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COMING UP!

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Chuc Nowark - Designing with the Log on Hand / How to get the Best Out of Your Wood

By Dick Westfall



Chuc began his discussion with a bit of his personal woodturning history, which began in 1995. He indicated that the two lathes he has owned were both gifts from his wife. We should all be so lucky. Chuc showed a number of photos

featuring cross sections of logs and described the sections he would cut for the resulting bowl or hollow form. This was nicely tied together by showing one of the beautiful turn-



ings that he brought to illustrate the ...

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Doug Fischer—How to Turn, Carve and Color an Off Center - Off Axis Sculpture, May 3.

I am a full-time artist living on Vancouver Island, Canada. Since 1992 I have been involved almost exclusively in creating some form of art, including painting, stained glass, photography, pen and ink drawing, and woodturning. Wood sculptures, primarily made using a lathe, have been the focus of my work since 1997. When not in the studio, I can often be seen performing in theatre



productions. Photography has been an ongoing passion for me. In 1991 I helped build a professional photo lab in Victoria, BC and with the advent of digital cameras and graphics programs my passion has never been stronger than it is today.

See [page 11](#) for details.

For more information on Doug or his work, go to his web site:

www.douglasfisher.com

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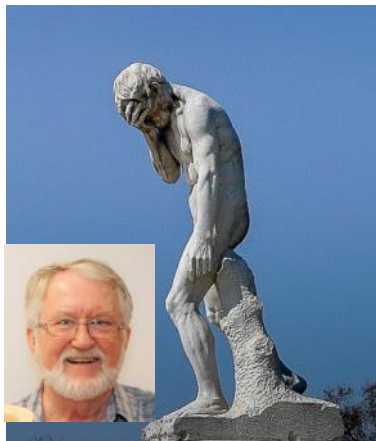


As I See It.

By Bob Gerenser

I just returned from a couple of weeks on vacation in France and I'm still a bit jet lagged, so I'll try to put my thoughts in some order.

While in Paris we made brief visits to the Louvre and Musee D'Orsay, basically just enough time to be able to say "oh yeah, we've been there". Other than the architecture of the buildings, what I appreciate most are the sculptures. Imagine, you've been working on this twenty ton piece of granite for months now, and you decide it needs "one more cut"...



This looks like another must see demonstration to me and I hope you will join me there.

I also hope to see everyone at the summer picnic. While nothing is formalized yet, it looks like we will be having a picnic, sometime this summer. With that in mind, I'll lay out the President's Picnic Challenge, rules and the catch.

The Challenge: Turn a Wood Hollow Form.

The Rules: Contestants will be given a 6" X 6" X 6" cardboard box. The hollow form must fit in the closed box without bulging the sides. The hollow form opening cannot be larger than 1 1/2" diameter. The hollow form must be turned from one piece of wood - No Segmented or otherwise built up entries will be judged.

There shouldn't be any such anguish over this month's President Challenge; Something Wearable. As long as it was turned on a lathe and a normal, rational person would wear it, you're good to go. I'll make an exception if anyone wants to turn a full sized hat. I doubt folks actually wear wooden hats.

Coming up early next month, Friday May 3rd, to be precise, is Doug Fisher's demonstration with West Bay. Here's the information from his website:

"In this full day demonstration you will learn how to turn an off centre - off axis double-sided sculpture using a vacuum chuck so that you can design on both sides. One side asymmetrical, one side symmetrical. You will also learn methods for applying the design, rotary carving, burning, and coloring. There will also be two short slide presentations which will touch on design, form and inspiration."

The Catch: A maximum of seventy five points will be awarded for appearance, style, form, surface, finish and the finger test. The other twenty five points will be awarded to the entry that HOLDS THE MOST DRY RICE. I will set each entry on a table and pour in dry rice until the rice spills over the top. I will then pour the rice out and weigh it. The entry that holds the most rice will get the points for that part of the judging.

As I see it, if you're going after a Benjamin, you're going to have to earn it! The boxes are on order, so get your thinking cap on.

Bob

Next Meeting...

Join us Wednesday, May 1 (the First Wednesday of the month, at **6:30 P.M.**, **The Eagle Aerie, 1036 Lincoln Ave., San Jose, CA 95125**, located between Willow and Coe on the East side of the street. There is parking on both sides of the building, on the street and across the street from the funeral home.

Bring items for **President's Challenge, Show & Tell, and Eagle Aerie Donation**. We learn by sharing.

President's Challenge for May: "Wearable". Please register your entry online ([Yahoo Groups, Database](#)) no later than 4:00 PM the day of the meeting to be eligible.

Program: Dottie Bang, Spirals

For those who would like to get together for dinner before the meeting, we have been going to Jake's of Willow Glen. They're a pizza place, but also have a large selection of sandwiches, wraps and salads. Check them out at www.jakesofwillowglen.com.

