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Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR – KIP CHRISTENSEN

Tuesday, October 4th– Live /Zoom Hybrid

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We are fortunate to have Kip Christensen as our demonstrator for the October meeting. Kip Christensen, PhD, is an Emeritus Professor in the Technology and Engineering Studies program at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. His primary teaching areas included wood prototyping, furniture design, manufacturing and supervising student teachers in Technology and Engineering Studies. Dozens of his students received national recognition in juried exhibitions and publications for their exceptional furniture and turning designs.

He is also a well-known woodturner. While Kip is best known among turners for his lidded containers, he is also comfortable working with bowls, vessels, spindles, and production turning. He has pioneered the use of elk antler as a medium for artistic turning. His work is characterized by clean lines and fine detail. Gallery curator and author Kevin Wallace wrote, "The work of Kip Christensen is always aesthetically pure and technically precise." Kip has a particular interest in woodturning education and is often involved in instructing teachers how to help others learn how to turn wood on a lathe.



Antler Box, 2008, Elk antler, African blackwood, turquoise, 2½" × 3½" (6cm × 9cm)

WHERE TO FIND US:

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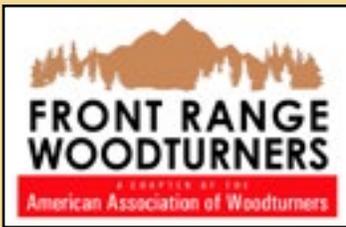
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Ladies of the Lathe: <https://tinyurl.com/yap8m6x4>

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	35	Roster	46
Individual Members	128	Student Members	1
Total Membership	248	with 47 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: Ed Sonny Jones

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Photographer: Jim Record

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Shop Tour Chair: Keith Motzner

Videographer: Richard Kuivila

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

In 2022 Kip received the AAW Honorary Lifetime Member award. Kip's work has been published in over three dozen books and he has co-authored five books and co-produced eight instructional DVDs about woodturning. Kip has also authored several articles regarding woodworking and technology education that have been published in *American Woodturner*, *American Woodworker*, *Fine Woodworking*, *Journal of Industrial Teacher Education*, *Journal of Technology Studies*, *Tech Directions*, *The Technology Teacher*, *Wood*, *Woodcraft Magazine*, *Woodturning FUNDamentals*, *Woodworker West*, *World of Wood*, *The Router (UK)*, *Woodturning (UK)*, and *Drechseln (Germany)*. His turnings have been pictured in a variety of magazines and journals and displayed in many galleries and international juried exhibitions. His work is also housed in numerous collections, both public and private. Kip has been invited to give over 300 national and international presentations at workshops, conferences, and numerous symposiums.

The title of Kip's demonstration is Principles and Techniques of Clean Cutting. Kip will demonstrate several principles involved in producing a clean cut while turning wood. He will also show simple yet effective techniques for developing muscle memory for making basic turning cuts. The demonstration will combine information from two of his articles published in *American Woodturner*, including: The Scales and Chords of Spindle Turning (Feb. 2017), and Ten Principles of Clean Cutting (Feb. 2016). This session will help beginning turners jump-start their skills and help intermediate turners move to the next level more efficiently. It will also contain useful information for those interested in teaching others how to turn wood.

Kip will also teach a full-day class which will include projects the participants can make related to the theme of the demonstration.

Kip Christensen may be reached at kc@learningturning.com or 801-628-8888.



Tower Box, 2009, Amboyna burl, African blackwood, turquoise, 7" x 3" (18cm x 8cm)

LADIES OF THE LATHE Tuesday, October 4th

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On October 4th, **Debra Higley** will give a class on turning finials for lidded boxes, lamps, and ornaments. The class will be held at Rockler from 10:00 to 4:00.

On Saturday, November 12th, **Sonny Jones** will demonstrate rim embellishments, including his signature pie crust bowl rim. The class is still open for more women to join us in his shop in Denver. It will run from 10:00 to about 2:00.

At the September 6th event, Don Prorak gave a great class on turning cocktail smokers which impart a smoky flavor to whiskey and other drinks. The photos are of one of his turned smokers, including the screen for wood chips.



