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Announcements

Our demonstrators for March will be **Bear and Alisa Limvere**.

Both Alisa and Bear have been making jewelry in some form for many years. A few years ago Bear started making miniature turned wood wall art influenced by ancient shields and the work of Nick Agar. Each Winter Holiday we make gifts for our extended family, usually around 50 of them. One year we came up with the idea of turned wooden pendants, and our jewelry line was born. We glued up maple, yellowheart, bloodwood, and zircote into long square blanks, turned them round, and made pendants. LOTS of pendants. Since that time we have expanded our pendants, earrings, and brooches using many of the same techniques we use for our miniatures. This demo will introduce you to the basics of making turned wooden jewelry.



Upcoming Demonstrators in 2020

April: Matt Monaco – Topic TBD plus all-day class	September: Mike Skiba – “Thought Through”
May: Bruce Perry – O’Keefe inspired winged vessel	October: TBD
July: Laurent Niclot – Topic TBD plus all-day class	November: TBD
August: Dave Hawley – Tips and Tricks part II	December: Holiday Party

February Demonstrations and Swap Meet



Dave Hawley shows us how he prepares turquoise for inlaying.



Keith Motzner gives us a look at the Glenn Lucas method of sharpening.



Making a suncatcher with **Dale Sherman**.



Patrick Crumpton brought in some swap meet stuff.

Clean-up Crew:

After the February meeting **Ron Kaemingk**, **Steve Claycomb** and **Bruce Perry** cleaned up. The crew for the March meeting is **Ryan Custer**, **Andy Boudreau** and **Gary Cantrell**. Thanks to all! Anyone who wants to help can just stay when the meeting is over and pitch in!

Turning Challenge:

The turning challenge for March is to make either a sun catcher like **Dale Sherman** did with his demo or turn something with a filled void like **Dave Hawley** did with his demo. Dave filled his with turquoise but we will accept any filled void. So make either for the challenge and be sure to vote for one in either category.

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.

Mentor List

We now have a list of members that have volunteered to be one-on-one mentors to help other club members. No matter what skill level you are - from brand new turner on up – sometimes a few hours of personalized instruction is all it takes to help you master a new tool or technique. The list has been updated and is available to members. Request a list from **Marty Christiansen**.

New Lathe

Our new Powermatic 3520C lathe is now available for all demonstrations. The lathe came in earlier and has been installed and is ready to go. Out with the old and in with the new, as our old lathe went to its new home the same day. Since we're talking about new lathes, all of Rockler's new Laguna 12/16 lathes have arrived and are in the classroom. The new Laguna's will replace the older Jet lathes. If you are interested in buying one of the Jet lathes, contact Rich Johnson at Rockler.

Club Information

>Membership – Mike Mullen

We had 7 new members in January. Total membership renewals for 2020 are 147. Almost half way. So please stop by the membership table or mail in your 2020 dues. Our membership year ends February 29. You get an extra day this year. Thanks to all who have renewed their membership.

Co-club Members	10
Family Members	37
Individual Members	172
Lifetime Members	10
Family Roster	49
Student Members	3
Total Membership	281

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 – Jay Miller

INDUSTRIAL ABRASIVES: Industrial Abrasives (IA) is our principal sanding supplies vendor, but individual orders to Klingspor may also be member-processed (see details on the FRW website). Prices for Hook & Loop (H&L) mandrels, and H&L Discs remain the lowest in the marketplace, with the weight of the backing heavier than the competition.

STARBOND. Starbond is our principal cyanocrylate (CA) glue vendor. Prices increased as of January 2019 (see new order sheets). Our minimum order is \$100, but if we order at a 200+ level, a 15% AAW-related discount kicks in, making S&H essentially free.

TURQUOISE BUY- **Dave Hawley** has found a source for natural Arizona turquoise and is offering to sponsor a one-time buy for the material. The cost is \$40.00 / lb., but if we can get orders for 20 lbs. the price will be \$38.00 / lb. Dave needs to charge \$42.00 / lb. to cover shipping but will refund any moneys received over actual cost.

Remember that our first quarterly group buy is in January. The quarterly group buy is for Craft Supplies (all catalog items), Industrial Abrasives, Star Bond adhesives; Spence Dist. Band saw Blades, and Wood Carvers Supply. Order forms and price sheets are on the web site. The current price sheets are for 2019. The price sheets will be up dated as early in January as possible.

GROUP BUY COORDINATORS: The new group buy coordinators are **Jay Miller** and **Ted Mellin**. Please see the FRW website (www.frontrangewoodturners.org) for Group Purchase details, including order sheets and which Group Buy Coordinator should receive checks for which vendor resource.

GROUP BUY SCHEDULE: Group orders for Industrial Abrasives sanding supplies, Starbond CA Glue, Craft Supplies USA tools and supplies, Spence Industries band saw blades, and Woodcarvers Supply carving tools and supplies will be taken at the monthly meetings in January, April, July, and October.

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

>Librarian's Corner – Bob Britt

In recent years there has been a heightened awareness by woodworkers on the need for personal protection from solvent/finishing vapors as well as that ever-present commodity in most turners environment, sawdust. Here are a couple of references in response to recent member inquiries regarding dust management resources in our club library.