Jake's is located a short walk, just two blocks, south of the Eagle Aerie, on the same side of Lincoln at: 1074 Lincoln Ave. We start showing up at Jakes at 5:30 PM.

Coming Attractions: July - Joel Smith, Chain Saw

President's Challenge "Raindrop"



Colin Mackenzie - Rain drop
(Bubinga) hitting a pond
Black



Jim Benson - tear-
drop finial, foam
brush handle wood,
Mylands sanding
sealer, amber shel-
lac



Johnny Alias - Acrylic
Rain drop Pendant, finish
with Hut plastic polish

TURNING OUT



Jim Baker - Rain drop shaped cherry
wood paper weight, and a n Off-set
cane from Mahogany, but it didn't
meet the "Off-Axis" criteria



Joel Smith - Tree Orna-
ment, Noble Fir, miner-
al oil



Mike Lanahan - A mouse.
Ash body, purpleheart eyes,
with shellac finish. Every
mouse needs a mouse pad.



Turning Out continued



Milton West - bowl with rain drop lid, walnut, antique oil



Scott Landon - box/ final



Tom Schmida - Light chain pull. red iron bark eucalyptus. wipe on poly



Herb Green - Bird Drops?



Brian Havens - Red Ironbark lidded hollow vessel with raindrop finial



Gary Keogh - Raindrops in a window pane. SS & 50-50 - Wood: drops? Frame cherry



Turning Out continued



Jim Gott - Teardrop earrings. Cocobolo, finished with Deft Sanding Sealer

March Makeup—
Two Rude Osolnik-style candlesticks. Teak, finished with Deft Sanding Sealer



Rich Johnson - Light pulls

SHOW & TELL



Brian Havens - Shop made tool rest for fine spindle work, and Rain cloud urchin ornament



Scott Landon - bowl



Thomas Schmida - natural edge bowl, Monterey Cypress, 50/50 and Black Acacia bowl, wipe on poly



Grant Beech - Iron Bark Bowl. Looked like a useless piece of wood to start.



Show & Tell continued



Charlie Belden - the pencil is mightier than the spear.



Jim Crowley - bowl and wood for identification



Natural edge maple bowl w/cedar foot 50-50



Colin Mackenzie - Ripper as used by a seamstress, wood unknown, friction polish.



Scott Landon - bowl



Eagle Donation



Dick Westfall - Segmented bowl,
Maple and Cherry, Poly finish



Tips & Tricks

Sanding Inside Large or Unusually Shaped Vessels, Hollow forms or Bowls By Chuc Nowark

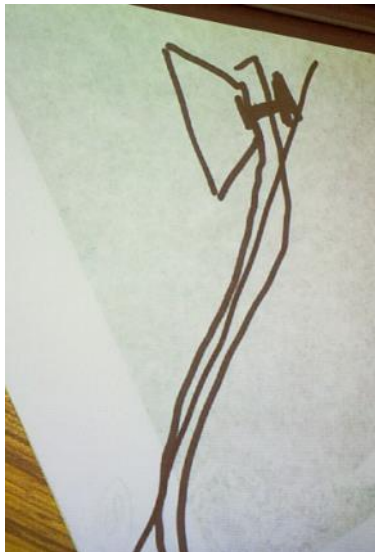
What is that strange image? An ancient cave drawing of a primitive ax? A drawing of a shower head? A hand held ear muff for one ear?

If you were one of the lucky attendees of our last meeting of course you will recognize the drawing Chuc made to explain how he sands inside vessels which due to their size or shape don't lend themselves to customary tools.

Step 1—take a conventional hand held inertial sanding tool, remove the disk.

Step 2—make any kind of handle to reach inside the piece to be sanded, by bandsawing, bending or whatever method suits you to hold the sanding disk in position to sand. This can have custom curves to conform to your piece, and get the sanding disk in optimum position. You are not limited to just one, either.

Step 3—Drill a hole in the stick/handle to accept the shaft of the inertial sander. The hole must be loose enough for the disk to rotate freely.



handle. Note comments in step 5.

Have fun.
(Interpreted by Mike)

Step 4—Cut down the length of the shaft of the sanding disk so it just fits through the handle/stick, without protruding too far. This will allow you maximum clearance to get the sanding disk into the vessel and keeps the end of the shaft from marring the surface should the inevitable happen.

Step 5 Carefully position the sander into position and turn on the lathe and sand using conventional inertial sanding tool techniques. Be careful not to tilt the handle so that the disk comes out of the holder. If it does, turn off the lathe, fish it out, and repeat.

Sep 6—After sanding is complete turn off the lathe and remove the sanding disk and

Got a slick Tip or Trick you'd like to share? Have a problem for which you need advice?

