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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 February's meeting is Natural Edge Bowls/Hollow forms.

This Month's Featured Demonstrator is Ken Miller

Ken will be demonstrating the turning of a figured Curly Maple bowl with the emphasis of the demo being on the finish he uses for highly figured woods. While there is no single finish that fits all applications, the finish to be demonstrated brings out the chatoyancy of the wood while providing a durable and repairable finish.

June 5th – Nick Agar

Ashley Harwood – Date TBD, will be demonstrating thin walled bowls with a push cut.

Dennis Liggett – Date TBD, will be demonstrating turning a canteen.

December 7th – FRW Holiday Party

Robert Sorby Free Woodturning Tools Demonstration

February 8th from 5pm to 8pm at Rockler's basement.

- A member of the staff from the Robert Sorby Factory in Sheffield, England will be here to give advice on different aspects of woodturning including demonstrations on new products as well as established favorites.
- Bring in a turning tool and have it sharpened by the demonstrator!
- Special pricing on all Sorby tools the day of the event!

Ladies of the Lathe

Ladies of the Lathe's next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th from 9 am to 4:00pm in Rockler's Basement Shop. Turning natural edged bowls will be the focus.

June 16-17 – Aurora KidSpree 2012

Anderson Ranch Class Registration for Summer 2012 is now open. Segmenters take note: Curt Theobald will be conducting a segmenting class during the beginning of the summer classes

February Shop Tour

FRW has a terrific shop tour set up for Saturday, February 25th, at Austin Hardwoods. The tour will start at 8 AM sharp and continue as long as necessary. The reason for the early start is to get our club into the 70,000 square foot facility before the late Saturday morning business rush.

Austin Hardwoods has perhaps the largest selection of woods in the

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Denver metro area - woods that include Colorado native woods, US native woods, and world wide exotics. They deal in not only large scale orders, and custom works, but also in small, single board orders. In fact, they will work with you, so you can pick through a batch of wood, select a particular board, and have them cut an end off of it - just for your smallest project. Austin Hardwoods also offers custom milling, and has times set up for you to use their larger milling equipment (assisted of course) for those once in a lifetime type projects - all for very reasonable fees. A couple of pieces of their larger, computerized machines will be demonstrated for us.

Austin Hardwoods will also offer the FRW group members a club discount for your purchases - just show your FRW membership card for that discount.

Please take advantage of this opportunity on February 25th. And be prepared to give Randy Hass of Austin Hardwoods any input as to the type and size of wood you feel would most benefit our club if they stocked it. They are a small, locally owned family business that can easily adjust their operation to fit the needs of a turning club like ours.

Upcoming Symposiums

May 17-19, 2012 – Utah Woodturning Symposium

June 8-10, 2012 – 2012 AAW Symposium

September 8-9, 2012 – Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium

October 18-21, 2012 – 3rd Segmenting Symposium

News

Tragic Loss

It is with sadness that I pass this news on. Robin Luther's 17 year old daughter, Samantha Luther, was killed in a car accident on December 30th. Our condolences go out to Robin and his family in this difficult time.

FRW Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant

APPLICATION DEADLINE is fast approaching – February 15th! Don't miss this great opportunity!

Application forms are available on the [FRW website](#).

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.

Clean Up Volunteers Needed!

Beginning with the February 2012 regular meeting of the FRW, we are attempting to formalize a volunteer cleanup program for each meeting. At each regular meeting, a signup sheet will be available to volunteer your services for next month's meeting. So look for the sheet on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 for the March meeting. The signup sheet will simply ask for 3 volunteers to stay after the following meeting for cleanup duty. The 3 people who sign up will be reminded of their duties prior to the next meeting via email, the newsletter, and the web site.

Those volunteering for clean up duty at the Feb 7, 2012 meeting are Rick Orr, Ken Miller, and Debbie Gove. Our thanks to these club members for their efforts.

Clean up duties will include:

- 1) Cleaning up chips around the lathe.
- 2) General cleanup around all of the seating area to clean up debris and straighten chairs.

- 3) Return the folding chairs in the back of the room to the appropriate racks.
- 4) Clean up of the wood raffle tables, and
- 5) Assist the videographer if necessary in putting away that equipment.

Once you've signed up for a monthly cleanup duty, you should be free of that duty for at least a couple of years.

Rick Orr

Annual Smock and Polo Shirt Order

David Moncada will be taking orders for custom smocks at the March meeting. They will be embroidered with the FRW logo and your name. A full range of sizes are available in 'woodchip' brown with a full-length zipper in the front. Two styles will be available, short sleeved is \$40, and long sleeved is \$50. Be sure to specify your size and name. David will also be taking orders for FRW Polo Shirts. They will be embroidered with the FRW logo centered above the left chest pocket. These are nice for showing club support at woodturning events! A full range of sizes are available (XS-5X) in navy blue. Price is \$30.