SWAP MEET

On Saturday, October 8th, Front Range Woodturners will host a swap meet at Rockler from 9:00 am until noon. This is an opportunity to sell tools you no longer need, bowl blanks, or any item you believe a fellow turner might want to purchase. You will be expected to donate 10% (or more if you wish) back to the club for the PHEOG account. Please email **Robyn Herman** at rherm@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

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It's right around the corner-the FRWT Used Book Sale-The sale this year will feature used books in excellent condition that should appeal to a wide range of turning interests. From those just starting out to advanced turners as well as those with specific areas of interest. Check out the partial list of available titles:

Woodturning - A Foundation Course - Keith Rowley

The New Turning Wood with Richard Raffan - Richard Raffan

Turning Boxes - Richard Raffan

Turning Bowls - Richard Raffan

The art of Segmented Turning - Malcolm Tibbetts

Segmented Turning - William Smith

Segmented Turning - Book & DVD set - Bill Kandler

Classic Woodturning Projects - Bonnie Klein

Turning Green Wood - Michael O'Donnell

The Pen Turners Workbook - Barry Gross

Unique and Unusual Pens - Dick Sing

Fixtures and Chucks for Woodturning - Doc Green

Woodturning Wizardry - David Springett

This is a small sampling of what will be offered.

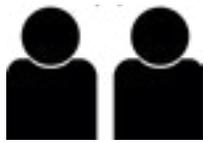
Books will be priced individually at \$3.00 & \$4.00.

A few DVDs will be available and we will have many issues of *Woodturning* and *Woodturning Design* magazines as well.

Come one, come all. See you at the sale, held in conjunction with the swap meet on Saturday, October 8th at Rockler.

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 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
Hudson	Marty Christensen mecturning@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

OCTOBER MENTORING CLASS

Marty Christensen - mecturning@gmail.com

Continuing with the holiday theme, the October mentoring class will focus on hollow ornaments. The class will be held at Rockler on Monday, October 10th from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

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 October. Orders must be received by 10/11. Don Prorak 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 Don Prorak
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 Don Prorak
Starbond is our CA glue supplier. Our minimum order is \$100, but we receive an additional discount at \$200, making shipping and handling essentially free.

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:

Don Prorak
24000 E 155th Way
Brighton, CO 80603
303-638-6631

Ted Mellin
9043 W Coco Dr
Littleton, CO 80128

Individual Catalog Orders

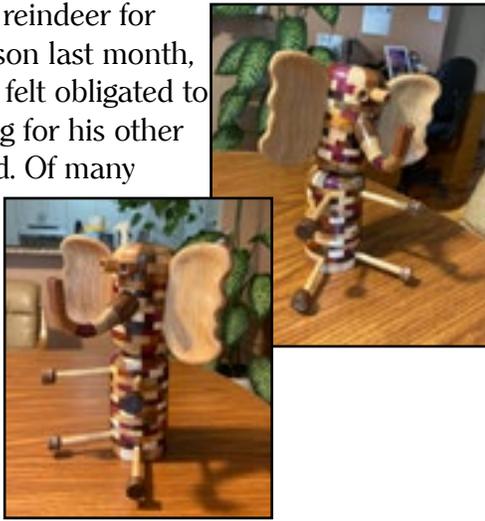
Two additional companies, Klingspor and Hartville Tool, offer discounts to members who wish to place individual catalog orders. See the website for more information.

PHOTO GALLERY

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



Having made a reindeer for his great grandson last month, **Gordon Dalby** felt obligated to make something for his other great grandchild. Of many woods (no kidding!), this piece stands about 11" high.



Here's an action shot of **Brad Herman** cutting a huge aspen that fell by where he and Robyn were camping near Silver Jack reservoir. It will make some nice bowls!



Jill Rice made this bowl from Mwangala wood. She says she's missed out by not using this wood previously. Check out the incredible grain pattern. The translation of mwangala is joy and it's fun to say. She finished this with Briwax finish. Jill also made an urn out of camphor (w turquoise band)-a sinus-opening experience! That piece got an oil finish.



