



# FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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## News

Welcome to a new year and all the prospective new turning projects! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Our demonstrator will be **Rick Orr**. Here is a write-up of his plans.

### Threaded Elk Antler and Corian Box:

Rick will turn a threaded box utilizing elk antler for the main body, with Corian pieces for the base and a threaded lid. The threads will be made utilizing a “threading jig” and will NOT be hand chased. Rick will walk through the use of the threading jig for both male and female threads. The female threads will be made in the elk antler and the male threads in the Corian lid.

While the demo is geared towards the use of a mechanical threading jig, it will also implore the use of basic jam chucks plus threaded jam chucks.

A quick review will be made of elk antler as a turning media, the choice of antler pieces, where to get the antler, and its relative price. Rick will also cover the use of Corian as a turning media, its preparation, glue up, and acquisition. Finish techniques are simply sanding up to 12,000 grit using Micro-Mesh products for all the pieces, with no other finish applied.

The demo is geared towards the beginner to intermediate turning audience, but will provide some useful information to all.

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**A special thank-you to Bear and Alisa Limvere for organizing the Christmas party dinner and preparing the main food dishes. And thanks to each of you who brought salads and desserts. Everything was scrumptious!**

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Monthly meeting times: Social Hour is 5:30-6:15. Club Business, Gallery, and Wood Raffle begin at 6:15. The evening’s demonstration begins at 7 and ends on or before 9:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Rockler Woodworking and Hardware store at 2553 S Colorado Blvd. in Denver in the basement.

The January cleanup crew will be **Bob Carver, Gene Wentworth and Dan Raatz** (again!)

## Christmas Party

Here are some photos from the Christmas Party:



Roger Holmes received a lifetime membership from Pat Scott.



Larry Abrams received the John Perkins award for service to the club.



Checking in.



Good food, good friends.

## Announcements

Here is the scheduled line-up for our demonstrators in 2018. The underlined names are demonstrators who will be giving a day-long class the day after our monthly meeting. If you are interested in signing up for a class, contact **Dennis Fanning**. Classes are filling up already!

January – Rick Orr – Threaded Antler Box

February – Glenn Lucas – TBD

March – Doug Schneider – Basket Illusion

April – Dennis Liggett – Beer Tap Handle

July – Keith Gotschall – TBD

August – Jimmy Clewes – TBD

September – Marty Christiansen – TBD

October – Allen Jensen – Beads of Courage Box

May – <u>Jason Clark</u> – Saturn Bowl	November – Open
June – Christian Briseperriere – Oval Bracelet	December – Holiday Party

## Turning Challenge

**The turning challenge for January 2018 is anything made from a cast blank.**

Although we don't have a category for Raffle Wood Challenge anymore, we still want to see what you make with raffle wood so feel free to write *Raffle wood* in the Additional Information box on the Show-and-Tell form.

The rules for our monthly turning challenge are:

- Self-assess your level of turning (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced). Do not judge your skill level by how long you have been turning.
- Fill out a Show-and-Tell form with your name, title of the piece, finish used, etc. All of the forms on our website are now interactive and can be filled out online and printed ahead of time. If you want, you can print a blank form and fill it out by hand, and we will also have blank forms at the meeting.
- The Show-and-Tell forms have a check box for "Turning Challenge" and "Show-and-Tell only". Check the appropriate box.
- To enter the turning challenge, there are 3 folders marked Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Each folder has numbered slips of paper that are color coded to the skill level:

Beginner = Red  
Intermediate = Blue  
Advanced = Yellow

- Pick a bag of numbers from your respective skill folder - it doesn't matter which number you pick. The Beginner folder only has red numbers, Intermediate only has blue numbers, etc.
- Write the number on your card in case things get mixed up, and place the bag with your numbers on top of your Show-and-Tell card (so people can vote for you). Do not throw the bag away!
- You cannot vote for yourself.

## Club Info

### **Membership – Mike Mullen**

***Fellow Club Members. It's time to renew your FRW membership. Please pay by check or cash. You can mail in membership renewal using the short renewal form found on the web site to our PO Box. Or come see me at the membership table at the next meeting. Thanks in advance for your continued support of the Front Range Woodturners.***

Annual dues are the following:

- Individual – \$45
- Couple – \$50
- Student – \$22.50
- Under 12 years – Free!

To help with tracking payments, we request that you pay using a personal check or money order made out to Front Range Woodturners. You can pay in cash if you have the exact amount. You can also mail a check or money order (no cash, please) for your dues to the following address: Front Range Woodturners, PO Box 620605, Littleton, CO 80162

Please include the following information with your dues: Name; Spouse Name (if signing up as Couple); Street; City; State; Zip; best phone number to reach you and your Email address.

