



# FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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## Upcoming Events

**Important Note:** Even though a turning challenge is announced for a meeting, this does not mean that other items can't be brought for the show & tell. Feel free to bring in what you've created and don't feel you have to be a master turner to show off your work.

**March** – Tuesday, March 7. Mike Mahoney. Mike will also be doing a

hands-on class while he's here. Contact Megan Caine at Rockler for more information.

**April** – Tuesday, April 4. Brandon Mackie will be demonstrating "Log to Bowl."

**June** – Tuesday, June 6. Doug Schneider will be demonstrating "Turning More Air than Wood."

**July** – Date TBD (not July 4). Chris Stott will be doing a full-day demo, topic to be announced.

**August** – Tuesday, August 1. Stuart Batty will be doing a full-day demo, topic to be announced. ❖

## News

### Mike Mahoney Classes

Mike Mahoney will be doing full-day demos at Rockler:

- Wednesday, March 8 – Threaded Urns, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm \$150
- Thursday, March 9 – Utility Bowls, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm \$150

Mike is here from Utah, so this is an excellent chance to get up close to a world-class turner.

All classes are limited to 5 people, so be sure to sign up early. Contact Rockler to reserve a class.

### Roster and Badges

The membership roster will be mailed with the April newsletter. If you sign up no later than the March meeting, then you will be included in the roster. If you miss

this deadline, you can still sign up and get all the membership benefits, but you just won't be included in the 2006 roster.

Your membership badges and cards should be in the badge case for the March meeting. The membership cards will be in the badge holders behind the badges.

### Thanks, Rockler

Not only does Rockler give us a place to meet and the membership discount, but Rockler also sponsored the travel expenses for Mike Mahoney to come demo for us. Mike is a world-renown turner, and we are privileged to have him here. Many thanks to Rockler for their generosity.

### Channel 6 Auction

Once again, it is the annual collection for the Channel 6 Auction to support PBS. Gene Wentworth will be collecting items from FRW members at March meeting. Each item must be worth at least \$75. If we get more than 8 items, we will get a dedicated table for our club.

One benefit of donating is that all artists are invited to a preview show, with lots of appetizers, wine tasting, and artsy folk.

### Many Thanks, Richard Bailey and all FRW Members

Richard Bailey issued a challenge to FRW members. He would match

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up to \$200 toward the Scholarship Fund for all donations from FRW members. By the February meeting, we had received \$100. At the February meeting, we passed a hat and gather \$175!! Richard matched his \$200, so we are ahead. Many, many thanks to Richard's and all FRW members who donated.

## ***Annual Smock Order***

Jerry Smith will be taking orders for custom smocks at the March meeting. They will be embroidered with FRW logo and your name *and*, by popular request, have a full-length zipper in the front. All for only \$35, the same price as last year. Cash or a check made out to "Front Range Woodturners" will be required at the time of the order. If you cannot attend the March meeting, call Jerry at 303-466-7912.

The order will be placed with the vendor on March 11, so be sure to get your order in to him before then. Be sure to specify your size and name. Delivery is anticipated for the April meeting.

## ***Shop Tour***

### ***Announcements***

#### ***March***

Robin Luther will host a shop tour on Saturday, March 11 from 1:00-3:00 pm at his home at 4418 S. Andes Way, Aurora 80015. He has a beautiful and spacious, well-laid-out, and well equipped shop with a fully equipped dust collection system. His turning specialty is a hollow spiral lamp, which he will have available for display and discussion. He will have maps available at the March meeting. No sign up is required and the tour is open to all members who would like to attend.

#### ***April***

Les Stern will host a shop tour at his home on Saturday, April 22, from 1:00-3:00 pm at his home at 3722 S. Grape, Denver. More info will be provided next month.

## ***Mentoring Classes***

Mentoring classes are usually scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month at Rockler. Contact Phil Houck at 303-985-4692 for specific information. Mentoring classes are a benefit for members to get hands-on practice at the lathe.