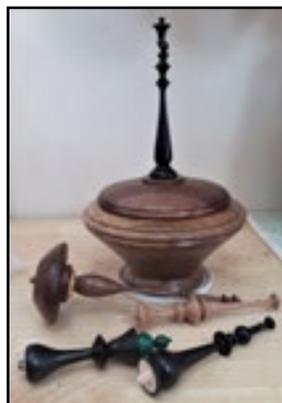
This is the first bowl **Gary Crooks** made with an inlay. He made the inlay using brass shavings from a key making machine at his local Home Depot. It's 7.5" diameter by 2" high. The left and right pens were his first using acrylic pen blanks. And in another first, he made a goblet from aspen with a captive ring. It's 6-1/4" high by 3.5" wide.



This is **Joel Fleet's** first attempt at a yarn bowl which was requested as a gift. He's never tried this kind of carving before but is happy with the colors! Of honey locust, 10" diameter, emerald dye and shellac on the outside, tung oil inside with milk paint rim and resin fill.



Debra Higley-Feldman has been making finials in preparation for the October LOTL class. The 6" myrtle bowl has a claro walnut lid with a 1/4 inch hole for the various woods and shapes of finials. Finials are natural or black ink



Joe Clark was busy last month. He made a cherry gavel for the president of the Denver City Council. The laser etching was done by FRW member **Jeff Burke**. Joe also made a segmented dish of purpleheart, maple and spectraply as well as a wood and acrylic crochet hook on a magnetic neck chain. The hook stores in the handle and the chain magnetically attaches to the handle.



Kim Komitor made this small box of box elder burl and cocobolo.

In the past month, **Curt Vogt** made over two dozen magic wands. They're great spindle turning practice. From the left in groups: Curly Maple, Curly Maple and Claro Walnut, Pecan and mystery wood, Zebra Wood, Pecan, Red Oak with custom color pore filler, and Maple.



Dave Woodlee is on vacation in Ireland and ran into a woodturner at an artisan market. His turnings are really magnificent and his segmented turnings are amazing.



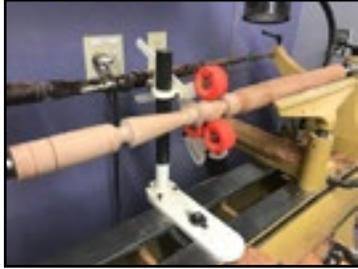
They started talking about woodturning and the next thing Dave knew he was a tea light holder. The turner's name is Colm Brennan from Sligo, Ireland. The first photo is Dave, the second is Colm and his full-sized, segmented cannon including the segmented gun carriage. Colm also showed Dave a 4' tall segmented lighthouse and three beech bowls.



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.

A friend of **Keith Motzner's** is doing a historic renovation of the 1885 Club Hotel in Idaho Springs. The grand staircase is in pretty good shape but had a number of broken balusters. Keith is turning replacements from authentic mahogany which is what the originals were made from. Each one is approximately 1 3/4" in diameter x 30" long.



Jill Rice made this bowl from a jarrah burl she had hanging around for years. While her usual finish is ArmR Seal, this piece received an oil finish.



AAW MEMBERSHIP

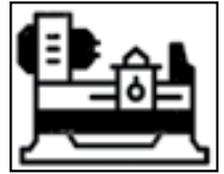
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See AAW's website at www.woodturner.org for more information.

SHOP TOURS

Travis McGinnis

The September shop tour was sponsored by the Covenant Living of Colorado wood shop committee with the assistance of the sales and dining departments of the Covenant Living Community. **Travis McGinnis** and **Chris Rayl** were key organizers of the event.



Through out the day there were at least 23 visitors who came to see the shop, check out the tools, share technical and practical information and enjoy lunch together. All enjoyed the fellowship and exchange of ideas.

These shop tours set up by FRW are designed to help craftsmen and craftswomen become more proficient in their woodworking/turning skills and to exchange information to accomplish those goals.

Try to make as many of these shop tours as you can and enjoy the exchange of ideas.



Merryl Saylan will host the October tour on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 to 2:00. She lives at 1100 Main St in Louisville, on the corner of Short & Main. The shop entry is on Short, a building behind the main house but the main house has the artwork. Bagels and drinks will be served.

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.