Cash or a check made payable to "Front Range Woodturners" will be required at the time of the order. If you cannot attend the March meeting, call David at 303-877-7930 to make arrangements. The order will be placed with the vendor on March 9th, so be sure to get your order in to him before then. Delivery is anticipated for the April meeting. Please note that this is a one-time per year event, so if you've been thinking about getting a new smock or Polo style shirt, this is your chance, so don't miss out!!

Tips, Twists, and Turns

Homemade Drill Guide for the Lathe

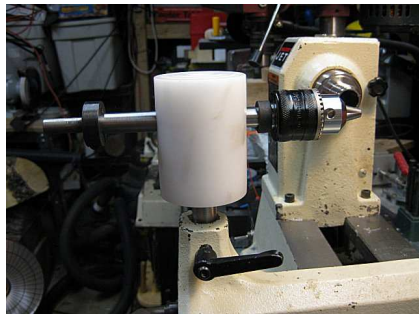
Need a drill guide to make precise holes in a turning? Set it to the right height and location. Use your index to make holes at precise increments at your choice. This design uses a 3/8" chuck, self lubricating hard plastic, cold rolled steel rods – 3/8" (or diameter to fit intended chuck) and rod diameter that fits your lathe banjo, one or two stop collars. Pictured in this section is the drill guide made by Ron Howard to fit his lathe. Use these pictures for the idea and adapt the sizes that make it suitable for your lathe.



Turned plastic w/hole drilled to receive rod that goes into lathe banjo and hole drilled at 90° to accept shaft.



Two stop collars, drill chuck, and cold rolled steel rod threaded at end.



Drill Guide assembled and mounted on the lathe.

Check the suppliers list on the FRW website to find out where to get the materials for this. The 3/8" chuck was obtained from Harbor Freight and the hard, self lubricating plastic was purchased at Plasticare.

Thanks Ron for sharing this.

Librarian's Corner

Letter from the Librarian:

The Board approved funding for additional storage space and thus we were able to purchase a new heavy duty storage cabinet. Thanks to Dave Moncada for finding reasonably priced cabinets, if needed we now have the funds for an additional cabinet later in the year.

New Library resources will be available at the February & March meetings. I am not able to publish a list in this news letter (pending delivery) but many items from the Library wish list have been purchased. New materials will be on one of the tables.

Suggestions from all members are welcomed as to what we should order for the library. The most popular and affordable item's will be purchased first.

All the Librarians were very helpful during the transition, Thank you.

Steve Shaffer - FRW Librarian

Thanks for the Donations!

FRW again thanks the Holtus Family for Library Donations:

The FRW Library has received a generous donation of 36 items for the library. The items include both DVD's and some very unique books from Pete Holtus' personal collection. We wish to once again thank Judy Holtus and her family for the generous donation. It was felt that the FRW Club usage of much of Pete's personal library was the best utilization of this collection.

Stop and talk to Steven Shaffer and any of the other librarians to find out what was donated by the Holtus family. This addition plus several new purchases continues to expand our vast library collection.

Events of January

Perpetual Turning



Denise Newman brought in January's perpetual turning. She brought in two turnings. I hope I got the right one given for the perpetual turning. Roper got the winning ticket and accepted Denise's work.

January's Demo

Thanks to Jonathan Medina and Roper for quite an informative demonstration on the ins and outs of reading trees from the bark to determine what good stuff may lie within and how to orient turnings to bring out particular features of figured woods for specific effects.



Jonathan suggested that we tour the Arboretum at Regis University located at 3333 Regis Boulevard, Denver. This is a couple of blocks north of I-70 between Lowell Blvd. and Federal Blvd. There seems to be quite a lot of trees that are all keyed for full identification. Go when the weather is nice and you have 2-3 hours to enjoy. Also, go during each season to see how the trees look at each phase: dead of winter when it is most desirable to harvest woods, Spring when the leaves are all out and many trees flowering, Fall when the leaves change color.

A PDF of the handout featuring all the trees indexed and referenced for the Arboretum can be obtained at http://www.regis.edu/content/alum/pdf/arboretum08_web.pdf

The following are directions that Jonathan pointed us to for further information, tools, etc.:

The International Society of Arboriculture-Rocky Mountain Chapter at <http://www.isarmc.org/>

For tree gear and other information go to Sherrill Tree at <http://www.sherrilltree.com/>

A-1 Organics recycling plant on the west side of town.

For hand saws/pruning saws to help the process, see Silky Saws at <http://www.silkysaws.com/>

For chainsaws, Stihl has a monopoly for our area. Whenever I go out to a site where a tree is coming down by professionals and where us woodturners gather to do final sawing, it's Stihl that I see and that gets the job done. (A little chainsaw envy going on here, ha!)

Jonathan Medina of Green Giant for Burls and other pretty woods – (303) 564-9574

January's Shop Tour

January 2012 Shop Tour Thank you

Our thanks to Dutch VanMaaren and the staff at The Village for hosting a wonderful shop tour on Jan 14, 2012. Also thanks to Debbie Gove for the help in arranging this tour.



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Scroll work anyone? Here's tons of it!



Some of the toys that Dutch makes.