## ***AAW Membership***

FRW is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). AAW is the national organization dedicated to furthering woodturning. All FRW members are encouraged to also become AAW members as well. You will get discounts for AAW events (see Wood Events on page 3), a quarterly magazine, and lots of other benefits. Support our parent organization by signing up to be an AAW member. See their website at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

## ***Meeting Format***

Tom Wirsing is welcoming suggestions from members on how to improve the meeting formats. We do a lot in a single night – raffle, show and tell, news, and demo – and Tom wants to make sure that we fulfill the needs of the club. Please contact Tom at the March meeting with your suggestions or email him at [fronrangewoodturners@mesanetwork.com](mailto:fronrangewoodturners@mesanetwork.com).

## ***RMW Invitation***

The Rocky Mountain Woodturners have an open invitation to their monthly meeting. They meet on the first Thursday after our meeting at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, in the Industrial Sciences building, Room 105, at 7:00 pm. Their website is [www.rmwt.org](http://www.rmwt.org).

## ***Volunteers Needed***

We need volunteers who can show up at 5:00 pm at Rockler before each meeting to brew coffee and setup. Please contact Ron Bentall or just appear. We'll put you to work.

## ***Woodcraft Turning Demos***

Pete Holtus does demos every Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm at Woodcraft, 4403 Tamarac Parkway, Denver. Contact Pete at 303-364-5365 for more information.

## ***Bulk Orders***

Dave Hawley will be taking orders for Craft Supplies and Cutting Edge Tools at the March meeting.

As always, check with Dave Hawley at each meeting if you have placed an order with him or if you want to get in on one of the bulk orders that he organizes. You can also call him at 303-443-2332 if you have questions or orders.

All bulk orders depend on making minimum amounts to get the discounts. Again and as always, thanks, Dave, for working so hard to save us all some money.

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## Club Library

### Suggested Items

Contact Jim Applegate for suggestions about materials (books, videos, DVDs) to be added to our club library. The club does have a budget to purchase library materials and look to you to tell us what you want.

Of course, if you want to make donations to the library, all donations are gratefully accepted.

### Featured Providers

**Rocklers**, Colorado Blvd, Denver, provides a 10% discount for club members – see the Rockler section on page 8. Rockler will be keeping the cash register open until the end of the meeting. Try to do your shopping before the end of the break, so that they can get out quickly after the end of the meeting.

**Guiry's Wallpaper and Art Supplies** - All six Guiry's locations are providing to members of Front Range Woodturners discounts on most everything in the store. Give the contractor account number of 7837 and name of "Front Range Woodturners" to the Guiry's cashier to get your discount.

**Wood Emporium**, Loveland, provides a 10% discount for FRW members.

**Klingspor Catalog Orders:** Members who signed up can get their 10% discounts by letting them know you're on the FRW member list. Second, if you order on-line, first send an email to [sales@woodworkingshop.com](mailto:sales@woodworkingshop.com) with your username (format is first name + last initial - i.e., John Smith would be "johns"), billing address, phone # and preferred password. You will receive a confirmation email within 2 business days. Members can be removed from this email list upon request. You can contact Dave Hawley at [davedorothy@comcast.net](mailto:davedorothy@comcast.net) or at 1516 Lodge Court, Boulder, 80303.

Craft Supplies offers monthly deals with special discount codes that expire

monthly. Discounts and codes will be announced at each FRW meeting.

## Wood Events

We receive notices of events, classes, or seminars that we think you may find interesting. (Note: FRW is not endorsing these events, but only providing the information for your convenience.)

### Rocky Mount School of Woodturning

Provides Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Specialty classes in woodturning. Full facilities. Contact Lee Carter at Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning, 4625 Kiva Drive, La Porte, CO 80535. Phone: 970-221-4382. Email: [LLJTC4X4149@CS.COM](mailto:LLJTC4X4149@CS.COM).

### AAW 2006 Symposium

The American Association of Woodturners Symposium is scheduled for June 22-24, 2006, in Louisville, KY. AAW members pay \$245, non-members pay \$275 if you register before May 15, Raffle will include multiple lathes, tools, faceplates, and other wonderful items. See their website at <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/> or call them at 651-484-9094 for more details.

