



# FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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## Thoughts from the President ~

Every couple of years, the direction of the Front Range Woodturners changes ever so slightly. This January, that happens again.

First I want to personally thank Ron Ainge for his significant contribution to our club. Over the past few years, Ron has given many, many hours to the FRW – as Treasurer, as VP/Program Director, and the last two years as our club President. Ron has also participated in many of our annual events. I'll have a few words to say at the January FRW regular club meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 on Ron's behalf. Ron continues to stay active in our club, by again standing up to the plate and volunteering to be our wood raffle chairperson.

The members of FRW are very fortunate to belong to such a strong, active woodturning club. Current membership sits at 242. We have an incredible club, including: a large and growing library, a strong bulk buying program, one of the better AV departments (with large screen TV's, sound and recording equipment, new lighting and camera booms), terrific demonstrators – both from within the club and from across the world, a strong financial balance sheet, a well thought out newsletter, and a state of the art web site. Ladies of the Lathe got off the ground in 2011. All of these programs will continue to be strong and become even better.

As I look to 2012 and try to incorporate my thoughts and ideas as well include the member input I have received so far into the direction of the FRW, I offer the following. I solicit any and all input from our members, as this is your club, not mine. I am only the temporary leader during this current change in our operation.

1. Our main method of communicating our club's actions, ideas, and direction is the web and our newsletter. I urge all members to become active in the use of our electronic tools. The web contains a relatively new feature towards the bottom of the home page – a club calendar. It contains updated information as to many of the scheduled events for the year. Before you plan another function, refer to that calendar – and be aware of potential conflicts for yourself and other club members. Contact Ron Howard or myself to have items added to our calendar.
2. We have scheduled quarterly executive board meetings. They are listed on the club calendar. The direction of the club will be determined at these board meetings. I urge all members to attend. The January meeting, scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2012, will include the budget for the upcoming year, as well as other various topics.
3. I want to trim the regular monthly meetings – and yet keep the major items in place. The monthly meetings will continue to consist of short business announcements, show & tell, the wood raffle and most important, the demonstration. I want to shorten the business portion and will address those ideas down the road and at the January 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Last of all, I want to thank not only those members who have volunteered to hold both executive positions and the various chairs for 2012, but also all of you who have contributed in the past as well. It's the people who step up to the plate in these roles that we owe so much. Thanks again, and I look forward to a great 2012.

Rick Orr - President, FRW

## *Thank You*

The entire Holtus/Christensen family wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Front Range Woodturner club members who have so generously supported us through the distribution and sale of Pete's tools and wood inventory.

Undoubtedly, Pete had the friendship and admiration of an exceptional group of like minded people.

Sincerely,  
Judy Holtus

## *Upcoming Events, Classes, Shop Tours, and Symposiums*

### *Upcoming Events*

**Monthly meeting times:** Social Hour is 5:30-6:30, Club Business, Gallery, and Wood Raffle is 6:30-7:15, Demonstration is 7:30-9:00.

**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. Everyone has to start as a novice.

**The Turning Challenge for January's meeting is "any type of hollow form/vase with outside texturing, carving, and/or coloring."**

### *This Month's Featured Demonstrators are Jonathan Medina and Roper*

Jonathan will be enlightening us on how to read trees from the outside to better understand what we will find on the inside. He has a firm understanding of the tell tale signs that show up in the tree's bark and under layer, tree growth, and various causes

of special features to look for that indicate "the good stuff" is inside. Roper will be expounding on Jonathan's information with what it means for us wood turners – orientation of turning for various effects to bring out the jewels that nature offers from crotch, burls, eyes, ribbons, curl, etc. This demo should prove quite informative and useful, especially since harvesting season is upon us!

### *Ladies of the Lathe*

Ladies of the Lathe's next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4:30pm at Debbie Gove's Shop located at 586 Wolff Street, Denver 80204. Her house is just south of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Freeway and a few blocks east of Sheridan. See map on website or Google Maps etc.

June 16-17 – Aurora KidSpree 2012

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### *January Shop Tour*

Saturday, January 14, 2012 From 10:00 AM to Noon @ Dutch Van Maaren's Shop at The Village, Christian Living Center 4761 East Costilla Avenue Centennial CO 80122

Dutch Van Maaren volunteers at (and runs) the woodshop at The Village. He has outfitted a large portion of the shop with his own equipment and supplies. There, he repairs many items for the residents, produces products to sell in the gift shop, works on his own projects, plus produces thousands of toys for the "Toys for Gods Kids" program. This is truly a unique operation in a unique location. Dutch's specialties are (1) intricate scroll saw work, (2) building the "Toys for Gods Kids" (3) building whimsical toys, and yes (4) he turns as well.

Parking is available on both sides of the building (in front of the main entrance and behind the main building) as well as in the street. Please refer to the map for the location. Enter in the building main entrance. The shop is in the basement. The basement door is almost directly across the lobby from the main entrance.

Don't miss this very unique shop tour.

### *February Shop Tour*

We have a **tentative** shop tour for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am @ Austin Hardwoods on W. Mississippi Ave. More information to follow when this tour gets solidified.

