

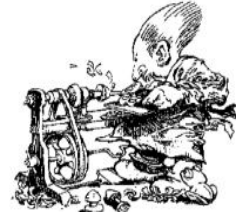


Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

Another month without a Carson Valley Woodturners meeting, this is not the year I had envisioned. I hope you're all staying safe and healthy. With no recent meetings or gatherings, I have little to write about. So, I'll ramble a little and let you get back in your shops.

I found a chess board I had started many years back and decided to finish it and make a set of chess pieces to go along with it. There are 32 pieces in a chess set, who knew? Maybe I'll add walls along the edge of the board and use it for spin top battles. I'm still finding unfinished projects under the dust in my shop so I keep busy.

Again, I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to share photos of what you're doing with the rest of us. With luck we'll be able to share our turnings in person in the near future.

If you would like to make items for the club's craft show stash, we can use; salad bowls, platters, natural edge bowls, utility bowls, kitchen or grilling utensils, Christmas ornaments, anything made from Bank-sia pods, yarn bowls or any turned item you would like to donate.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we'll be able to have gatherings soon.

Keep a lookout for club emails with updated information and more project photos from the members.

See you soon.

John "Nik" Nikakis, POTCVW

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.

Purpleheart

Peltogyne porphyrocardia

A couple of our members have shared pieces turned from purpleheart. I got out my wood book and thought I'd pass on a little information. Newly cut heartwood is bright purple, turning a deep purplish-brown on exposure. The grain is usually straight, but can be roey, wavy or irregular. It is hard, dense and heavy, difficult to work by hand, and machining is moderately difficult. The blunting effect on tools is moderate to severe. Slow feed rates and a reduced cutting angle are advised. It glues, waxes, stains and polishes well, turns very well, but is not easy to sand. Spirit finishes tend to remove the purple color; lacquer retains it.



Purpleheart grows in Central America and northern South America. The typical height is 100-150 feet with a trunk diameter of 2-4 feet. Possible health risks: Dust can cause nasal irritation and nausea.
 Information from "Wood Identification & Use" by Terry Porter
 John "Nik"

AAW Symposium

They are having a Virtual Symposium 2020. You must register before July 3. The event is July 10-12 but you will have access for two weeks after. What a deal \$20.20 for 3 days of learning from Trent Bosch, Cindy Drozda, Rudy Lopez, Glenn Lucas, Mike Mahoney, Craig Timmerman. They are having an instant gallery where you can submit a photo of one of your beautiful creations. I believe this will be the best 20 bucks you ever spent. This Symposium usually cost \$375.00+room+flight.
 Glenn Robinson

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 July 2020 newsletter is June 29.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

The meeting for this month has been canceled.

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