Submit or request a Tip or Trick to this section to MikeLan@aol.com

May 16-18	Utah Woodturning Symposium, Orem UT	www.utahwoodturning.com
June 28-30	AAW Symposium, Tampa, FL	www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2013/ index.htm
July 27	Woodturners of Olympia Symposium, Lacey, WA	www.woodturnersofolympia.org
August 22-25	Southwest Association of Turners Symposi- um, Waco, TX	www.swaturners.org
September 13- 15	Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, Loveland, CO	
October 11-13	Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild, West Harrison, IN	
November ?	Wisconsin Woodturners Expo, Eau Claire, WI	

Join Silicon Valley Woodturners

Want to join a great group of turning enthusiasts in an atmosphere of sharing and camaraderie? Become a member of Silicon Valley Woodturners. We meet on the **First** Wednesday of each month. See page 2 for details. Drop in at any meeting and check things out. To join, contact Ard Sealy (see contact list), or just complete the application form below and mail with check to Grant. Learn more about our club on the web at www.svwoodturners.org.

Silicon Valley Woodturners Membership Application

Please print and mail with a check payable to SVW for \$35* individual (\$45* family) to:
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Membership*	Renewal	2 nd Quarter April - June	3 rd Quarter July - Sept.	4 th Quarter Oct. - Dec.
Individual	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$10
Family	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$15



from page 1: ... end result from the section of the log he was using. It



was interesting to see how he used the grain of the log and the pattern of the growth ring to influence how he wanted the log to be cut. And it was well reinforced by being able



to see the effect on the finished product. Some of us view the log in terms of the size and shape of the end turning without considering the



effect of the grain or growth rings. Chuc also said that he uses CedarShield to coat his rough turnings before setting them aside to dry.



He indicates that this reduces the drying time necessary for final turning from one to three months. CedarShield is now sold through Amazon and the company web



page is cedarshield.com. He also discussed his methods for attaching the wood to the lathe using face plates to do the hollowing and turn-



ing, and something somewhat similar to a Jam chuck for turning the foot, held on with duct tape or duct tape over painter's tape. He also described his modification to the inertia sander, and that he usually



uses a Walnut oil and Beeswax finish. The finish consists of a ratio of 5oz Walnut oil to 1oz Beeswax, in liquid form. On occasion he will use lemon oil wax.



Meeting Minutes

By Dick Westfall

Minutes 4/3/13

- Colin replaced President Bob for the evening and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30.
- There were four guests this evening, Pete, Max, Jim, and Dottie. Dottie will be next months' presenter, and she spoke briefly about her program on spirals for hollow forms.
- The President's challenge for April which involved raindrops was introduced. As might be expected there were a few different interpretations of the form of a raindrop.
- The President's challenge was followed by Show and Tell, then the Eagles donations.
- Colin announced that our outstanding Newsletter produced by Mike Lanahan was submitted to AAW for consideration for an award. All would agree the Newsletter is certainly deserving.
- A new program segment was introduced by Colin called a "True Tall Tale of Turning." The first presenter in this category was Mike Lanahan who told an egg story, where a free egg given at a Home and Garden show turned into an egg order that led to an even larger order. That tale actually seemed to have a very happy ending.
- Colin also notified the group that Brian will be giving his excellent Multi-axis demonstration at West Bay Woodturners on April 9th.
- Chuc Nowark was then introduced by Colin for his presentation on Designing with the Log at Hand and How to get the Best Out of Your Wood.
- End of meeting.



3 Guests/New Members:

Pedro Zavala (member)

Jim Rhetta

Mak Ebenhahn



West Bay Woodturners



Doug Fisher Woodturning Demonstration

Friday, May 3, 2013
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Carpet One Warehouse
5084 El Camino
Los Altos

WBAW (& SVW) Members: \$30
Non-members: \$40



The West Bay Woodturners are pleased to announce a demonstration by professional wood turner Doug Fischer in Los Altos. Doug will provide an all-day demonstration. The doors will open at 9:00 am. The general public is invited to attend. **There will be no chairs available, so please bring your own chair.**



Doug Fisher creates works of art that involve the use of indigenous iconography from Canada, where he lives. He specializes in pyrography, sculpture, and coloring to achieve his distinctive style.

Demo topics:

Multi-center turning
Carving and texturing
Pyrography
Coloring

For information on Doug's methods, see his website at: <http://www.douglasifisher.com>

For more information on this demonstration, contact Bob Bley, WBAW Program Officer, by email at rbley@dchnur.com , or by phone at 650-854-4939

Directions: Hwy 280 from the north: Exit Page Mill. Continue on Arastradero. Turn right on El Camino. Go 0.6 miles and turn Right on Distal Drive. Park in lot on rt. Entrance is on Distal Dr. From 280 south, Exit Hwy 280 from the south: exit hwy 85 North to El Camino North. Go 2.6 miles and make a U turn at Distal Circle and next rt on Distal Dr.