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### *Upcoming Symposiums*

**May 17-19, 2012** – Utah Woodturning Symposium

**October 18-21, 2012** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Segmenting Symposium

## *Tips, Twists, and Turns*

### *Tool for Fitting Box Lids and Jamb Chucks*

While watching one of the AAW's symposium dvd's of the '90's, one of the demonstrators showed how he made a long handled tool to act as a secondary tool rest to hold his bedan or other, perhaps homemade, tool for finalizing the opening size for a lidded box or a jamb chuck. This allowed him to sneak up on the right size without having to move the tool rest to check for fit.

He held the tool next to his body and under his left arm while he held the cutting tool with his right hand against the bent up edge on the secondary tool rest. Figure 1 shows the use of the tool to support the cutting tool. (The wood block in the picture is just a waste block for demonstration purposes.) The demonstrator took a bar of steel, heated the end, and bent the end up to act as a stop. I'm not there yet with heating up steel really hot so that I can pound it bent. Instead, I purchased a 1/2" diameter x 9" long carriage bolt that worked just fine. See Figure 2.

The idea is to hold the secondary tool rest while sizing the opening, turning off the lathe, and checking the fit, all without having to move the tool rest in for cutting and out of the way for fit checking numerous times.



Figure 1 – Secondary Tool Rest in Use with a Bedan.



Figure 2 – Carriage Bolt Used as Secondary Tool Rest

## *Chainsaw Stump Saw Horse*

It's that time of the year again – time for harvesting green wood before the sap runs. Here's a tip that I've used to elevate and stabilize logs where it is comfortable and safer for chainsawing.

Take a large diameter (16 to 24" diameter, the bigger the better) log and cut it flat on both ends and at a length that will be comfortable for chainsaw work. Cut two lengths of 4x4 to a length appropriate for the diameter of the log. See Figure 3. With a long drill bit that matches the diameter of dowels chosen (I used 1/2" diameter dowels and drill bit), drill a battered (angled) hole through the 4x4 and deep into the top of the previously cut log. Hammer the dowel into the 4x4 and log and cut flush with the 4x4. Repeat the process, changing the batter angle to oppose the previous hole. Do 3 or 4 different battered holes per 4x4, pounding in a dowel after each hole is drilled. Once one 4x4 is attached, attach the other in the same manner parallel to the first one.

The end result will be a stable "saw horse" with firmly attached 4x4's and no metal to hit and ruin your chainsaw blade.



Figure 3 – Stump Saw Horse

My 4x4's are well used but still going strong.

## *Events of December*

### *Holiday Party*

We had quite a turnout at the Holiday Party this year! We had lots of great food, great conversations, some really nice centerpieces, ornaments for the ornament exchange and many pieces donated for our yearly auction, which raised \$2154 for the Pete Holtus E.O.G. All seemed to enjoy themselves; and, that wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of a dedicated group. Thanks Bear and Alisa, the kitchen staff, and all who helped out before, during, and after. Much appreciated.

### *Ron Howard Receives the John Perkins Most Valuable Member Award!*

The "John Perkins Most Valuable Member (MVM)" is awarded each year to the member (not currently serving as an officer in the club) that qualifies as the "Most Valuable Member" whose contribution and service to the Front Range Woodturners along with contributions to the education and promotion of the art of woodturning has been outstanding. This recipient is normally decided by the president of

FRW. It has been given the last 9 years and is in memory of John Perkins, one of the much involved and dedicated members who died of cancer.

Congratulations Ron! You earned it. Wish someone had captured by photo the shock on your face as your name was called. Priceless!

### *Richard Kuivila Earns the Life Time Member Award!*

The "Life Time Member" status was designed two years ago to recognize individuals who have served the organization over many years through contributions in various positions and involvement to the organization.

Congratulations Richard!

### *Woodworking Show at Red Rocks*

Red Rocks Community College's Department of Fine Woodworking put on its end of the quarter woodworking show last December 10<sup>th</sup>. The works presented spanned various areas of woodworking from instruments, casegoods, artistic marquetry, and yes, wood turning. There seemed to me much more wood turnings shown in this show as compared to previous shows. Wonder why that is? – Roper ☺ Really interesting work by budding artists! If you missed this show, try to make the next one. You won't be disappointed.

## *News*

### *Executive Board Meeting*

Executive board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Rockler's basement. The primary agenda item will be establishing and approving a 2012 operating budget for FRW.

## *Announcing Woodcraft's Super "Bowl" II*

Show off your woodworking and artistry skills by participating in the Second Annual WOODCRAFT SUPER "BOWL" contest. How can you participate?

- 1) MAKE A BOWL! All hand-made bowls are welcome – turned, carved, scroll sawed, routed, etc.
- 2) Bring your bowl to the Denver (Loveland) Woodcraft stores during the month of December.
- 3) Each bowl will be assigned a number. Information about your bowl will be written down – type of wood, other materials used, and what power tools or hand tools were used to create your bowl.
- 4) Bowls will be on display in the store and shoppers will vote for their favorite starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 5) Voting will cease at 12:00 NOON ON Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Votes will be tallied and the winner will be announced later that day.

