



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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JUNE DEMONSTRATOR –PAT CARROLL **Tuesday, June 6th -- In Person & via Zoom**

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Working as a builder/carpenter, woodturning was a craft I knew very little about before 2001. I did some research and found a woodturner in my nearest town. Lucky for me, this woodturner was one of the finest turners in Ireland. Willie Stedmond, one of the founding members of the Irish Woodturners Guild, was giving night classes and I attended a few.

My first advice to anyone interested in woodturning is always to get some lessons and join a club. I also did the latter and met some great people who helped and encouraged me along the way. My turning progressed and moved through different areas of this wonderful craft as the years went on. I had many years and long periods of no woodturning time whatsoever due to work and other commitments, but the draw was always there. The need to make shavings! I am very proud of the recognition I have received from my peers and other artists over the years for my work, demonstrating and winning pieces. I am also very honoured to have my work in collections across the world.

When Mark Baker, of GMC *Woodturning* magazine approached me to write for him, I was completely taken aback. I straight away said no to Mark, but he persevered and said he would help me. So, with huge thanks to Mark, I have published many articles. As of late, with the dawning of virtual woodturning, I also have entered into the world of delivering IRDs, (Interactive Remote Demonstrations). Working as a team, I, my daughter Chloe and Helen Bailey are able to offer an excellent, well-prepared service to clubs and individuals.

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

We also run a meeting called "Meet the Woodturner" where we interview artists from all over the world and get fascinating insights into their woodturning lives and careers. Our audience is from all over the world and attendees get to ask the guests questions through a chat box on the virtual platform we use. These fantastic meetings have made the world a small place for the woodturning family to come together for evenings of great entertainment.



LADIES OF THE LATHE Saturday, May 20th

Debra Higley-Feldman -
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The May 20th LOTL was a tour of Debra Higley's shop. We had cookies and biscotti while discussing advantages and disadvantages of a 120 sq ft custom Tuff shed, favorite woods and tools, and that wood hoarding is healthy. There are pictures and explanations on the LOTL site (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057331244918>).

On June 6th from 10:00 to 4:00, Robert Brewer from Pikes Peak Woodturners will be giving a Tips and Tricks demo for LOTL at Rockler. We will discuss tools, different ways to sand, simple and complex embellishments, mounting bowl and platter blanks, and overall how to improve our turning skills.

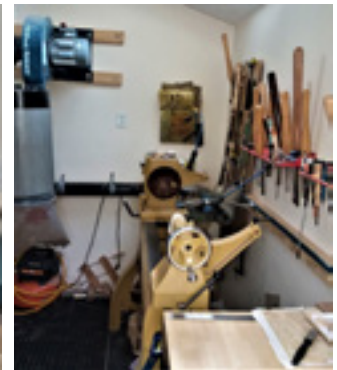
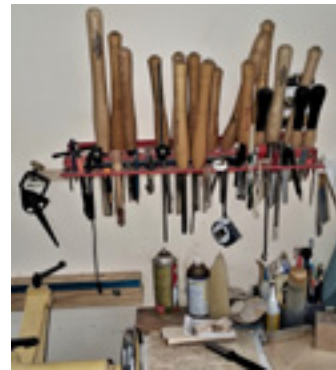
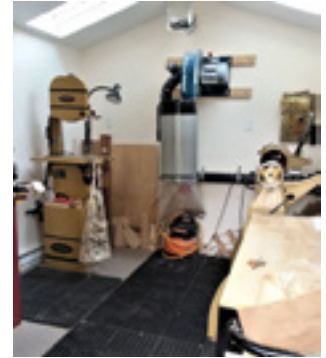
The 'July' LOTL will instead be Saturday June 17th at Larry Hughes shop, starting at 10 am. The topic is segmented turning and jigs. He will have some pre-cut bowls and other pieces for us to learn at least one method of building the rings. Larry will have handouts and will show use of a miter saw in cutting the pieces, turning tricks, finishing cuts, sanding, and applying poly-type finishes. We'll have pieces to practice on at home.

SHOP TOURS

Keith Motzner -
ShopTour@frontrangewoodturners.org



On May 20th, Debra Higley hosted a shop tour at her home in Lakewood. Everyone enjoyed the cookies and the conversations.



Upcoming Tours:

- June 10 Covenant Living Community, Travis McGinnis 10:00 - 1:00
- July 15 Craig Choun 10:00 - 1:00
- Aug 26 Les Stern 10:00 - 2:00
- Sept 9 Keith Motzner 10:00 - 2:00
- Oct 7 Bob Good 9:00 - 12:00

We are not limited to just one shop tour per month, so if there is more interest, members are welcome to contact me to schedule a date. Contact ShopTour@frontrangewoodturners.org.

Shop tours are a great way for both old and new members to get better acquainted and to see how the other half turns, as well as seeing other members tools and equipment. You may even pick up some new ideas or techniques for your own shop.