FOR SALE

Lathe—Jet 16-42 for sale. Contact Jim Benson (831)475-5615, jim-lbenson@yahoo.com

Jet Mini Lathe (1014) for sale. I'd take \$100 for lathe and the basic set of 6 starter tools and some pen making kits. I live near Piedmont High School. Sharod Broadhead (sgib@comcast.net)



Woodcraft Pen Maker's Drilling Vice (new \$55) - will sell for \$30. Contact Lonnie Hurst, e-mail: lonnie@woodsynthesis.com

Homelite Chainsaw with a 24" bar and plastic case. It was serviced and tuned up in August and has been run through less than a tank of gas since. \$50.00 and it is yours. Ard Sealy, asealy@pacbell.net, Cell: 916-871-4626

Woodstock Magnetic Jointer Knife Setting Jig (new \$45) -



will sell for \$25. Contact Lonnie Hurst,

lonnie@woodsynthesis.com



Rockler Box Joint Jig for Sale - Rockler Box Joint Jig, used a couple of times and is on sale at Rockler for \$60 recently, was originally about

\$85. Will sell for \$40. Contact Lonnie Hurst, e-mail: lonnie@woodsynthesis.com

Bandsaw Cutting Round Disk Sets, numbered, with center holes— Select a disk size appropriate to the size blank you want to band-saw from a log, and secure it to the log through



the center hole to the log with a wood screw, and cut outside the disk with the saw for an optimally sized and shaped turning blank. These sets of 1/4" thick MDF disks increment by 1 inch from 4" to either 12" or 20", depending on the set. 4"-12" set (shown), \$14, or the 4"-20" set, \$20. Contact John Whittier for details. (408) 379-3722 jwhit10506@aol.com



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CLUB NOTES

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2013 Silicon Valley Woodturners Officers, Staff, Volunteers, and Contacts

It takes more than the officers and program chairs to make our club function at its best. If your name's not in the column at right, we still need your help in other ways to manage some of the club's activities.

This is a **HELP WANTED** ad, and we need you to respond. There are always things that need doing. In particular, we need:

- Volunteers for shop tours
- Volunteers to present/ demonstrate at meetings
- Members to write up their profiles for the newsletter
- Short articles or Tips & Tricks for the *Chips & Chatter* newsletter

Please contact Bob Gerenser to volunteer and help make our activities happen.

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Sharing Knowledge

MEMBERS: Please contribute your expertise to our newsletter. The editor will help you get your article ready if need be. Deadline is one week after our club meeting.

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Volunteer Instructors / Mentors

The turners below have graciously offered to open their shops to help members who want to learn to sharpen, try something new, or master a technique that just doesn't seem to be working. We all love to share. You just have to ask. Willing to help? Contact Mike Lanahan to join this list.

- Jim Benson (831) 475-5615
- Jim Gott (408) 265-9501 sharpening, design, natural edge bowls, boxes, goblets, tool control, you name it. Anything but segmenting.
- Rich Johnson (408) 254-8485 all type to turning support available from beginner to Professional.
- Mike Lanahan (408) 926-9330 Pepper Mills, Segmented, and Shaving or Makeup Brushes.

IRONMAN

Ironmen are those who successfully complete all 12 President's Challenge projects for the year. Those who meet the challenge are awarded coveted and distinctive IRONMAN name badges. A blue bar in the accompanying chart means that person has completed the project for the month indicated. You needn't be a great turner, you just need to participate. Make something in our Challenge theme and bring it to the next meeting.

Editor's Note

If I've somehow overlooked your President's Challenge entry, send me an e-mail at MikeLan@aol.com

President's Challenge 2013	January Thirteen	February Off-Axis	March Two of a Kind	April Raindrop (s)	May Wearable	June - 2 joined and different Woods	July Off-Center	August Pen, not from a kit	September - Whistle, Flute, Pan Pipes, Kazoo ..	October Inside-out	November Nut, Pod or Seed	December - Miniature, to fit in ping-pong ball	Picnic TBD
Alias, Johnny													
Baker, Jim													
Beech, Grant													
Benson, Jim													
Gerenser, Bob													
Gott, Jim													
Green, Herb													
Havens, Brian													
Johnson, Rich													
Keogh, Gary													
Lanahan, Mike													
Landon, Scott													
Lillis, Dennis													
Mackenzie, Colin													
Schmida, Tom													
Smith, Joel													
West, Milton													
Westfall, Dick													

For a more detailed description of the 2013 President's Challenges, go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SVWoodturners/files/Forms/>

IRONMAN Rules

- There are twelve challenges listed for the year and in order to qualify for Ironman you must show, by the November meeting, that you have completed all twelve challenges.
- Challenge entries should be shown at the meeting corresponding to the challenge schedule.
- Entries may only be shown for one challenge.