## Materials Suppliers

### Wood Suppliers

Following is a list of wood suppliers in the Colorado area. If you have more, contact Steve. (Note: FRW is not endorsing these suppliers, but only providing the list for your convenience.)

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd., #108, Denver CO 80222, 303-782-0588, web [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com).

Consolidated Hardwoods, Inc., 11850 Vance, Broomfield, CO 80020, phone 303-466-1839, fax 303-469-3580.

Swingle Tree Co., 8585 E. Warren Ave., Denver, CO 80231, phone 303-337-6200 or 303-369-2892.

Centennial Wood Co, Inc., 985 S. Logan St., Denver, CO 80209, phone 303-778-6209.

Austin Hardwoods of Denver, Inc., 975 W. Mississippi Ave., 80223, phone 303-733-1292 or 303-722-1007, web [www.austinhardwoods.com](http://www.austinhardwoods.com).

Colorado Tree and Shrubbery Specialists, Inc., 4760 Parfet St., Wheatridge, CO 80033, phone 303-431-4155.

Paxton Wood Source, 4837 Jackson St., Denver, CO 80213, phone 303-399-6047, web [www.paxtonwood.com](http://www.paxtonwood.com).

Custom Hardwoods, phone 303-280-6381, affiliated with Tech Western Warehouse, 4520 Indiana St., Golden CO 80403, contact Steve Bell phone 303-902-3115, 303-278-6882, or 303-452-9180.

Woodcraft Supply Corp., 4403 S. Tamarac Parkway, Denver, CO 80237, phone 303-290-0007.

Woodcraft Unlimited, Inc., 2301 S. Delaware St., Denver CO 80223, phone 303-778-9103.

Diverse Hardwoods, 617 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Longmont, CO 80501, phone 303-651-1020.

TC Woods in Lafayette has local woods and walnut in stock. They also have a bandsaw mill to convert logs into lumber. Contact them at 303-666-8989.

West Penn Hardwoods has turning blanks from the Amazon. See their website at [www.westpennhardwoodsamazon.com](http://www.westpennhardwoodsamazon.com).

Dennis Lacen has various woods from the Midwest. Contact him at 9477 Highway 85, Fort Lupton, CO, 303-594-7885.

Manzanita Burl from Mt. Lassen, CA. Crimson and gold grained. 20% discount to Woodclub members.

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Contact [jackburl96001@yahoo.com](mailto:jackburl96001@yahoo.com) for more information.

Fresh cut Norfolk Island Pine in log form in many sizes; Spalted Citrus, Bay Laurel, Red Cedar and Florida grown Mahogany. 10% discount to club members. Shipped as individual pieces via UPS or USPS, or in larger amounts via a commercial trucking company. Contact Joe Schneider at [jschneider1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jschneider1@cfl.rr.com).

## *Tool and Steel Suppliers*

Victor Machinery Exchange, Inc.  
251 Centre Street  
New York, NY 10013  
Phone: 800-723-5359  
<http://www.victornet.com>

MSC Industrial Supply  
6100 Stapleton Drive, South  
Unit A  
Denver, CO 80216  
Local (303) 935-2022  
or (800) 332-0210  
Fax: (303) 937-1228  
Email: [branchden@mscdirect.com](mailto:branchden@mscdirect.com)  
Web: [www.mscdirect.com](http://www.mscdirect.com)

DoAll Industrial Supply  
custom bandsaws  
2955 S. Tejon St.  
Englewood, CO 80110  
Phone: 800-92-DOALL  
Web: [www.doall.com](http://www.doall.com)

Lab Metal (metal putty for "enhancing" cracks)  
Alvin Products  
350 Merrimack St.  
Lawrence, MA 01843  
Phone: 978-975-4580  
Web: [www.alvinproducts.com](http://www.alvinproducts.com)

(Note: FRW is not endorsing these suppliers, but only providing the information for your convenience.)