Les Stern 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 Les! Again, my apologies for reporting this incorrectly in last month's newsletter.

Instant Gallery

Note: Don't forget to download the Instant Gallery information cards from the website. Click on Odds 'n' Ends and look under the Misc Forms section for the Show and Tell Information Cards. These cards help tell others pertinent information about your work. Please use them. There should still be cards at the meeting. Raise a stink if there aren't any around.



Beginner Challenge Winner – Ryan Howard!



Advanced Challenge Winner – Terence Rice!



Bruce Perry – "Swooping Cup" out of Redwood w/Acrylic paint and Amber Shellac finish.



Joyce Huegel – Hollow Form out of Maple, Ladies of the Lathe November Project.

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Curt Vogt – Four Ornaments.



Dave Yeoman – Natural Edge Walnut Vase w/Tung Oil finish.



David Nittmann – Signature work on a burl piece.



Denise Newman – Vase. Is this Cottonwood?



Denise Newman – Walnut Bowl.

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Grove Brown – Box Elder Hollow Form with Walnut Finial. Triple E and Shelia Wax finish.



Grove Brown – Natural Edge Hollow Form out of Box Elder w/Spray Lacquer finish.



Les Stern – Hollow Forms, three smallest out of Aspen, L to R for the rest are Buckeye Burl/Blackwood stand, Box Elder Burl (?) and Desert Ironwood.



Jerry Smith – Danish Modern Design Segmented Candlesticks (design can also be used as a bud vase) Teak Wood w/Lacquer Base Sanding Sealer and Clear Paste Wax finish. 9 3/4”H x 3 1/4”D.



Pat Scott – Peppermills, Honey Locust-8”H, Walnut-10”H, and Ash-10”H w/Deft Danish Oil finish.



Paul Stafford – Whirlpool Bowl out of Maple w/Crystalac finish.



Roper – “The Three Wisemen” out of Buckeye Burl, Maple Burl, Box Elder Burl, Walnut, and Beech w/Wipe On Poly finish.



Paul Stafford – Heart Bowl out of Walnut and Alabaster.

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Phil Houck – Crab Apple and Fruit Apple Hollow Forms w/Armour Seal and Minwax Paste wax finish.



Ron Ainge – Bird House and Stand.



Ryan Howard – Tea Light out of Walnut w/Mylans finish.



Scott Hussey – Vase out of Cedar and Turquoise w/Shellac finish.



Tom Wirsing – 14”D Claro Walnut Dish w/Walnut Oil finish.

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Terence Rice – Walnut and (mostly) Air Vase w/Lacquer finish. 5”D x 8”H. “A disaster is just a design opportunity”. I’ll say!

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 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.

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 There’s lots of very interesting links to their shows, galleries, and events.

FRW Dues are Due

What do our dues for this non-profit organization go toward? Dues are used to bring in demonstrators, provide members with an admirable collection of materials for our library, upkeep and improvements to our audio/video system, outreach programs such as Kids Spree, Ladies of the Lathe, and the Youth program, the end of the year Holiday Party, and various miscellaneous items necessary for running an organization like this. **Unfortunately, if you are getting your newsletter by snail mail, about 42% of your dues are going solely to get your newsletter out to you – paper, toner, and stamps. Please consider changing how you get your newsletter and choose to have it emailed instead of USPS. Thanks.**

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 _____

All new members will receive the monthly newsletter via email.

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

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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

For Sale:



European Workbench - 7' - \$1,200 - Gently used quality workbench of red beech wood that has aged beautifully. Features include shoulder vise, tail vise, two steel (spring-loaded) benchdogs, 14 dog holes along length, tool tray (6"W x 75"L x 4"H). Originally distributed by Shopsmith, so has a lightly-woodburned logo on front. Top removes with two bolts - is a two-person carry. Dimensions: 7' long, with added 4" for tail vise crank, 24 3/4" deep (17 3/4" solid surface with additional 6" tool tray), 32 3/4" high, 4 1/4" thick in front, 18" long shoulder vise. Excellent condition - no repairs since new (original owner). Rubbed with Watco. Red painted shop-made lower shelf sections convey. Have simply run out of shop space, and need to sacrifice. Compare with (a) the Laguna 7' beech workbench on line @ \$1,962 incl S&H, (b) Lie-Nielsen 7' maple workbench @ \$2,750, and (c) Woodcraft Sjobergs Elite 2500 (71" long) @ \$1,900. Cash & carry. Pictures sent upon

request. Call Dave Hawley at [303-443-2332](tel:303-443-2332).

For Sale:



MiniMax-SC3-10 Sliding Table Saw \$2500



Delta 16" Wood Lathe \$1250



Two-Stage, 5hp Compressor \$500



AEM-37 Wide Belt Sander 10hp, 3ph, 230V \$3500



Delta -15" Floor Drill Press \$350



Hegner Scroll Saw \$750

Powermatic Planer \$1600

Contact Jonathan Chaikin

Direct 720-496-4212

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Abacus Cabinetry Inc.

1474 South Acoma Street

Denver, CO 80223

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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.

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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