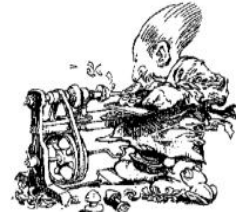




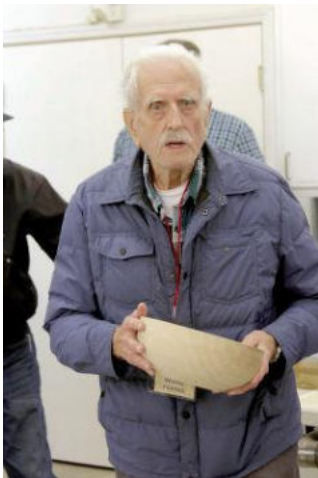
# Chatter and Catches

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## Wayne Ferree

On Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> the club lost a long time member. We will miss Wayne, his turnings at show and tell and his reminders for all of us to be safe. John "Nik" Nikakis, POTCVW

**This is a beautiful article written by Wayne last October**

## 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 Stafford-shire (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

## President's Gouge

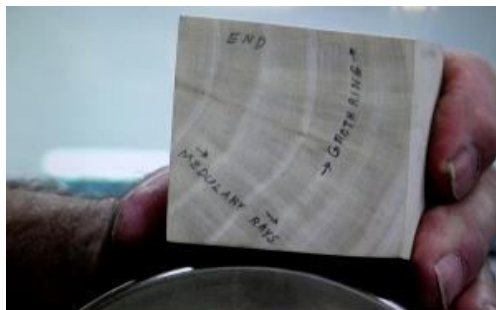
We had a good turnout at the March meeting despite the nasty weather and COVID-19 concerns. It was a good day to be inside. We had a quick meeting. Mike collected the signed club waivers, and we let Wayne Porter have the stage. Wayne's demonstration on tool technique and wet wood turning was one of the more informative we've had in a while. Thanks so much for your time and effort Wayne. A big thanks to Frank and Randy for again doing a great job with the video.

For a small group we had very good participation in the show and tell. Thanks to Jerry, John Seher, Paul, Ken, Mike, John Compston, Pattie, Frank, Dave Mills and Wayne Porter. The show and tell is always a favorite of mine. It's fun to see what the other members are up to.



This month due to the restrictions in place to control the spread of COVID-19 we'll all have to stay in our home shops. So, dig out that tool you've been meaning to master, start that project you've been putting off for lack of time, watch some on-line turning demonstrations and most of all stay healthy. If all goes well, we'll continue our regular meetings in May or June with the following schedule: Gary Raines in

May doing seed pods, Frank Miller in June doing two

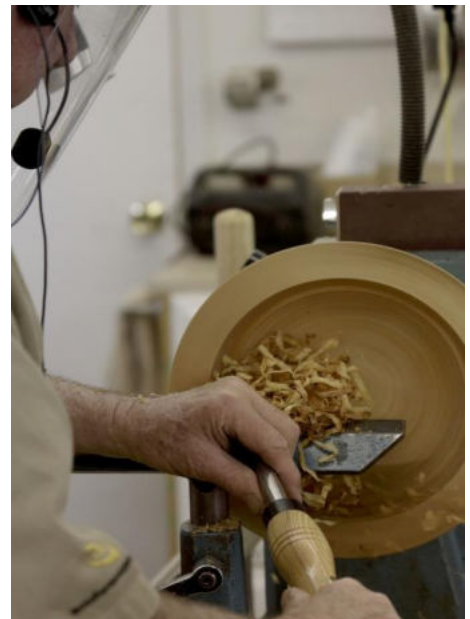


**Turn Here for Safety**  
Now that masks are starting to be worn more and more. WHY not in our wood shops where dust is slowly hurting us. Try not to raise extra dust into air (blowing dust into air) that fine dust that lands on surfaces up high is the worst to breathe.



bowls from a single log with no band saw, and in July, Craig Temmerman doing his torus vase, winged bowls and spheres. 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. If you can turn it, someone will buy it. Keep a lookout for club emails with updated information on meeting schedule. See you soon.

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



## The Forgotten Tool Every Shop Should Have



How often has this happened to you? You need to mark something with a fine line and every pencil you have is blunted or broken. You dig around for that plastic sharpener you think you have but can't find it. So, you settle on a sharp knife or some 100-grit sandpaper. You've just spent 15 minutes sharpening a pencil. My solution to this recurring problem was to get one of those wall mounted sharpeners like I remembered from grade school. I found my first one at a yard sell for a few dollars. I mounted it to a work bench and all was good in shop land until, after years of use and abuse I broke it. It was a sad day; I would have to find another one. I was surprised to discover that a quality sharpener (like the one in the photo) only cost about \$15.00. I was so excited that I bought two. One for in the shop and one for in the house. No pencil is safe! Add a good pencil sharpener to your tool wish list. Get one that you can mount to a wall or bench so it won't get lost in a drawer or tool box. Next time you need to mark something with a fine point it will only take a moment to have a finely sharpened pencil. It's the little things that make us happy. Keep your tools (and pencils) sharp and the shaving out of your coffee.

John "Nik" Nikakis

## Another Tool

(Sung to the tune, Turn! Turn! Turn  
made popular by the Byrds)

For every project; turn; turn; turn  
You'll need a new tool; turn; turn; turn  
And some wood, special finish, and a new chuck

A steady rest, a hollowing tool  
Magnetic light, a round scraper too  
A detail gouge, a live center  
A terminator and lots of sandpaper  
tool; turn; turn; turn  
And some wood, Zuni Pine's finish, and a new chuck

(With tanks to Mad Magazine, Homer & Jethro  
and apologies to Pete Seeger)  
Enjoy, Nik

## This Months Show and Tell



## 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 May 2020 newsletter is May 4.

## CVW Meeting Location and Directions

Meeting is canceled for this month.

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