## *Misc. Suppliers*

Brandon Mackie has a source of filters for those of you who want to create or maintain filtration in your shop. Contact him at the next meeting or at [latherunner@hotmail.com](mailto:latherunner@hotmail.com).

Sanding disks - Steve Worcester in Texas ([www.turningwood.com](http://www.turningwood.com) or 972-424-7958)

## *Miscellaneous*

### *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. You feel the need for conversation during the meeting or demonstration, please feel free to step out into the Rockler store.

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

### *Contacting the Editor*

Due to the hundreds of spam emails that Alisa receives every day, she has requested that if you want to contact her via email, be sure to include "FRW" in the subject line. This will help her not miss your email or accidentally delete it when she is clearing the garbage from her inbox. Her email address is [alisalimvere@yahoo.com](mailto:alisalimvere@yahoo.com) (new).

### *Problems Receiving Emailed Newsletter?*

Unfortunately, many email providers are automatically filtering attachments or entire emails because of the proliferation of viruses and spam. If you have signed up for an emailed newsletter, but haven't been receiving it lately, try the following:

- Confirm that your email inbox isn't full. Many email providers will automatically deny emails without telling you if you've used up your space allotment.
- Check with your email provider to see if they are filtering your email without you knowing.
- If your email provider allows you, add the following email

addresses to your "Always Allow" or "Do Not Filter" list:

[alisalimvere@yahoo.com](mailto:alisalimvere@yahoo.com)  
[Limvere@fgn.net](mailto:Limvere@fgn.net)  
[alimvere@mxlogic.com](mailto:alimvere@mxlogic.com)  
[matotanka@yahoo.com](mailto:matotanka@yahoo.com)

You may receive the newsletter from any of these addresses.

- Confirm with Alisa (newsletter editor) that your email address is correct.

It's worth setting up to receive the newsletter by email. It saves paper, postage, and you get to see the photos in full color.

If all else fails, you can tell Alisa to send you the newsletter in hardcopy via USPS.

## *Shop Tours*

Phil Houck has the sign-up sheet for those interested in giving a tour or going on a tour. Just remember – no one expects a sparkling clean shop, so don't worry about putting it off because you don't have time to tidy up. ❖

## *Show and Tell*

The turning challenge for February was finials. Cindy Drozda won again with a beautiful box..



Cindy Drozda – Winning entry using Eli Avisera blank and ebony finial.

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John Betts – Handmade flywheels made of Oregon myrtle veneer and brass. He used Oregon myrtle because it matched the colors of seals.



Jim Genack – Cottonwood bowl with pyrography decoration.



Very nice maple and osage orange rolling pin.



Bruce Perry – Plate with finial.



Bruce Perry – Maple and walnut vase.



Bruce Perry – Lidded box with finial.



Jeff Miller – Maple "alarm" clock.



Jim Genack – Spalted hollow form with segmented detail.



Bruce Perry – Boxes with finials.



Bruce Perry – Still more beautiful boxes with finials.



Steve DeJong – Elm bowl.



Larry Jennings – Birch natural-edged bowl.

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Tom Tedesco – Segmented hollow form, various woods.



Jeff Miller – Willow bowl.



Steve DeJong – Just finials in various woods.



Steve Claycomb – Pair aspen candlesticks.



Larry Jennings – Flame walnut bowl.



Bruce Perry – Honey locust hollow form.



Michael Busse – Aspen bowl.



Pete Holtus – Pair of natural-edged mesquite bowls.



Jill Rice – Myrtle burl hollow form.



David Nittmann – Signature basketwork platter, "A Single Twist of Fate."



Michael Busse – Plum bowl with gorgeous violet highlets.



Pete Holtus – Walnut salt shaker and pepper grinder.

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Pete Holtus – Ornament of mountain mahogany and walnut with finial and eccentric base.



Pete Holtus – Holly finial in walnut base.



Wormy wood bowl.



Dave Yeoman – Ash natural-edged bowl.



Brandon Mackie – Bud vase of composite material (man-made decking material, but surprisingly pretty).



Bill Norberg – Goblet with captured rings.



David Nittmann – Circular molding made to match pre-existing straight molding profile.