FROM THE WEB:

Al Murphy - ajmurphy1@comcast.net



If you're a woodworker as well as woodturner, you may know about the 45-degree rule. It goes like this: a clamp exerts a force that radiates out across a triangular region of the wood that forms a right angle-45 degrees on each side of the clamp's point of contact. So, to ensure that force is applied as evenly as possible across the entire glue joint, clamps should be spaced so that these force triangles overlap. It's a handy rule, especially for the woodworker looking to justify the purchase of more clamps; you can never have too many clamps. But is it valid? Watch the video in this link to find out.

<https://hackaday.com/2023/05/03/exploring-woodworking-mysteries-with-strain-gauges-and-raspberry-pi/>

MENTORS

Marty Christensen -
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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 knotzner@me.com	Firewood into Art/ Wood Prep
Centennial	Les Stern sternsclass@hotmail.com	General
Central Park	Ed Sonny Jones edsonnyjones333@gmail.com	General/ Segmenting
Denver SW	Henry Williams williamshenrya@gmail.com	Spindles/ Bowls
Denver SW	Phil Houck houckpc@comcast.net	General/ Spindles
Denver- Rockler store	Larry Abrams laabrams.51@me.com	General
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Hudson	Marty Christensen meturning@gmail.com	General
Lakewood	Debra Higley debrakhf@gmail.com	General
Littleton	Jay Miller jaymiller9637@comcast.net	General
Louisville	Roger Holmes roger_holmes@comcast.net	Beginner
Thornton	Bob Franklin Btheb66@gmail.com	General/ Stabilizing

JUNE MENTORING CLASS

Marty Christensen - meturning@gmail.com

The June mentoring class will be held on Monday, June 12th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic will be small boxes and a special tool to make boxes easier.

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 July. 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:

Jay Miller
9637 W. Vandeventor Dr
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.



Eric Kloor spent the winter in Wanaka, New Zealand. Here are two photos of a Swamp Kauri bowl he turned. What's remarkable about the wood is that it's around 50,000 years old. From Wiki: "Swamp kauri, sometimes marketed as "ancient kauri", are prehistoric kauri trees (*Agathis australis*), buried and preserved in peat up to 50,000 years ago in New Zealand's North Island. Buried under a peat swamp by an unexplained act of nature at the end of the last Ice Age, the trees have survived the centuries



underground, sealed in a chemically balanced environment that has preserved the timber in almost perfect condition." The trees grew for nearly 2000 years before they were buried. Some have a girth of around 40 feet and a total height of nearly 200 feet.



Sonny Jones completed this thin-walled maple bowl from Jessica Edward's HOW class. It's 9" in diameter and 1/8" thin from top to bottom. Thanks for the great class, Jessica!

Debra Higley turned this 8.5" bowl from larvae-gnawed wood raffle walnut and African mahogany. The finish is walnut oil.



FRW SUMMER BARBEQUE

Come out to Washington Park for a picnic with fellow FRW members.

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 supply burgers, brats, dogs, chips, and drinks! Please bring a side or dessert.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 16th! Include how many and if you want to help out!

If possible, please sign up using the webpage:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054BA5A-72CA5FF2-frwsummer2>

Email: bear@bearlimvere.com

Phone: 303-921-8018



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.

Jill Rice made a 6” bowl of spalted sycamore. A small crack caused a design change on the rim. She added lots of detail on the rim because the recipient is losing her eyesight. Jill also made a 6” winged bowl of canary wood. This super dense wood turned incredibly well even with a fairly dull gouge initially. She couldn’t have asked for the sap wood to line up any more evenly, more the blank cutter’s doing than hers, she said.



Inspired by Vinny’s demo last month, **Rick Cantwell** burned a weave pattern into a bowl rim using a laser engraver. Made from aspen, the bowl is about 5” in diameter.

Brenda Blaesing got bold with color on this 5” ash bowl which was rough-turned in a Stuart Batty class over a year ago. She burned lines following the grain pattern, then added various shades of dye in between the lines.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS
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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.



Chuck Kubin made this piece he calls “Sunrise Over the 14ers.” It’s 20” high and 5.5” in diameter at the base. Ancient peoples believed the mountains were home to the gods, prayed to the sun and honored all three through spires and obelisks. This column pays tribute to the sun rising over Colorado’s 53 natural monuments towering more than 14,000 feet. Egyptian inspired, Ramey Homestead black walnut was tapered using the lost wood technique from round to a cat’s-eye profile; linden base and crucible; apple sphere; distressed gold leaf; hidden malachite cabochon (rumored to restore good luck and fertility and to cure the fear of flying).

Blaine Blaesing made this 6” diameter willow box, inlaid with turquoise along a crack. The finial is made from Scacht maple, dyed black with India ink.



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.