



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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JULY DEMONSTRATOR – LAURENT NICLOT

Tuesday, July 5th– Live /Zoom Hybrid

Our July presenter is Laurent Niclot. Originally from Toulon in the south of France, he is currently living and working in Fort Collins. He has always loved wood, so it was only natural for him to study woodworking, woodcarving, cabinet making, furniture making, and design. He discovered woodturning from Jean-François Escoulen, and knew it was how he wanted to make a living. So, in 2015, at age 20, he took the six-month woodturning class at the Escoulen School in Aiguines, France, with Jean-François and Yann Marot. Then, the school hired Laurent as an assistant and translator for three years, gave him a studio and a lathe to practice his passion, and the possibility to meet many other artists and woodturners who now inspire his work.

Laurent's work is experimental—he likes to play with the wood and try new textures and colors, new tools, and new techniques. He also enjoys giving new life to a piece of wood. He carves with rotary tools and gouges to create new shapes and textures. His aim is to make pieces that are sculptural, decorative, and designed with a strong message or a story to tell. He also enjoys collaborating with other artists, creating pieces with a strong story and working with materials or techniques that he wouldn't be able to do on his own. It allows him to see his work with a different eye and evolve, learn and share an experience with that person.

For our demo, Laurent will follow up on his tea pot demo by showing multi-axis turning and carving the tea drop from the tea pot. See more of his work at

www.laurent-niclot.com.



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	32	Roster	44
Individual Members	121	Student Members	1
Total Membership	236	with 42 new members	YTD

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

- President: Robyn Herman
- Vice President/Program Director: Jay Miller
- Secretary: Patrick Crumpton
- Treasurer: Larry Abrams
- President Emeritus: Ed Sonny Jones
- Club Historian: Joe Levy
- Coffee Chair: Gary Starritt
- Communications Chair: Jim Proud
- Group Buy Coordinator: Don Prorak
- Internet Chair: Open
- Ladies of the Lathe Chair: Debra Higley-Feldman
- Librarian: Bob Britt
- Membership Chair: Mike Mullen
- Mentoring Program Chair: Marty Christensen
- Newsletter Editor: Brenda Blaesing
- PHEOG Grant Chair: Ken Rollins
- Photographer: Jim Record
- Publicity Chair: Jay Miller
- Shop Tour Chair: Al Murphy
- Videographer: Richard Kuivila
- Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser
- Youth Chair: Don Prorak

FOR SALE:

Powermatic Lift Lock n' Roll mobility system for 3520 A/B model lathes (also fits Jet 1642). Attaches to the bottom of the legs between the feet pads and



legs. I bought this to move my lathe and haven't used them since doing that. They are no longer made, Packard Woodworks sold their last set for \$450, I'm asking \$300.

Fein Turbo III Vacuum model 9.77.25. 15 gallon, 1.5 hp, 125 cfm, 57.8 db (quiet!), wet/dry vac with auto (tool) start. Includes all attachments pictured, a brand new Oneida Dust Deputy cyclone and brand new HEPA filter. The vacuum originally came with a cloth bag filter, I upgraded to a HEPA filter and never used it. I intended to incorporate the Dust Deputy with the vac but never got around to it. I



bought a Festool vac about the same time as I got the Fein and only used the Fein a few times. Asking \$250.

For the above two items, contact **Pat Scott** at pscott99@comcast.net.

Larry Hughes is auctioning a Ridgid planer and donating the money to the club's scholarship fund. It will need some work to get it to rise/lower with ease, also, the rubber feeder rollers probably could use an upgrade. The blades are relatively new and double sided so they can be flipped when needed. The rolling stand is not included. The auction will close on July 8th. Submit your questions/offer to Larry at lrhughes52@msn.com.



LADIES OF THE LATHE Saturday, July 16th

Debra Higley-Feldman -
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The next LOTL class will be Saturday July 16th. It will be held at **Jay Miller's** shop, starting at 9:00. He'll demonstrate how to turn a bowl from a log.

At the June class, **Al Murphy** demonstrated how to carve spirals on a lathe. He showed Venetian, single, double, and other spirals and discussed wood selection and recommended turning/carving tools. Then he showed us how to mark the roughed-out cherry blanks for carving.



LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

Bob Britt -
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Looking ahead, Kip Christensen is scheduled for one of our early fall demonstrations. Your FRW Library has a complete selection of his videos and books. Some were co-produced with Rex Burningham and will therefore be found with BUR and CHR as the library control ID. You will be provided with biographical information about Kip as his demo gets closer but you might want to consider checking out his videos or books before they get signed out. Kip specializes in smaller projects including but not limited to elegant ornaments, exquisite boxes, pens and other items that are ideal for all skill levels while most only require a modest size piece of raw material. Video descriptions can be found in the library master on the club website. If you have any questions talk with someone working in your club library.

The red "Drop Box" in the rear of the meeting area at Rockler is just waiting for your returns. We still have a number of items that were signed out in early 2020 prior to the pandemic that shut down our in-person meetings for many months. There is no fine or penalty for being late with returning these items and we would like to have them returned. If you have any FRW library resources that were signed out many months ago please go out of your way to drop them off in our drop box. Do not leave them with a Rockler employee.

Remember that the library opens at 5:30 on the afternoon of our club meeting. It is closed during the business meeting and reopens during the raffle and remains open through the break. Stop by and introduce yourself or just stop and say "Hi." Someone will help guide you to resources that relate to your area of interest.

