



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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MARCH DEMONSTRATOR –SONNY JONES

Tuesday, March 7th–In Person and via Zoom

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My father's lathe was an old washing machine motor attached to a piece of plywood. A fan belt from an old Rambler provided the one speed and one speed only. His turning tools were sharpened screw drivers and the fan from that same Rambler that he sharpened into a skew? It sufficed because he only turned tool handles needed on the farm.

After my father's funeral, my brothers and I sat in the barn and raised a glass of his home-made wine to toast him. My brother Ron decided that he would take that old lathe. Years later, Ron gifted it to me and I turned some very ugly small bowls. I glued pine boards to cedar boards. I kept one; the screw holes from the face plate still evident in the bottom. Realizing my lack of skill, I retired that old lathe.

Years later my brother Tom insisted I turn a pen. He had just picked up a Delta Midi-Lathe and he was hooked. Though hesitant, I turned a Slimline pen and I too was hooked. I bought a Delta Midi-Lathe that week.

I turned pens and bottle stops with a fever. I knew I had to try bowls again. Small bowls whetted my desire. The same progression as every woodturner everywhere, I bought a bigger lathe to turn bigger bowls. More turning years led to even bigger bowls and several lathes later, I bought a large Powermatic. Now I'm tired of turning big bowls, preferring to turn smaller intricate segmented bowls and Vortex bowls. U-Tube will be the end of me. I saw a demo on turning live-edge bowls and thought that if only I could do that...

WHERE TO FIND US:

Website: www.frontrangewoodturners.org

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/yacakdwa>

Ladies of the Lathe: <https://tinyurl.com/yap8m6x4>

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yxem4vw9>

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CLUB INFORMATION

Front Range Woodturners is the Denver-area chapter of the AAW (American Association of Woodturners), serving woodturners throughout Colorado's Front Range. We help woodturners gain experience by providing monthly demonstrations with professional turners, mentoring, a ladies group (Ladies of the Lathe) and youth mentoring.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome to check out one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Rockler Woodworking, 2553 S Colorado Blvd. #108 in Denver. Meetings start at 6:15pm.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual - \$45, Couple - \$50, Student - \$22.50.

FRW members consist of the following:

Co-Club Members	24	Lifetime Members	14
Family Members	36	Roster	47
Individual Members	132	Student Members	1
Total Membership	254		

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Robyn Herman

Vice President/Program Director: Don Prorak

Secretary: Patrick Crumpton

Treasurer: Larry Abrams

President Emeritus: Ed Sonny Jones

Club Historian: Ed Sonny Jones

Coffee Chair: Gary Starritt

Communications Chair: Pat Scott

Group Buy Coordinator: Jay Miller

Internet Chair: Pat Scott

Ladies of the Lathe Chair: Debra Higley-Feldman

Librarian: Brian Tooker

Membership Chair: Scott Schlapkohl

Mentoring Program Chair: Marty Christensen

Newsletter Editor: Brenda Blaesing

PHEOG Grant Chair: Pat Scott

Photographer: Jim Record

Publicity Chair: Robyn Herman

Shop Tour Chair: Keith Motzner

Videographer: Marty Christensen & Larry Abrams

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

I saw Michelson turn a cowboy hat and again... Now when I get green wood if it was cut down in the winter and the bark might stay on, it is a live edge bowl and if the bark wants to come off, it becomes a small cowboy hat.

I moved to Colorado roughly five years ago and thought cowboy hats would sell well here in the west. Maybe in Wyoming or Montana? I have now turned about 50 hats with varying success. At the insistence of some of the FRW members I taught hats at the first H.O.W. class and can report that every attendee left with a turned cowboy hat. It is a great exercise to practice turning green wood thinly as you have to turn so thin that you can see a light shining through the wood. At more insistence from those same FRW members I will be demonstrating the steps required to turn a hat (the way I do it) at our March meeting.



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 meetings. They keep the register open late on meeting nights just for us, but be sure to complete any purchases no later than the mid-meeting break. 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 good only at the Denver store and is not valid at other Rockler stores or for online purchases.

