew inside the shop for further trimming. Blanks were treated to a generous coat of sealer, loaded onto the Cushman freightliner, and whisked off to the wood sheds. Down the road at the containers more worker bees stashed





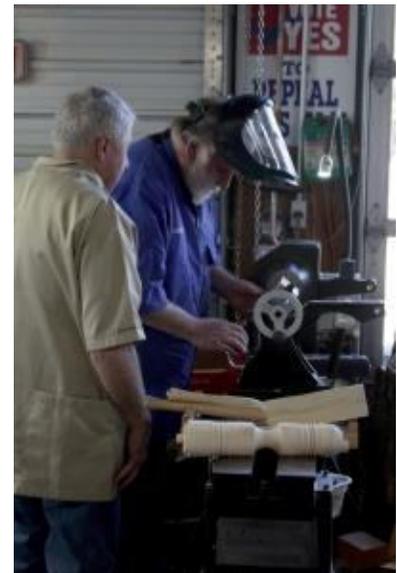
away the precious pieces of walnut. Thanks to the efforts of all involved, we can look forward to enjoying some prime turning material. They were moving so quickly it was difficult to get an exact count, but there were about two dozen enthusiastic CVW volunteers getting the chores accomplished. Many of us ended up wearing a lot of sawdust and sealer, but smiles were aplenty. All this was accomplished in a bit more than two hours, proving the maxim that “many hands make light work.”
John Seher[photos by Paul Cote]

Basic spindle turning class

A Day at Zuni Farms



Terry and I had a very restless night in anticipation of our trip to Dave’s pleasure palace. Donna met us at the house at 7:30 and we went to Peg’s for breakfast. I think that we were all a little nervous since it has been so long since we have even touched our lathes. Arriving at 9 o’clock we said our hellos, had some of Dave’s famous Zuni Farms’ coffee and briefly chatted. Kathy dropped by and passed out hugs and then Nik



got right into it. After explaining the day’s agenda he pointed out the parts of the lathe with a very impressive handout. We also got a safety check cards which was an excellent refresher as to what you should do before you start turning. Nik demonstrated how to find the center of a piece of wood and mount it on the lathe. We were shown a live center, discussed different tools and what they were used for and what not to do with them. I really appreciated the “thou shall not” part. Wood grain was discussed and the fact

that you don't use a spindle gouge on a bowl and why. Nik then gave us a demonstration of rough turning. We then pared off with our teachers and boy they were all great; Dave Mills, Wayne Porter, Frank Miller, John Compston and our illustrious leader Nik Nikakis. Everyone grabbed some wood and the fun began. We had more students than teachers so Terry and I ganged up on Dave. Dave showed great control in teaching us one at a time. We roughed out our piece of wood and he showed us how he does beads and coves. He emphasized the fact that everyone turns a little differently, just like everyone drive a car differently. After a while John's student had to leave so he came and got Terry. That means Dave was all mine. Dave would show me something, then it was then my turn. He was very careful in helping me learn control, hip movement and just so much more. Too soon it was time for lunch. As always we had a lot of fun and good conversation. Ricky, Maverick and Peaches assisted in after lunch clean-up. I was anxious to get back on the lathe and so was Dave; so off we went. We discussed different tools and what was essential in my tool collection, good sharpening techniques and more beads and coves. It is truly amazing how a well sharpened tool improves your end product. All too soon it was time to clean up and head for home. What a great day for everyone. We are all looking forward to our next class. Thank you all for a truly great day.

Annette Anderson[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 April 2020 newsletter is March 30.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, March 14th 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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