David Nittmann – Basketwork platter, "His Dusty Boots Are His Cadillac." ❖

## Demonstrations

Megan Caine demonstrated how to make a rustic stool. She chooses a natural-edged blank of about 13"x10"x2" as the seat. She uses a screw chuck to mount the seat and rounds the bottom of the seat into a convex shape using a 1/2" bowl gouge with a pull cut. Once the bottom is the appropriate shape and sanded, she reverses the seat and turns a concave shape for the seat top.

She uses a pull cut (from center to edge) for most of the shaping, being careful towards the outer edge because of the corners. She uses a push cut (towards the center) only where the corner "ghosts" don't show (only in the solid center).

The legs are 25" long and are spindle turned. She mentioned that if you want to have a pommel (the square part of the leg), be sure to part the shoulder first to keep a sharp corner. Turn the rest of the spindle to the largest diameter. Megan uses story sticks to mark where the major changes in shape occur, for consistency. She turned a tenon on one end to insert into holes drilled in the seat bottom.

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Lastly, she turned 4 cross-braces that would be used to support the legs.

She suggests laying out the stool to confirm angles and lengths, to make sure that you like the look *before* drilling any holes.

After the parts are turned, she drilled 4 holes into the seat bottom at a 12° angle. It was a bit of work to tilt the drill table to get the correct angle, and she had to be careful to set the angle so that the legs would splay out at equal angles from the center.

She also drilled holes in the legs for the cross braces, setting the holes to be 90° from each other and offset in height by about 1.5" ❖

## Rockler

Patronizing their store is the best “thank you” we can give Rockler for their generosity in letting us use their facilities for our ever-growing 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 these poor guys can start shutting down and go home.

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 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).

## Web Stuff

The Front Range WoodTurners  
Web site address:

[www.frontrangewoodturners.com](http://www.frontrangewoodturners.com)

Get the latest information about upcoming events, meetings, and view the excellent photos of the show and tell gallery.

Other sites of interest:

(Rky Mtn Woodturners, Ft Collins)  
[www.verinet.com/~drmeli/rmw.html](http://www.verinet.com/~drmeli/rmw.html)  
[www.lathes.co.uk](http://www.lathes.co.uk)  
[www.woodworkingbasics.com](http://www.woodworkingbasics.com)  
[www.treelineusa.com](http://www.treelineusa.com)  
[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)  
[www.kestrelcreek.com](http://www.kestrelcreek.com)  
[www.choicewoods.com](http://www.choicewoods.com)  
[www.woodturner.com](http://www.woodturner.com)  
[www.woodturningonline.com](http://www.woodturningonline.com)  
[www.kazistudio.com](http://www.kazistudio.com) ❖

## Classifieds

*Please note:* All advertising in the Classifieds is free, but please be sure to notify the newsletter editor if an item is no longer for sale.

*Ad Policy* – All ads that are older than 3 months will be deleted, unless you contact the newsletter editor.

**For Sale** – Carb-a-tech variable speed mini-lathe, 6" swing, 12" between centers, with Bonnie Klein scroll chuck. Low use, cabinet, extra fuses. \$200. Contact Dean Morrell at 719-638-1800. Forced to sell to raise money for medical bills for son diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

**For Sale** – Corian. Several colors. Large enough for jigs and fixtures with a few as large as 30"x50". \$5 per sq. ft. Contact Rob Marquese at 303-255-2959.

**For Sale** – Delta 3 Hp Shaper (#43-455). Mobile base, dust port. 2 rail/style bit sets, 5 other cutters. Like new. Contact Don Natale at 303-810-2663. ❖

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*Shop Tour & Mentor Program*

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*Internet Chairman:* Brandon Mackie  
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*Social Chairperson:* Rose Phillips  
home phone: 303-740-9663 and enter 6014 during the message work, 303-715-0172

## General Meeting Information

Normal meetings are the first Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

Meeting place is at Rockler Woodworking & Hardware, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd. #108 Denver, CO (west side of Colorado Blvd. opposite the mall).

Meetings are 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM.





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