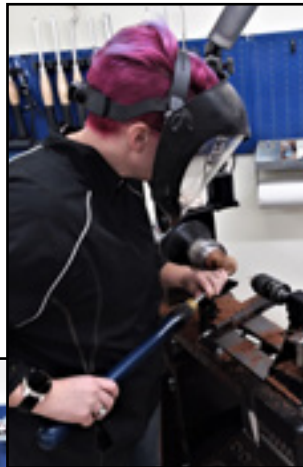
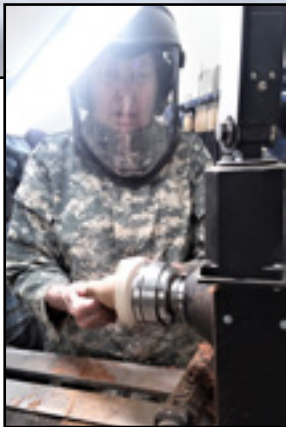
LADIES OF THE LATHE Tuesday, March 14th

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On Tuesday, March 14th, Sonny Jones will be teaching bowl turning at Rockler. On Sunday, April 2nd, Al Murphy will give a class in his shop on how to make and harden a steel tool then use it to fit a metal inlay. Bowl turning is full, but there are still openings for the metal inlay class.

Raleigh Lockhart of Rocky Mountain Woodturners gave a comprehensive LOTL class on February 8th at Rockler. The focus was on turning and embellishing apples and pears. He also shared his experience in turning, finishing (sanding, Deft wipe-on lacquer application and storing, airbrushing, wax), using a wax buffing system, how to turn apples into pumpkins, what to use for stems, and the all-important what not to do (safety first).



2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to renew your Front Range Woodturners membership for 2023. . Dues are \$45 for individuals and \$50 for families. If you have paid your 2023 dues, your new badge will be waiting for you at the next meeting. You can renew your membership with Scott in person at the next meeting or mail a check to:

Front Range Woodturners
c/o Scott Schlapkohl
P.O. Box 620605
Littleton, CO 80162

Questions? Contact Scott at
scottschlapkohl@icloud.com.



FRW SUMMER BARBEQUE

We are bringing the BBQ back to the club this summer. It's been several years. It will be held in central Denver at Washington Park.



Date: Saturday, June 24th

Time: 10am to 4pm - Lunch around noon

Location: Washington Park Area 3B

Address: 701 S Franklin St, Denver CO 80209

Food: The club will be supplying burgers, brats, dogs, chips, and drinks! Feel free to bring a side or dessert.

We'll need your help to make it a great day.
More details to come.

UPCOMING DEMOS

Program Director **Don Prorak** has been busy scheduling our presenters for 2023. Here's our current schedule:

Mar: Sonny Jones

Apr: Stuart Batty

May: Raleigh Lockhart

Jun: Pat Carroll

Jul: Carl Jacobson

Aug: Dan Swaim

Sep: TBA

Oct: TBA

Nov: Rebecca DeGroot

MENTORS

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Some FRW members have volunteered to be one-on-one mentors to help other members. No matter what skill level you are, a few hours of personalized instruction may be all you need to master a new tool or technique. Check out who is available in your area. If you're interested in being a mentor, contact Marty.

LOCATION OF MENTOR	NAME/ CONTACT INFO	AREA OF EXPERTISE
Arvada	Dennis Fanning dcfanning@aol.com	General
Boulder	Dave Hawley Dbh001@gmail.com	Beginner/ General
Brighton	Don Prorak donprorak@comcast.net	Beginner/ Youth
Centennial	Keith Motzner kmotzner@me.com	Firewood into Art/ Wood Prep
Centennial	Les Stern sternsclass@hotmail.com	General
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Denver SW	Phil Houck houckpc@comcast.net	General/ Spindles
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Louisville	Roger Holmes roger_holmes@comcast.net	Beginner
Thornton	Bob Franklin Btheb66@gmail.com	General/ Stabilizing

MARCH MENTORING CLASS

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The March mentoring class will be held on Monday, March 13th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic will be small hollow forms.

QUARTERLY GROUP BUYS



FRW places group buys once a quarter-in January, April, July and October-to obtain discounted pricing from the below manufacturers. Our next group buy will be in April. Jay Miller is the group buy coordinator and Ted Mellin is his assistant. See the FRW website for more info, price lists and order forms.

Industrial Abrasives - send orders to Jay Miller

Industrial Abrasives is our principal vendor for sanding supplies. Prices for hook & loop mandrels and discs remain the lowest in the marketplace and their backing is a heavier weight than the competition.

Starbond - send orders to Jay Miller

Starbond is our CA glue supplier. Our minimum order is \$100, but we receive an additional discount at \$200, making shipping free. Sign up for Starbond's newsletter to be notified of sales that beat our wholesale prices.

Craft Supplies - send orders to Ted Mellin

Craft Supplies sells a very wide range of products. Our minimum group purchase is \$1000. Members may not place individual orders to get a discount.

