



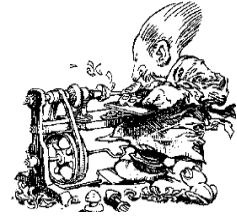
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President's Gouge – Lucy's Got a Cadillac

7:30 a.m. on June 13. Like the Gene Autry song, “Back in the saddle again,” I’m riding White Lightning the two wheeled machine. No pedal to the metal today, too windy, just going to have a laid-back ride and zone out to let the mind wander. I attended Larry LeMahieu’s Celebration of Life yesterday. Larry went out in style, played to a full house. Nine club members were in attendance. Made me feel good to have that many of us pay our respects. I think Diane really appreciated us being there. There were the usual emotions, sadness, laughter, and the reality of losing one of our good friends and fellow club members. Annette Anderson and myself got up and said a few words on what Larry meant to us all. I talked to Larry on the ride, and told him if he ran into a good demonstrator up there to send them on down for a demo. I will let you know how that works out. Thought about the tragedy in Orlando, FL. 49 dead. All the wounded. If there had been one or two people packing heat it might have made a difference, saved some lives. I carry every day, even on the bike. I got in a situation this spring on the bike. I was kicking myself for being naked without a piece, and vowed never to put myself in that situation again. One thing on my bucket list now that I only have six months remaining on my sentence/term as president is where to build my presidential library. I have to find the perfect place to display my yellow legal pads that I keep club notes on for posterity. Last thing I thought about was what to put in the Gouge this month and you just read it.

We held our monthly meeting June 11 at Wayne’s shop. Turnout was a manageable thirty plus in attendance. Probably would have had more attend if we had the meeting on a different date, as it was Carson Valley Days. That was the lame duck president’s fault. We welcomed our newest member, Bill Swenson, and two guests, my brother Richard and his wife Vicky. This was their first time to attend one of our club meetings. It was really nice to have my BRO in attendance. All but one member’s order through Craft Supply were paid for and picked up at the meeting. The participants all saved 10%, and got free shipping on their orders. Looks like we will be doing this a couple of times a year because it was a hit. We also discussed that as a club, we should try to increase our support of the Woodworkers Source in Reno. It is the only source for us in the area and fills a void. I reiterated our need for turning donations for our fall fundraiser at Carson High in November. We have received confirmation that we have been approved with the same location in the large gym.

Wayne Ferree, our safety nut, showed off his new face shield from Harbor Freight. Cost is \$13.00. It looks better than the inexpensive one that Craft supply sells. I will be picking up one or two for myself.

What? Ricky, not now. I am busy working on something. No, no treats right now. Yes, your hat is on order! Sometimes he can be such a pest. Last week Ricky and Lucy had their yearly wellness visit at the vet. Always stressful for the dotting parents. Exams went fine until the vet mentioned Lucy has the start of a cataract in one eye. Other than that, the dynamic duo had a good checkup. Heading back home in the transport module Ricky comments, “When will I get a Cadillac like Lucy’s?” I think Ricky has inherited my hearing difficulties. If you are hearing impaired you can relate, some words sound completely different from what is actually said. I did not go into cataract sounding like Cadillac with him, I just let it be. I

Turn Here for Safety

Be especially mindful of dust from many exotic woods, spalted woods, or any wood from which you notice a skin or respiratory reaction.

informed him that in time he would get one, maybe even two. He then asked if I have a Cadillac, I answered, "Maybe someday." Then he proclaims, "If I cannot have a Cadillac, I should at least get a Cadillac hat." Now another uniform upgrade. Back to club business.

Wayne Porter showed off a thin parting tool that our tool guru Frank Miller makes. Now Frank is ordering three different types that we will have available at our July meeting at bargain prices. Jerry Johnson, our new cub reporter, has taken on another duty. He is our new demo guy. If you know of any woodturners you would like Jerry to look into bringing in for a demo, let him know. Thanks to Jerry for stepping up. I think he just wants a pay raise. Jerry also gave a report on the Utah symposium, telling the pros and cons. He said he had a great time and recommends it to one and all. There are three people on the club's membership waiting list.

Annette gave the treasurers report. We sold another three items at the Carson Chamber for a total of \$158.98. On the good news front, our bank did not charge us to change to a non-profit. A pleasant surprise. Our checking account balance was down a little from the previous month due to Cindy Drozda's visit. However, we still are doing just fine. We have Jerry and Deborah Kermode paying us a visit on September 10. They are the second and final outside demonstrators we are bringing in this year. Looking forward to their visit. We have had many positive comments about them from the members.