You will receive multiple benefits of being a member, including but not limited to the following:

- Monthly newsletter
- Ability to check items out of our extensive library of videos and magazines
- Discounts on regular bulk orders of various supplies
- Discounts at stores in the Denver area (including the 10% discount at our Rockler store!)
- Monthly demonstrations by locally and internationally known woodturners
- Being listed in and receiving a copy of the membership roster
- Ability to participate in free, hands-on mentoring classes
- And last, but not least, access to the best bunch of woodturners around for questions, war stories, or just to visit.

All our club events are funded by your dues and donations (such as the monthly wood raffle).

If you are a member in good standing with the Rocky Mountain Woodturners in Loveland or the Pike's Peak Woodturners club in Colorado Springs, you may join Front Range Woodturners club for half price. Likewise if you are a member in good standing here you may join the RMW and PPW clubs for half price.

### ***Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders – Roger Holmes***

Please see the FRW website ([www.fronrangewoodturners.org](http://www.fronrangewoodturners.org)) for the Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders details. Copies are also available at the Group Purchase table before meetings. Please make checks payable to **Roger Holmes** for Craft Supplies and Woodcarvers Supply group purchases. Make checks for CA Glue and Sanding Disks payable to **Del Fussell**. Make checks for band saw blades payable to **David Hawley**. To participate in Individual Catalog Orders, sign up on the sheet that is passed around at each meeting.

#### ***Quarterly Group Buy Schedule:***

Group purchase orders for Industrial Abrasives, Starbond CA Glue, Craft Supplies, Spence Ind. Band Saw Blades and Woodcarvers Supply will be taken at the monthly meetings in January, April, July and October.

***Group Buy Contact Information:***

**Roger Holmes** – 1844 W. Plum Cir., Louisville, CO 80027 - 303-665-8041 - [roger\\_holmes@comcast.net](mailto:roger_holmes@comcast.net)

**Del Fussell** – 11455 N. Antelope Ln., Parker, CO 80138 - 303-805-2663 - [fussell6@comcast.net](mailto:fussell6@comcast.net)

**David Hawley** – 1516 Lodge Court, Boulder, CO 80303 – 303-443-2332 – [dbh001@gmail.com](mailto:dbh001@gmail.com)

Note: If Rockler stocks an item, please purchase that item from Rockler at their 10% club discount. We owe that to Rockler for being a wonderful host to our club.

***Librarian's Corner – Bob Britt***

January 2018 – Well, the date says it all. We are turning the calendar once again. It seems as though the years go by much quicker as one moves through their senior years. At least it does for me.

As we close out 2017 we find that 63 FRW members have used their club library at least once during the year. 68 titles were added to the inventory in the past 12 months. This number was comprised of videos, books, magazines and pamphlets. While we hope to increase that number during the next year we need your help in finding resources that should be added to our current files. Due to somewhat limited cabinet space we will be looking specifically for turning and closely related topics. If you come across a title, regardless of the medium, kindly jot it down as a suggestion and give it to anyone of us working in the library at the next meeting or e-mail it to yours truly.

Our conversion to a data base system for library activity is basically complete and we are presently working through a hardware issue. Format changes for the library listing on the website were also completed and a physical inventory is underway. It is somewhat perplexing and disturbing to find items missing with no record of them being checked out. We hope that one of your New Year's resolutions will be to return any of our missing resources or any late items. Help us get your library off to a good start.

We wish everyone a great year because when you are in to turning, sooner or later things are bound to come around!

Happy New Year on behalf of all who have assisted me in hopes of helping you utilize this wonderful club resource: **Mike Busse, Ed Cypher, Doug Stearns, Joe Stearns, and Rodney Taylor.**

***Mentoring Program – Marty Christensen***

The mentoring program is going strong.

We would like to extend an invite to all for the next mentoring class which will be on Monday, January 8th from 5-7pm in the basement of Rocker's.

## ***Shop Tours – Ken Rollins***

Our last shop tour for 2017 was held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at **Doug Stearns'** home.



Starting now, Ken will be looking for shop tour possibilities for next year. If you know of a wood lot, sawmill, tool works, or other facility that would make a good tour for next year, send that suggestion to **Ken Rollins** at [colkdr@yahoo.com](mailto:colkdr@yahoo.com).

## ***Ladies of the Lathe – Robyn Herman***

All female members of the FRW, aged 12 or older, are invited to join the Ladies of the Lathe. Turning is a finesse skill that anyone can learn. LOTL is intended to provide a comfortable, easy-paced, and non-threatening environment for women to learn and advance their skills in turning. Men may attend when not enough women sign up. Check with Robyn on space availability.

## ***Newsletter – Jim Proud***

Comments and articles for the monthly newsletter should be emailed to the editor at [cavaleon1956@gmail.com](mailto:cavaleon1956@gmail.com). Submissions should arrive at least ten days before the next meeting. If you are not receiving the emailed newsletter, contact Jim and make sure your email address is correct.

## ***Wood Raffle - Lavonne Kaiser***

Bring in any wood pieces you would like to donate to the club for the wood raffle each month and you will receive one free ticket. Tickets sell for \$1 apiece. The money supports the overall activities of the club.