The winner will receive a \$75 Woodcraft Gift Card. And...just for voting, you may get a chance to win as well. Yes...one lucky customer who voted will win a \$25 Woodcraft Gift Card!

We Can't wait to see what you create!  
– Eric from Woodcraft.

## *FRW Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant*

Applications for a FRW Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant (PHEOG) are due February 15, 2012.

Application forms are available on the [FRW website](#) and are included with the December and January [Newsletters](#).

There are no age restrictions; applicants may request money for anything woodturning related: classes, symposium fees, tools, etc.

The FRW EOG Committee consists of one board member and 2 FRW club members.

The FRW EOG Committee will select award recipients based on available funds and merit of the application, and will brief the results to the FRW executive committee for final approval.

Grant winners will be notified individually and announced at the April club meeting.

## *Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders*

### **Next group purchase at January meeting!**

Please see the FRW website 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. To participate in Individual Catalog Orders sign up on the sheets that are passed around at each meeting.

### Quarterly Group Buy Schedule:

Group purchase orders for Industrial Abrasives, Starbond CA Glue, Craft Supplies 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.,  
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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*

I am very pleased to assume the reins of the FRW Library from Dave Hawley and look forward to serving the membership in the best possible manner. Dave and I met in December and conducted a joint inventory of Library resources, and exchanged transition files. Dave has agreed to serve as a mentor for several months, to ensure a smooth transition, and I appreciate that. I also welcome direct input from members as to changes desired, resource items to be stocked, or ideas for improvement of the Library functions.

I have asked all Assistant Librarians to stay on, and my hope is that they will do so. In any case, there's always room for additional help, so if you can arrive at Rockler by 5:30pm, your assistance with the Library functions will be greatly appreciated.

Please take time to tell Dave how much you appreciate what he has done for FRW and the Library.

Steve Shaffer - FRW Librarian

## *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.)

When making a purchase at Rockler's, be sure to show them your FRW membership card and have them mark

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your FRW member purchase in their logbook. The FRW gets gift cards for our raffle each month based on how many FRW member purchases are made and recorded.

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).

## 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 Bi-Monthly American Woodturning magazine. Check out AAW's website at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) There's lots of very interesting links to their shows, galleries, and events.

## 2011 FRW Officers!

Following are the 2012 FRW Officers, See "Club Information" at end of newsletter for the contact information for each officer. Feel free to contact the new officers to volunteer to help out.

- President – Rick Orr
- Vice President/Program Director – Bruce Perry
- Treasurer – Ken Miller
- Secretary – Dale Sherman
- Librarian – Steven Shaffer
- Newsletter Editor – Ken Miller
- Internet Chairperson – Ron Howard
- Videographer – Richard Kuivila
- Coffee Coordinator – Randy Weems
- Shop Tour Program Chairperson – Debbie Gove
- Group Buy Coordinator – Roger Holmes
- Membership Chairperson – Alisa Limvere
- Mentoring Program Chairperson – Michael Roper
- Raffle-Wood Director – Ron Ainge
- Ladies of the Lathe Chairperson – Jenny Howard
- Youth Chairperson – Nathan Bessen
- Publicity Chairperson – Marty Christensen

## FRW Dues are Due

It's that time of year. Annual dues are due again. Dues are as follows:

- Individual – \$35
- Couple -- \$40
- Student -- \$17
- 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 (no cash, please – we don't carry change).

Our Club Membership Chairperson, Alisa Limvere, is responsible for gathering dues payments. Alisa will have a form for you to fill out, renewing members as well, so that she can make sure your information is current and complete. Please contact Alisa at the next meeting or mail a check for your dues to the following address:

Front Range WoodTurners  
P.O. Box 714  
Franktown, CO 80116

Please include the following information with your dues:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (if signing on as Couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Web site \_\_\_\_\_

By default, if you provide an email address, you will receive your newsletters via email. If you really, really don't want this (mailed copies are an added expense to the club and requires additional time to put out), please indicate it when you send in your dues and the newsletters will be mailed via USPS.

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

Discounts in 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.

Important – If your dues are not paid by mid-February, you will no longer receive our newsletter (unless you are a recent guest who is still in the 2-month trial period).

## Classifieds

### Used machinery for sale:

Jet Mini Lathe, 10" swing, 14" bed, 6-speed, bench model. This lathe is used, but is in excellent working condition, with all of the parts intact. It is the older version without the indexing feature. \$150

Delta 15" Scroll Saw, model 40-150. \$50

Powermatic 20" bandsaw, with Carter guides, 13" cutting height, 1.5 HP motor. A workhorse of a saw! Well used, and in excellent working condition. \$750

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Please contact us by email if possible.

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## For Sale:

20 lb sandblaster, Like new. Comes with all attachments and instruction book. Asking \$40 firm. Located in Denver Call Bonnie at 303.957-8483.

*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.

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Deadline for submitting material for inclusion in the newsletter is 15 days before the next meeting.

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