Cindy Drozda visit had a total cost \$3151.96, and after attendee fees, the final club cost was \$791.96. That led to a discussion on the pros and cons of her visit. The general consensus was her demo and hands-on job were very good, but the behind the scenes stuff, putting it lightly, could have been a whole bunch better. I am behaving myself here. It's really hard.

We are having our summer picnic on August 13. It was going to be hosted by Dave and Pat Colon, but at the time of this writing, Pat has come down with some rather severe health issues that have landed her in the hospital. She is on the road to recovery, but Dave is not sure they can still host the picnic. We all wish Pat a speedy recovery. Jerry Johnson came to the rescue reserving the clubhouse at Aspen Park. Great spot for our summer bash. Large deck, indoor air conditioning, kitchen facilities, two restrooms, and a barbecue. The best part it is there will be no charge if we don't tear the place up. If it works out, we might consider having our Christmas party there. Thank you, Jerry, you're the best. Seven members volunteered to help with set up. Pierre Mathieu and possibly John Drown will be doing the cooking. In addition, several of the members volunteered to turn some items to be auctioned at the picnic. This is going to be a hoot folks. Be sure not to miss it. It is always nice to meet the member's significant other, the brains behind the scene.



Gary Raines did our demo on enhancing your turnings with resins. It was really interesting, and Gary did a great job. Gary is a professor and that is the closest I will ever come to attending college. Gary had samples of his work using different types of resins. He started with black inlays, then he showed Basalite brand cement dyes he uses of varying colors. He uses 5-minute epoxy and adds dyes as needed. He also touched on using Inlace and Micro powder products. My favorite was using Silver solder which looks just like real silver. Gary also shared his technique using a microwave to dry his turnings. He sets the microwave at ½ power for five minutes, and then lets it cool keeping the door closed to hold the humidity in. He weighs the turning before and after to gauge if it is dry. I reiterate. Great demo Gary, thank you!

I noticed before the meeting started that the first thing the members do is head for the club wood for sale. They don't go to get coffee or donuts. (Of course, the coffee isn't Zuni Blend.) They have figured out what a great deal our wood is.



Lots of show-and-tell on display and the quality was impressive. I will be as brief as possible. If I left someone out, start impeachment proceedings. Nik Nikakis lidded box out of Yellow Heart, Walnut lid with Cabochon insert. Steve MacLean, Black Acacia lidded box with brass inlay, Masur Birch box with dyed Sheoak finial, Maple salad bowl. Denise Paley, finial stand with 15 assorted finials, Pine box with a 10" finial, Walnut egg box with finial. Ken Crosby, Chinese box out of Tan Oak. Cindy Drozda box with finial and a nice dyed natural edge pine bowl. Wayne Ferree, wood burned segmented cookie jar out of Linden, Ipe, and Maple. Frank Miller, lidded box with finial. Bob Wieland, finials with really, really small captive rings. We are putting donations together so we can buy Bob a bigger lathe so he can turn big stuff. Patti Pastrell, 4 boxes: three Maple, one out of Cherry. Two weed pots out of Cherry. Her best to date in my ever so humble opinion. This girl has her Mojo going.

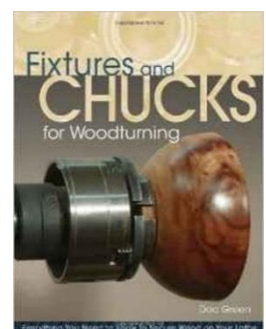
The wood turners challenge for this month was lidded boxes. [Drumroll] Patti Pastrell walked away with the first place prize of a ten dollar gift certificate from Craft Supply. Congrats to Patti. Our woodturners challenge for next month is using resins and inlays to enhance your work.

Our July meeting will be on the 9th, at 9:00 a.m. at Wayne Porter's shop. The demo will be on threading starring Frank

Miller and maybe Wayne Porter. It's hard to get these celebrities to commit. Address is 759 Gansberg Court, Gardnerville, NV 89460. That's all folks. Make shavings not sawdust. – Dave Mills, President [Photos by Paul Cote]

Book Review

Fixtures and Chucks for Woodturning, by Doc Green. Fox Chapel Publishing, \$23.00. "Everything you need to know to secure wood on your lathe." It says so right on the cover and that may be close to correct. This book covers most manufactured mounting devices from drive centers to vacuum chucks. Included are chapters on shop made, jam chucks, doughnut (or ring) chucks, Longworth chucks, steady rest, and more. My favorite is a double-ring doughnut chuck used for finishing the bottom of a goblet. There are several projects included to help you try out the concepts. The writing is clear and easy to understand, and the color photos and drawings are exceptional. The book doesn't have everything, but at only 175 pages, it has a lot. If you have a woodturning library, this would be a very good addition. . – Nik Nikakis