## ***Perpetual Turning Project***

The concept is that the item brought for the Perpetual Turning Project is the first item in the next month's raffle. The member who wins the turning must bring another turning to the next month's meeting. It's an excellent chance for members to gain pieces made by other members. The turning can be as plain or fancy as you want. Beginners can participate just as much as advanced turners. If the first winner doesn't want to make a turning, he/she can choose just the wood, and the next winner can take the turning.

## ***Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant – Tom Tedesco***

I would like to say thank you to the membership for allowing me to chair the Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant for 2018. I have been lucky enough to recruit Suzanne Thompson and Rick Orr to sit with me on the committee.

I would encourage any FRW member to apply for a PHEOG grant. The grant can be used to attend workshops, symposiums, or hands on training. Requirements and rules for the grants are on the FRW website. Please read them as there are a few changes from past years. Applications must be received before **February 15, 2018**.

## ***AAW Membership***

The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is our “mother” organization. FRW is a chapter of AAW. AAW has a separate membership fee and program from FRW with multiple benefits, not least of which is their quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW's website at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

## ***Parking Courtesy***

Rockler has requested that we do not park in front of the neighboring open businesses as a courtesy. Please leave room for their customers. If the lot in front of Rockler is full, there is ample additional parking across Colorado Blvd.

## ***Courtesy During Meetings***

We have been requested to please stay seated and quiet during the meeting and demonstration as a courtesy to our demonstrators and fellow members. If you feel the need for conversation during the meeting or demonstration, please feel free to step out into the Rockler store.

Also, please return promptly after the break to make sure we don't lose time for our demonstrator

## December Gallery

No gallery this month since we didn't have a regular meeting. Instead here are the guidelines for preparing a "Beads of Courage" bowl if you are interested in doing that in this new year.

### Woodworker Guidelines

Beads of Courage has had an increase in interest from generous wood artists kind enough to donate their lidded bowls and boxes to our Beads of Courage members. With our Beads of Courage program growing exponentially, there is an even greater need for wooden boxes. Children and young adults are finding strength in a whole new way by receiving handcrafted, beautiful boxes. The gift of having a safe place to keep hard-earned Beads of Courage can bring a sense of comfort to the heart and is a beautiful way to honor the strength and courage of children battling serious illness.

#### Bead Bowls/Boxes Guidelines:

- Beads of Courage members may receive thousands of beads. It is desirable for your boxes to hold them all. As a result, turned or rectangular lidded boxes need to be large. Larger is better! Recommended interior dimensions for turned boxes are: 6" diameter (5" minimum), 5" height (4" minimum). Recommended interior dimensions for flatwork boxes are: 4" x 6" x 4".
- Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break. Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged; remember, hospital rooms have limited storage space.
- Finishing of boxes is extremely important! Beads of Courage members who receive these boxes are susceptible to germs/infections/mold. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold. Please take the time to ensure you are using a safe finishing process that does not contain toxic materials. Also do not use finishes like linseed oil that take a long time to outgas.
- All kinds of wood are beautiful! Please refrain from painting Beads of Courage boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.
- If possible, please purchase the Woodturner Donation Incentive Package. The package includes personalized Woodworker Artist cards and individual Beads of Courage® ceramic logo beads. Many woodworkers like to use the Beads of Courage® ceramic logo bead in their design (20 beads for \$25 with free shipping). If this is not possible, you can find a way to engrave, burn or letter "Beads of Courage" onto the lid or side of the box. Designed specifically for your donation, each logo bead purchased comes with a Woodworker Artist card that includes your personal signature. Ceramic logo beads can be purchased at [www.beadsofcourage.org](http://www.beadsofcourage.org) ⇌ Artists ⇌ Information for Woodturners.
- It is nice if you can personalize your donation. Marking your name or initials, type(s) of wood, and date on the box bottom is one way. It is also nice to include a personal note of encouragement, business card, etc. inside the box.



The web page for making the bowls is: <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/pages/woodturners.html>



## *Rockler*

Patronizing the Rockler store is the best “thank you” we can give Rockler for their generosity in letting us use their facilities for our membership. Keep in mind that they keep the register open late on meeting nights just for us. Just be sure to complete any purchases no later than the mid-meeting break so the Rockler staff can start shutting down the store.

As always – all FRW members get 10% off all items, except electrical or sale items, all the time. Just present your FRW membership card at time of purchase. (Note: This offer is only good at the Denver retail location, and is not valid for any other Rockler location or for Internet purchases.)

If you have suggestions for tools or materials that Rockler can carry, contact Rich Johnson, manager of the Denver store. Rockler web site: [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com).

## *Classifieds*

*Please note: All advertising in the Classifieds is free, but be sure to notify the newsletter editor if an item is no longer for sale. All ads that are older than 3 months will be deleted, unless you contact the newsletter editor to run it longer. To submit a classified ad email the newsletter editor at: [cavaleon1956@gmail.com](mailto:cavaleon1956@gmail.com).*

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