MENTORS

Marty Christensen -
mecturning@gmail.com



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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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

JULY MENTORING CLASS

Marty Christensen - mecturning@gmail.com

In July we will be continuing our bowl turning quest with decorating the bowl. We are getting paid back by having a member teach us how to decorate the rim and outside of bowls. He took a class and is paying it forward to us and we are so so grateful for this. The class will be held at Rockler on Monday, July 11th from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

QUARTERLY GROUP BUYS



The Group Purchase program is one of the great, but under-used benefits of FRW membership. Members can get significant discounts on products that we all use. Check out the deals on our website Group Purchase page. We must receive your order in the mail by **Tuesday, July 12th** to ensure delivery before our August meeting. The order forms are on our website: http://www.frontrangewoodturners.org/pages/group_purchase.php

For Starbond products and Industrial Abrasives, send your order with check payable to:

Don Prorak
24000 E. 155th Way
Brighton, CO 80603
303-638-6631
donprorak@comcast.net

For Craft Supplies items, send your order with check payable to:

Ted Mellin
9043 W. Coco Drive
Littleton, CO 80128
303-507-4301
woodturnerted@gmail.com

Please go online to Craft Supplies (woodturnerscatalog.com) to check price and availability before placing your order.

We will only be ordering Spence 3/8" bandsaw blades once per year in April in an effort to make the minimum order.

Individual Catalog Orders

Two additional companies, Klingspor and Hartville Tool, offer discounts to members who wish to place individual catalog orders. See the website for more information.

STARGATE LATHE CLUB

Jeff Hill

The Stargate Lathe Club was started by Stephen Pegler roughly six years ago with the assistance of a Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant (PHEOG), donations from Front Range Woodturners members, and mentoring by Don Prorak. The club is open to Stargate students in middle and high school. Although COVID disrupted the club the last few years, we had tremendous participation this year. We started out with 13 new students and then settled to six to eight students for most of the year. This was to be expected as we currently only have five lathes in service. Toward the end of the year we lost some students to theater and sports, but gained a new mentor, Devon Lindsley.

The club members made some amazing progress this year. We started with basic spindle work and made Halloween decorations and honey dippers. Then we moved on to tops, bowls, and finished up the year with goblets. When you consider that none of the students started with any turning experience and that some are as young as 10 years old, that really is quite an accomplishment. A couple of the students have either bought or are planning to buy lathes for home use. Toward the end of the year we started inviting the students to join us for FRW meetings. I'm hopeful that some will join us over the summer or via zoom.

Over the summer, we hope to build some lathe stands as many of the stands we have are just too high for our students. We are also planning to buy another lathe with funds from the PHEOG award. We believe the school will also buy some safety equipment and other tools.

One of the best things about the club is how many students we reach directly and indirectly. Our lathe club members teach many other students at Stargate. It is very common for the teachers to pair up a lathe club member with someone who wants to learn how to turn. While the exact number is difficult to determine, I would estimate that at least 100 students (and possibly more) have been introduced to woodturning through this program.

I'd like to thank Don Prorak, Mr. Varel, Dr. Pegler, Bruce Perry, Devon Lindsley, Mickey Jackson, the

PHOEG committee, and all of the FRW members who have supported this wonderful program. With the strong, ongoing commitment you've made to the program, so many kids have had the opportunity to learn woodturning.



PHOTO GALLERY

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



Bear and Alisa Limvere collaborated on these plates. Bear did the turning and Alisa did the glue-up. Between 6 and 7" across, they are Bubinga with various stops of purple heart, maple, walnut and others. The hollow form is Colorado aspen.



After recovering from hand surgery, **Larry Hughes** has turned 30 bowls and vases. In one of our recent demonstrations, he remembered a comment about not wanting to turn a funnel. He decided to turn some funnel-based vases to show that funnels are not a bad thing. The walnut vase has 576 segments and stands 9.25" tall, the mahogany vase has 342 segments and stands 6.25" tall and the geo vase has 594 segments and stands 7.5" tall. All three of these are highlighted with padauk and maple rings.



Dennis Fanning made these different shaped candle holders and natural-edge vase box elder.



Gordon Dalby first made a multi-axis holly and ebony 3x5" vase for a neighbor, then made this one for his grandson by request. The other vase is Colorado spalted aspen, about 8" tall.



Chuck Kubin created this piece in a Trent Bosch workshop. It's 5.5"x4.25" ash, with a bare sapwood pierced feature. Lessons learned: turning thin but thick enough to accommodate carving, easily creating the scalloped texture, and multi layering paint to accent texture.

Marty Christensen made these pens as part of Rocky Mountain Woodturners pen turning group's contribution to the Honor Flight program.



Debra Higley-Feldman made this 13x4" myrtle and walnut bowl. The tree was probably killed in a fire because it was fire hardened. The finish is Danish wood oil and minwax, and minor acrylic paint.



Jason Matisheck made an ash handle for his garden gate latch. He also wet-turned a box elder bowl about 5" in diameter.



Mickey Jackson has started to build hickory cabinets for a kitchen remodel. He has many more to do but these first ones are in a place where there were no cabinets before.

Then he got to do some turning and made some seam rippers for his wife to take to her quilting retreat in July. They are all some sort of acrylic or resin, turned to shape, sanded to 1200 and then finished with Dr. Kirks 3-stage polish.



SHOP TOURS

Keith Motzner - kmotzner@icloud.com

After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, shop tours are back! Keith Motzner hosted the first tour at the end of May. He prepared a barbeque and everyone had a great time.



Two upcoming tours have been scheduled:

Sonny Jones

Saturday, July 9th from 10:00 to 1:00

New member **Craig Choun**

Saturday, August 6th from 10:00 to 2:00

Get more details at the July meeting.