

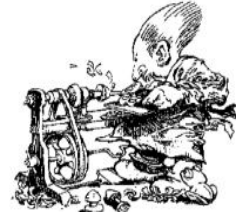


Chatter and Catches

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President's Gouge

Hope you are all safe, healthy and getting time to do some turning. Thanks to all of you who joined in on the Zoom meeting on July 11th. I think it went well for our first attempt. To take it a step up we are doing a Zoom demonstration with Craig Timmerman

on Aug. 8th at 9:00am. I've sent out the information in an email and will be sending a reminder with all the sign-on information again before the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you on my computer screen. The club board, with help from Dave Rich, has an agreement with the Carson Valley Arts Council for storage space in their building. We have an easy access space for the club trailer and a 200 square foot area to setup storage for the club's wood. (We are considering two 8X12 lockable sheds for secure wood storage.) The club will have a key for access to the building.

CVAC Building



Both these agreements will not be made official until we have membership approval. Thanks again to everyone who has taken time to share photos of their projects and also the many links to videos and great online deals.

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

Before the lathe is turned on, ensure that all clamps and fittings are secure and that the work piece is free to turn.

We have also been negotiating with the Douglas County Community Center for meeting space. At this time, we have a 1200 square foot room on reserve for the second and fourth Saturday of each month at our regular meeting times. The community center will not be available until the county reopens the facility for weekends.

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The ABC's of Turning

We're all aware of the A B Cs of turning.

A is for anchor – put the tool on the tool rest.

B is for bevel – rest the bevel of the tool on the workpiece.

C is for cut – bring the cutting edge into position.

That's real basic. Let's dig a little deeper.

Before we anchor the tool, rest the bevel and make a cut we want to make sure everything is in working order. Now select and sharpen the tool for the cut we plan on making. Different cuts require different tools and/or different techniques. Pick a tool that you are comfortable with.

A is for anchor: There is much more than putting the tool on the rest. Everything has to be anchored. The lathe, the material, you, the tool and so on. Make sure your material is securely mounted. Adjust the banjo and tool rest and lock them in place. Lock the tail stock. Anchor your body for the cut you are going to make, allowing for the necessary range of motion. Grasp the tool for the type of cut you are going to make. Put the tool on the rest.

B is for bevel: There are many types of turning tools. Most have a bevel. We rest or ride the bevel just below the cutting edge. On rough or square material move further away from the tools cutting edge until you have a feel for where the materials edge is. Avoid riding the bevel too heavily this can cause burnishing problems when making finishing cuts.

C is for cut: Now that you are riding the bevel raise the back of the tool until it starts to cut. If the tool is not raised enough it will not cut well. If it is raised too far it will catch or scrape. If you feel the need, make some practice cuts first.

Remember you're ABCs with each cut you make and you'll like the results.

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 September 2020 newsletter is August 31.

CVW Meeting

We will have a zoom demonstration by Craig Timmerman on August 8th at 9:00 am. Check your email for directions on how to log in. Check in a little early so you don't miss anything.

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