Larry LeMahieu Celebration of Life

Nine members of our club attended Larry LeMahieu's Celebration of Life services this past Sunday, and there was pretty much a packed house. People attended from some distances, some far, some not so far. The point is that Larry touched a lot of lives and in a good way. President Dave Mills was asked to speak, and after carrying 4 pages of notes up to the podium and letting everybody have a glimpse of how Larry affected the club, there was not a dry eye. Even Dave teared up. I only hope he does as good a job when it's my time. I had no idea Dave was such an eloquent speaker. I did not know Larry as well as others but he always had a smile and was willing to talk with you. I personally will miss his smile, and I am sure many others will also. – Jerry Johnson

Principles of Design for Woodturning – Harmony and Contrast

In the last two newsletters, I wrote about, Proportion, Balance, Rhythm, and Focal Points. In this issue we'll take a quick look at Harmony and Contrast.

Harmony: We want all parts of a piece to relate to and complement each other. The lid of a box should look like it belongs to the box. The legs of a chair should be in the same style as the back. Harmony will pull a piece together. Proportion, balance, and rhythm can all help to create harmony.

Contrast: Contrast in color or shape can define a piece. A long curve to a sudden straight edge at the top of a vase will set it apart from a vase that continues the curve. Beads and coves with crisp beginnings and endings will pop. A simple bowl can be made special by a bit of pulpwood or bark left on the side. An Ash bowl with the exterior scorched or dyed a dark color will really stand out. In segmented work, contrasting woods can create unique patterns and shapes that seem to jump off the piece. – Nik Nikakis

June Hands-on Report

We had a great crowd of over 20 members and one guest (a really serious guest who wants to be a member, by the way) attending the hands-on. What is really great about hands-on is that members get to work basically on whatever project they have in mind. Although today's topic was pen making, we had other members turning wood into bowls, vases, small boxes, and even a couple of pens. Annette was busy making a pen using zebra wood for the first time. She had expert help from Nik and probably advice from everybody at one time or the other except our own President, who stated to this cub reporter that, "I HAVE NEVER MADE A PEN, DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE A PEN, AND DON'T WANT TO LEARN."| Whatta guy!

Dave spent a lot of his time sharpening some tools for me that I had bought at the last auction and I want to say thanks for a great job. He also assisted a club member with turning and making a pepper mill. Frank was his usual self today helping with any question that was asked of him. I was very fortunate to be one of the few that got a pair of Frank's latest tools.



It was a lot of fun today watching Mr. Porter turn a piece of Ponderosa Pine into a beautiful bowl in a relatively short time. It was great to watch Wayne do such a masterful piece of work, and I think I spotted our president taking notes!

Thanks to our vice president for his usual box of fresh donuts from Carson



City. I must admit I came for the great Zuni coffee and to have a donut! – Jerry Johnson [Photos by Paul Cote]

Dates to Remember

The **2016 Woodturners of Olympia Symposium** will feature Michael Hosaluk and local turner Bob Espen. The symposium will be on Saturday, July 23. There will be workshops following the symposium (July 24 through 27). Visit the [WoO web site](#) for more information.

Each year, the SouthWest Association of Turners (SWAT) holds one of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world. The Symposium features nationally and internationally recognized woodturners, as well as outstanding regional turners selected from participating clubs and across the country. The **2016 Symposium also will be the 25th Anniversary of SWAT** and will be held on August 26-28 at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave, Waco, Texas. The SWAT Symposium will offer something for just about every level of woodturner. Visit [SWAT's web site](#) for more detailed information.

The **17th Annual Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium** will be held from 16 – 18 September at the Ranch / Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, CO. It will be hosted by the Rocky Mountain Woodturners. There will be over 42 rotations featuring demonstrators such as Les Bryant, Nick Cook, David Ellsworth, Keith Gotschall, Liam O'Neill, and Jay Shepard. For more information, visit the Symposium's [web site](#), or call Allen Jensen at 970-663-1868.

Newsletter Editor's Request

Please send your newsletter contributions and suggestions for improvement to Bill Draper via cvwnews@charter.net no later than Monday of the week before the next regularly scheduled meeting. The submission deadline for the August 2016 newsletter is August 1.

CVW Meeting Location and Directions

This month's CVW meeting will convene in Wayne Porter's shop on Saturday, July 9, 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 club events in his shop.

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