Spence Industrial Supply - send orders to Ted Mellin

We will be purchasing band saw blades from Spence once a year, in April, unless a member can meet the minimum order in another quarter. All blades are carbon steel flexback in 1/4" (4 tpi), 3/8"(3 tpi), or 1/2" (4 tpi) width, hook tooth, and .025"thick. Our minimum buy is 20 blades for each width in any length.

Send orders and checks to:

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Littleton, CO 80128
303-945-4306

Ted Mellin
9043 W Coco Dr
Littleton, CO 80128

Individual Catalog Orders

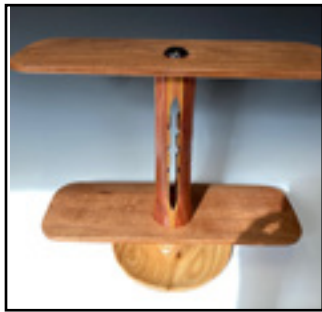
Two additional companies, Klingspor and Penn State Industries, offer discounts to members who wish to place individual catalog orders. To take advantage of these discounts, you must be on their list of FRW members. To be placed on the list, please sign up at a meeting or send an e-mail to Jay Miller (jaymiller9637@comcast.net).

PHOTO GALLERY

Here are some projects that members have been working on this month.



Perpetual Turning: At the February meeting, **Don Prorak** brought a cocktail smoker which was claimed by Rick Orr with his raffle ticket. So Rick will bring a turning for our March meeting and whoever takes that piece (with a winning raffle ticket) will bring a turning of their own for the April meeting.



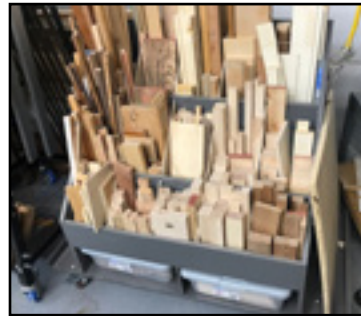
Gordon Dalby had an open space under his new Christmas present and filled it with a 14" by 18" display table which included some inside-out turning. Brown ash, mesquite, bubinga, cedar, dyed yellow veneer, ebony and canary.



Blaine Blaesing made his first live-edge, hollow vessel from a piece of willow.



Keith Motzner just completed two shop projects. One is a mini dust collection cart of 3/4" plywood assembled with pocket screws. The vacuum and the Dust Right separator came from the 2020 virtual Christmas party auction. He also made a scrap lumber cart to hold all those future turning blanks.



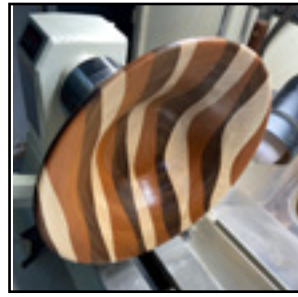
Bear Limvere made a 7.5 x 1.75" herb cutting board from a piece of cherry he got in the wood auction last month. He also made two miniatures, the tallest being 1-3/4" tall x 3/8" in diameter.



Michael Roper just completed a birch burl bowl.



Robyn Herman made an ash bowl, then played around with butterfly patches on it. She also made a lidded box out of cherry that she decorated with woodburning.



Brad Cort made a bandsaw bowl from 4/4 maple, cherry and walnut with a lacquer finish. The bandsaw is used to cut two boards simultaneously for two complementary cuts. Those are glued together and cut into a flat circle. Then precise 45° circles are cut on the lathe, stacked and glued. The bowl is cut from these stacked rings. (from ThePapa1947 YouTube)



Debra Higley-Feldman worked on several projects this month. The 6" locust burl bowl is flanked by a maple/purple heart acorn and a mulberry bowl (crack is filled with wenge dust

and light CA). The crabapple pear is in a segmented 8" cherry bowl. The finishes are mostly walnut oil and carnauba. The pear is coated with acrylic/poly.

Jill Rice made a small zircote and holly box, a cherry bowl with copper inlay and a claro walnut covered dish with a malachite cabochon.



Steve Claycomb made a three-winged, natural-edge bowl out of English walnut with acrylic finish. He also made a similar type of bowl from locust with acrylic finish.



AAW MEMBERSHIP

Front Range Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Club members may become individual members of AAW, if desired. Benefits include resources, weekly emails on various woodturning topics, and the quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW's website at www.woodturner.org for more information.

Registration is now open for the 2023 AAW Symposium, being held in Louisville, KY from June 1st to 4th.

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Articles and photos for the monthly newsletter are always welcome. Please email your submissions by the 26th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.