Recent addition (2/2020) – NAG-03- Book- Dust Control Made Simple and NAG-04 companion DVD both by Sandor Nagyszalanczy . These are a follow-up to his original book (NAG-01) Woodshop Dust Control, 2nd edition. In this latest endeavor the author covers much more than full shop dust collection systems. Included are plans for building a box-fan ventilator. Masks and respirators are reviewed in depth as well as how to select and maintain the various types. Everything from shop vacuums to layout of a central collection system are covered. The companion 40 minute video was recorded at the facilities of Oneida Air Systems. Even if you only plan to use a disposable mask you should review this material as the author offers valuable information which might lead one to or away from certain types of masks.

>Mentoring Program – Marty Christensen

Our March meeting will be on Monday the 9th in the Rockler basement from 5-7 pm. We will be going over wood/project finishing.

If there is a particular topic you would like to have a mentoring meeting on, please contact Marty and let him know.

>Youth Mentoring Program – Don Prorak

I was gone much of February, so big thanks to **Jeff Hill & Mike Skiba** for keeping things going at Stargate. We've been working mainly on small bowls, so if anyone has surplus 6" - 8" bowl blanks, please bring them to the next meeting. If you have any ideas or concerns about youth mentoring, feel free to contact me:

>Ladies of the Lathe – Robyn Herman

Our next LOTL class will be on Saturday, March 21st. **Pat Scott** will be teaching us how to turn Acorn boxes. Here are some thoughts from Pat and some photos.

“This is a fun little project that makes good use of small pieces of wood. People can’t resist these boxes because they are so cute! Give them as gifts, sell them at Craft Shows, or use them to hold pills, rings, earrings, or diamonds! Acorn boxes are fairly quick and simple, although you do have to pay attention when fitting the lid. Other than that, there really aren’t any other rules to follow as far as size, wood choice, and design. Most of the work can be done with a spindle gouge, and if you’ve never used a Wagner Texturing Tool I’ll have one available for you to try which is an easy way to apply texture to the acorn cap. The box itself can be hollowed out using different tools (spindle gouge, hollowing tool, scraper), but I’ll show how I do it when in production mode. Bring some of your scrap pieces of wood and let’s have fun!”



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.

>Shop Tours – Al Murphy

The shop tour schedule for 2020 is firming up. Three months are still available: June, July and August. Any member can host a shop tour; it is a fun and sociable way to meet other members and get to know them in their native habitat.

We request tours take place on the 2nd or 4th Saturday of each month but we can accommodate other dates. There are no real qualifications to host a tour – large shop or compact, all hosts are welcome. Also it’s a great excuse to tidy up that shop a bit! Make a plan to sign up today!

>Newsletter – Jim Proud

Comments and articles for the monthly newsletter should be emailed to the editor at cavaleon1956@gmail.com. Submissions should arrive at least ten days before the next meeting. Your comments and suggestions to improve the newsletter are always welcome.

Jim is looking for a newsletter assistant. That position would involve helping with the newsletter each month and possibly looking to take over as editor next year. If you are interested, please contact Jim at cavaleon1956@gmail.com

>Wood Raffle - Lavonne Kaiser

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

>Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant – Bob Franklin

The winners of PHEO grants for 2020 will be announced next month.

Perpetual Turning Project

Here are two photos of an entry for the president’s challenge. Ron Kaemingk was the only person to bring an item for the challenge which was a threaded box. He did not put it out because of the chaos of the meeting (February 4th – three demos going on) but showed it to me after the meeting. I believe it should be applauded even though it was missed during the actual meeting. – **Sonny Jones**



There was no perpetual turning project for the February meeting.

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.

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.

>Beads of Courage

Remember that **Rick Fleming** and **Ed Cypher** collect bowls at every meeting for the Beads of Courage project. **Jim Proud** has a few extra Beads of Courage “buttons” and will gladly give you one free of charge for as long as they last.

>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.

>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)

>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. To submit a classified ad email the newsletter editor at: cavaleon1956@gmail.com.

For Sale: (2/4) Contact **Chuck Kubin**, 303-908-8753, leave message

>Delta LA200 midi lathe and 46-462 stand, new in boxes. 1725 RPM motor; five speeds ranging 500-3700 RPM; swing 10" over the bed and 7 1/2" over the base; work length 14 1/2 inches. Spur and live centers, faceplate, and tool rest included. Perfect lathe for turners who have limited space and want to turn small to mid-size bowls and vases and not be limited to pens and smaller projects. \$325.

>Delta 46-700 full size lathe with stand. 3/4 hp motor, 12" swing over bed. 36" bed. Headstock adjusts along length of bed and can be reversed to turn outboard for turning larger diameters than 12" with an optional tool rest. On-the-fly adjustable Reeves drive with a newer belt ranging 500-2000 rpm. 12" straight tool rest, 12" S-curve bowl rest, live and spur drive centers. Runs on a regular 15-amp service. \$700 negotiable.

>Alltrade 18" scroll saw with upgraded blade holders, very little use, \$50.

>Alltrade 5 1/2" orbital DA air sander with a box of 98,100 grit stick-on discs, \$75.